# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,<sup>1</sup>

Debtor.

Chapter 11

Case No. 19-12239 (CSS)

Related to Docket Nos. 69, 70, 116, and 120

# DEBTOR'S OMNIBUS REPLY IN SUPPORT OF (I) APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF FOLEY GARDERE, FOLEY & LARDNER LLP AS SPECIAL TEXAS COUNSEL, *NUNC PRO TUNC* TO THE PETITION DATE; AND (II) APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF LYNN PINKER COX & HURST LLP AS SPECIAL TEXAS LITIGATION COUNSEL, *NUNC PRO TUNC* TO THE PETITION DATE

The above-captioned debtor and debtor in possession (the "Debtor") hereby

submits this reply (the "Reply") in support of its (i) Application for an Order Authorizing the

Retention and Employment of Foley Gardere, Foley & Lardner LLP as Special Texas Counsel,

Nunc Pro Tunc to the Petition Date [Docket No. 69] (the "Foley Application"); and (ii)

Application for an Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Lynn Pinker Cox &

Hurst LLP as Special Texas Litigation Counsel, Nunc Pro Tunc to the Petition Date [Docket No.

70] (the "Lynn Pinker Application," and together with the Foley Application, the

"Applications").

In further support of the Applications, the Debtor respectfully states as follows:

# **Preliminary Statement**

1. As set forth in the Applications, and as discussed more fully below, Foley

Gardere, Foley & Lardner, LLP ("Foley") and Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst LLP ("Lynn Pinker")

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtor's last four digits of its taxpayer identification number are (6725). The headquarters and service address for the above-captioned Debtor is 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, TX 75201.



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have represented the Debtor and certain of its affiliates and related entities in highly-contested, prepetition litigation against Acis Capital Management, L.P. ("<u>Acis LP</u>") and Acis Capital Management GP, LLC ("<u>Acis GP</u>," and together with Acis LP, "<u>Acis</u>"). Lynn Pinker also represented the Debtor in litigation concerning Joshua Terry – Acis's sole owner<sup>2</sup> – and Mr. Terry's wife, Jennifer Terry. In the Applications, the Debtor seeks authority to retain Foley and Lynn Pinker on a postpetition basis to continue the defense of the Debtor and related entities as described herein and the prosecution of the Debtor's rights against Acis and Mr. Terry.

2. Two objections to the Applications were filed: (i) *Limited Objection of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors to the Debtor's Application for an Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Foley Gardere, Foley & Lardner, LLP and Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst as Special Texas Counsel and Special Texas Litigation Counsel, Nunc Pro Tunc to the Petition Date* [Docket No. 120] (the "<u>Committee Objection</u>") and (ii) *Limited Objection to the Debtor's: (I) Application for an Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Foley Gardere, Foley & Lardner, LLP as Special Texas Counsel, Nunc Pro Tunc to the Petition Date; and (II) Application for an Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst LLP as Special Texas Litigation Counsel, Nunc Pro Tunc to the Petition Date* [Docket No. 116] (the "Acis Objection").

3. The Committee Objection, filed by the Official Unsecured Creditors Committee (the "<u>Committee</u>"), seeks certain additional disclosures concerning the services to be provided by Foley and Lynn Pinker and the entities to which those services will be provided.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  Mr. Terry obtained 100% of the equity in the Acis entities through the confirmation of Acis's bankruptcy plan. The Debtor is currently appealing that confirmation order as discussed herein.

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The Committee Objection also seeks additional disclosure concerning how the Debtor will pay for those services and their benefit to the Debtor's estate. The Debtor has endeavored to provide the additional disclosures requested by the Committee as set forth herein and in the Supplemental Declaration of Michael Hurst (the "<u>Hurst Declaration</u>") attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, the Supplemental Declaration of Holland O'Neil (the "<u>O'Neil Declaration</u>") attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, and the Declaration of Bradley Sharp (the "<u>Sharp Declaration</u>," and together with the Hurst Declaration and the O'Neil Declaration, the "<u>Declarations</u>") attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

4. In contrast, the Acis Objection, filed by Acis LP and Acis GP, seeks to import the highly acrimonious and contentious nature of the Debtor's ongoing litigation with Acis and Acis's counsel, Winstead PC ("<u>Winstead</u>"), into this Court and to use the retention process to secure a litigation advantage in its ongoing dispute with the Debtor in Texas. In short, Acis is seeking to disqualify the Debtor's chosen law firms – law firms that have represented the Debtor for the past twenty (20) months specifically in connection with the Acis and Terry Litigation – from continuing to represent the Debtor in matters adverse to Acis. That tactic is improper and an abuse of the bankruptcy process. Regardless, the Debtor has endeavored to be transparent and to respond to Acis's requests for additional disclosures herein and in the Declarations. Although not relevant to the Applications, the Debtor has also responded to Acis's improper accusations concerning the Acis Litigation.

#### <u>Reply</u>

5. In the Committee Objection, the Committee lists two objections to the Applications. The first, and the Committee's "principal concern," is "the lack of clear delineation of [Foley's and Lynn Pinker's] proposed engagements and representations, and the

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Debtor's obligation to pay for the same." (Committee Objection,  $\P$  3.) The second is that "the Applications do not provide for an allocation of attorneys' fees and expenses among the Debtor and non-debtor defendants." (*Id.*,  $\P$  4.) Parsing the vitriol in the Acis Objection, it is apparent that Acis is generally asserting the same two objections as the Committee. (Acis Objection,  $\P\P$  5; 8.) These two concerns are addressed below.

# I. Foley's and Lynn Pinker's Proposed Engagements

6. Prior to the Petition Date, the Debtor was represented by both Foley and Lynn Pinker acting as co-counsel. Lynn Pinker is a highly- regarded litigation boutique based in Dallas, Texas, but does not have bankruptcy attorneys on staff. Conversely, Foley has a large and well-established bankruptcy practice. Because each of the matters set forth below includes both a bankruptcy and litigation component, the Debtor utilized the services of both Foley and Lynn Pinker. Foley provided the bankruptcy expertise – but, in light of the Debtor's retention of Lynn Pinker, does not have litigators staffed on the matters – and Lynn Pinker primarily handled litigation strategy but deferred to Foley on the bankruptcy components. As such, despite both Lynn Pinker and Foley being retained, there was limited overlap in the services they provided to the Debtor other than the overlap necessary to collaborate on overall progress and strategy.

7. The following are the matters in which Foley and Lynn Pinker represented the Debtor prepetition (collectively, the "<u>Acis Litigation</u>"). The list also includes entities related to the Debtor which were also represented by Foley and/or Lynn Pinker and whose legal fees were paid – prepetition – by the Debtor (as discussed below). The Debtor believes that one of these matters, the Adversary Proceeding (as defined below), has been stayed as a result of the Debtor's bankruptcy filing, and that there will only be de minimis, if any, legal work required on

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such matter during the Debtor's bankruptcy.<sup>3</sup> As set forth below, the Debtor is only seeking to

retain Foley and Lynn Pinker with respect to the Acis Bankruptcy, Neutra Appeal, Debtor

Matter	Clients	Case Summary	Procedural Posture
In re Acis Capital Management, L.P., Case No. 18-30264-SGJ-11 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2018) & In re Acis Capital Management GP, L.L.C.), Case No. 18-30265-SGJ-11 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2018) (collectively, the " <u>Acis Bankruptcy</u> ") Acis Capital Management GP, LLC. and Acis Capital Management, L.P. v. Highland Capital Management, L.P., et al, Adv. Proc. No. 18-03078 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2018) & Acis Capital Management, L.P. and Acis Capital Management, L.P., et al., Adv. Proc. No. 18-03212 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2018) (collectively, the " <u>Adversary Proceeding</u> ")	Debtor Neutra Limited <sup>4</sup> (Foley client only) Debtor Highland HCF Advisors, Ltd. Highland CLO Management, LLC Highland CLO Holdings, Ltd.	Acis involuntary bankruptcy proceeding initiated by Mr. Terry. The Debtor has a claim in excess of \$8 million for pre- and post-petition services provided to Acis. <sup>5</sup> Neutra is nominally involved in the Acis Bankruptcy as a party in interest. Other than Mr. Terry, the Debtor is Acis's only material creditor. The Debtor is currently a defendant in the Adversary Proceeding. The bankruptcy court consolidated resolution of the Debtor's claims with this Adversary Proceeding. The defendants have filed a motion to withdraw the reference, which has been argued to the bankruptcy court and is pending. The bankruptcy court has not yet produced its Report and Recommendation to the District Court as to whether to withdraw the reference.	The Debtor's claims in the Acis Bankruptcy have been consolidated with the Adversary Proceeding (defined below). The Debtor believes this matter is stayed as to the Debtor and the other defendants, and will likely remain so for the foreseeable future due to the nature of the action.
Neutra Limited v. Josh Terry (In re Acis Capital Management, L.P.), Case No. 19- 10846 (5th Cir. 2019) (the " <u>Neutra</u> <u>Appeal</u> ")	Neutra (Foley client only)	Neutra is appealing the involuntary order for relief entered in the Acis Bankruptcy. If successful, certain CLO management agreements may revert to the Debtor. The Debtor previously received in excess of \$12 million annually under those agreements. <sup>6</sup>	The Neutra Appeal is not stayed and is proceeding. Neutra filed its reply brief on November 20, 2019.
In re Matter of Acis Management GP, LLC and Acis Capital Management, L.P. v. Highland Capital Management, L.P., et al, v. Robin Phelan, Chapter 11 Trustee, Case No. 19-10847 (5th Cir. 2019) (the "Debtor Appeal")	Debtor Neutra (Foley client only)	The Debtor and Neutra are appealing entry of the confirmation order in the Acis Bankruptcy.	This appeal is not stayed, and the Debtor's reply brief is due December16, 2019.

Appeal, and the Winstead Matter (	(each as defined below) at this time.
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> If circumstances change, the Debtor proposes to return to this Court to discuss the changed circumstances and to update the Applications if necessary.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The economic interests in Neutra Limited ("Neutra") are owned, indirectly, 25% by Mark Okada and 75% by James Dondero. Prior to the confirmation of the contested plan in the Acis Bankruptcy, Neutra owned 100% of the limited partnership interests in Acis LP and 100% of the membership interests in Acis GP. In his deposition, Mr. Sharp stated that Lynn Pinker represented Neutra; however, Neutra is represented by Foley.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Highland Capital Management, L.P. Proof of Claim #27 in the Acis LP case and Proof of Claim #13 in the Acis GP case, attached hereto as Exhibit D and E, respectively, and Highland Capital Management, L.P.'s Application for Administrative Expense Claim Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §503(b), Case No. 18-30264-SGJ-11 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. Dec. 11, 2018) [Docket No. 772], attached hereto as Exhibit F.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See Acis LP's Statement of Financial Affairs, Case No. 18-30264-SGJ-11 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. April 30, 2018) [Docket No. 165], relevant excerpts of which are attached hereto as Exhibit G.

Highland Capital Management, L.P. v. Robin Phelan, Chapter 11 Trustee, Case No. 3:19-cv-1477D (N.D. Tex. 2019) (the " <u>Winstead Matter</u> ")	Debtor	The Debtor is appealing a ruling allowing Winstead to represent both Acis's chapter 11 trustee and Mr. Terry, individually and as a creditor of Acis, to the District Court. If successful, Winstead will be required to disgorge fees and expenses improperly billed to Acis's estate. <sup>7</sup>	The "Record of Appeal" has not yet been docketed and no briefing schedule has been set. This matter will proceed once docketed.
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# 8. In addition, Lynn Pinker represented the Debtor and certain of the

Debtor's officers in the following prepetition matter in which Foley was not involved:

Matter	Clients	Case Summary	Procedural
			Posture
Joshua N. Terry, Individually and on	Debtor	The Debtor, Mr. Dondero, and Mr. Surgent are	Currently stayed as
Behalf of IRAs #146771 and 1467721, and		currently defendants in this matter and are facing	to the Debtor.
Jennifer G. Terry, on Behalf of IRAs	J. Dondero	claims for breach of contract, conversion,	
#1467511 and 1467521 and as the Trustee		violation of Texas Theft Liability Act, and related	
of the Terry Family 401-K Plan v.	T. Surgent	civil conspiracy claims. Mr. Dondero is	
Highland Capital Management, L.P., et al,	-	individually facing a claim for defamation.	
Case No. DC-16-11396 (162nd Judicial			
District Court of Dallas County, Texas)			
(the " <u>Terry Litigation</u> ")			

9. As set forth above, the Debtor believes that the Terry Litigation and the

Adversary Proceeding are stayed. At this time, the Debtor only intends to continue Foley's and Lynn Pinker's representations post-petition with respect to the Acis Bankruptcy, the Neutra Appeal, the Debtor Appeal, and the Winstead Matter. However, the Debtor reserves the right to supplement the Applications to the extent that Foley and Lynn Pinker's services are needed in the Adversary Proceeding and the Terry Litigation. Further, in light of the allegations being asserted by the Committee in the *Motion of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for an Order Transferring Venue of this Case to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas* [Docket No. 86] (the "<u>Venue Motion</u>"), as well as the joinder thereto by Acis [Docket No. 122], the Debtor's bankruptcy professionals have sought input from these

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See Statement of Issues by Appellant Highland Capital Management, L.P., Case No. 18-30264-SGJ-11 (Bankr. N.D. Texas July 1, 2019) [Docket No. 1058], attached hereto as Exhibit H.

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firms due to their significant history and familiarity with the Acis Litigation.

10. The Debtor believes that the continued retention of Foley and Lynn Pinker in the Acis Bankruptcy, the Neutra Appeal, the Debtor Appeal, and the Winstead Matter will provide a substantial benefit to the estate. The Debtor has significant claims against Acis, and Foley and Lynn Pinker are an integral part of that litigation. As discussed above, the Debtor has a claim in the Acis Bankruptcy in excess of \$8 million, and, if the Neutra Appeal is successful, the Debtor will be in a position to once again receive the benefit of the CLO management agreements, which historically have provided the Debtor with annual revenues in excess of \$12 million. If the Debtor Appeal is successful, Neutra will regain its interests in Acis and will be able to reinstate the Debtor to resume providing management services to certain collateralized loan obligations. Finally, if the Debtor is successful in the Winstead Matter, Winstead will be required to disgorge its fees and expenses charged to the Acis estate. The Debtor believes such amounts are currently in excess of \$2 million.<sup>8</sup> As such, there is substantial benefit to the Debtor's estate in the Debtor continuing to protect its rights in the Acis Bankruptcy, the Neutra Appeal, the Debtor Appeal, and the Winstead Matter.

11. Conversely, any delay in the retention of Foley and Lynn Pinker will have a substantial and negative impact on the Debtor's estate and the value of its claims in its litigation with Acis. If the Debtor is not allowed to continue with the engagement of Foley and Lynn Pinker, the Debtor would be severely disadvantaged by the loss of critical knowledge and expertise these law firms have devoted to this representation over the course of the past twenty

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> For the avoidance of doubt, any of Winstead's fees and expenses that are disgorged will not flow directly to the Debtor but will instead be returned to the Acis estate for distribution to Acis's creditors of which the Debtor is now the largest.

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(20) months. Further, the costs to replace these firms would be substantial, and the risk of loss of important tactical litigation strategy would be detrimental to the Debtor.

# II. <u>Prepetition Allocation of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses</u>

12. Prior to the Petition Date, legal fees incurred by Foley and Lynn Pinker for their representations of the Debtor and non-Debtor parties in the Acis Litigation and the Terry Litigation were paid by either (i) the Debtor or by (2) Highland CLO Funding, Ltd. ("<u>HCLOF</u>") via an indemnification obligation to the Debtor. *See* ¶17 *infra*.

## **The Acis Litigation:**

13. The Debtor paid for Foley and Lynn Pinker's services in the Acis Litigation for non-Debtor entities. However, with the exception of Neutra, each such non-Debtor entity (i) is either directly or indirectly 100% owned by the Debtor; (ii) has no assets; (iii) is only involved in the Acis Litigation because Acis alleged that the Debtor caused such entities to engage in certain acts that harmed Acis; and (iv) is subject to the exact same claims as the Debtor. Additionally, absent funding by the Debtor, the non-Debtor defendants that are wholly owned by the Debtor would be have no way to defend against Acis's claims. Any attempt to collect on those claims from such non-Debtor entities would also lead back to their general partners or members, which are the Debtor. As such, the Debtor believed and believes such entities are only nominal parties to the Acis Litigation and that Foley's and Lynn Pinker's defense of such parties is part and parcel of the Debtor's defense of itself and its assets.

14. The Debtor historically paid Foley's fees and expenses incurred byNeutra. As disclosed above, the economic interests in Neutra are owned, indirectly, 25% by Mr.Okada and 75% by Mr. Dondero. As a special purpose entity, Neutra, however, has no assets,

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and had no assets prior to the Acis Bankruptcy except for its interests in Acis. Although the Debtor is not a direct appellant in the Neutra Appeal,<sup>9</sup> if Neutra is successful in the Neutra Appeal, Neutra will regain its interests in Acis and intends to cause certain services and advisory agreements to revert back to the Debtor. The Debtor then would be in a position to earn revenue from those agreements, as it did prior to the filing of the involuntary bankruptcy petitions against Acis LP and Acis GP and prior to its contracts being terminated in the Acis Bankruptcy. By way of example, in the one year period prior to the filing of the involuntary petitions, Acis LP compensated the Debtor more than \$12 million for its services.

15. Although the economic interests in Neutra are indirectly owned by Mr. Dondero and Mr. Okada, Mr. Dondero and Mr. Okada will likely not see a return on their equity for some time. If the Neutra Appeal is successful, Neutra will regain its interest in Acis and Acis will also be required to pay the Debtor (i) approximately 85% of its revenue for services provided under the services agreements and (ii) for its claims against Acis for pre- and postpetition services rendered, which are currently in excess of \$8 million. As such, it is estimated that Acis would owe approximately four years of revenue to the Debtor, including payment of services and pay down of the \$8 million previously accrued and unpaid.

16. For the foregoing reasons, the Debtor has agreed to pay Neutra's fees in the Neutra Appeal, the Acis Bankruptcy, and the Debtor Appeal. Paying those fees makes economic sense for the Debtor, but does not make sense for Mr. Dondero, Mr. Okada, or any other party<sup>10</sup> as they would not see a return on that investment for a significant amount of time.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Under the "person aggrieved" standing for purposes of appeal, Neutra was the proper appellant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> As previously stated, as a special purpose entity, Neutra has no assets other than its prior ownership of the equity in Acis.

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17. Finally, although the Debtor has agreed to pay Foley and Lynn Pinker for the services provided to the Debtor and the non-Debtors set forth above in the Acis Litigation, the majority of those fees and expenses actually were paid by a non-Debtor entity, HCLOF.<sup>11</sup> The Debtor owns less than 1% of the economic interest in HCLOF. As part of HCLOF's agreement with the Debtor, HCLOF indemnifies the Debtor if the Debtor incurs any legal fees on HCLOF's behalf. Pursuant to that indemnification, HCLOF, prior to the Petition Date, either paid directly or reimbursed the Debtor for the majority of Foley's and Lynn Pinker's fees and expenses incurred in the matters set forth above.

#### **The Terry Litigation:**

18. The Debtor historically paid all of Lynn Pinker's fees and expenses with respect to their representation of the Debtor, Mr. Dondero, and Mr. Surgent in the Terry Litigation. The Debtor paid Mr. Dondero's and Mr. Surgent's legal fees in this matter as Mr. Dondero and Mr. Surgent were entitled to indemnification under the Debtor's limited partnership agreement. (Exh G., § 4.1(h).)

# III. <u>Postpetition Allocation of Fees</u>

19. As set forth above, the Debtor believes that all matters except for the Acis Bankruptcy, the Neutra Appeal, the Debtor Appeal, and the Winstead Matter are stayed and will remain stayed during the pendency of the Debtor's case. The Debtor is the only party in the Winstead Matter. The Debtor, for the reasons set forth above, intends to compensate Foley for its representation of Neutra – the only non-Debtor party – in the Acis Bankruptcy, the Neutra

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> HCLOF is a party to the Acis Bankruptcy, the Debtor Appeal, and the Adversary Proceeding. HCLOF is represented by the law firm, King & Spalding, and is not represented by Foley or Lynn Pinker. HCLOF pays King & Spalding's fees and expenses directly.

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Appeal, and the Debtor Appeal, subject to this Court's order.<sup>12</sup> The Debtor believes that if Neutra is successful in the Neutra Appeal, the Debtor and its estate will be a significant beneficiary of such an outcome and will receive a direct and substantial benefit. In the Acis Bankruptcy and the Debtor Appeal, Neutra is only a nominal party, and the Debtor is receiving the primary benefit of Foley's legal services in those matters. Further, a substantial portion of Foley's and Lynn Pinker's fees and expenses may continue to be reimbursed by HCLOF although the exact amount of such reimbursement is not yet known.

20. To the extent that the other matters set forth above are not stayed, as to any party, the Debtor intends to supplement the Applications to seek authority to pay the costs of the non-Debtor parties represented by Foley and Lynn Pinker.

# IV. Additional Issues Raised in the Acis Objection

21. The balance of the issues raised in the Acis Objection are irrelevant or misleading and in all cases constitute an inappropriate attempt by Acis to use this Court's authority and the Bankruptcy Code to secure a litigation advantage against the Debtor. Consequently, the Debtor is compelled to respond to each point.

# 22. **Rule 2017(a) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure**: Acis has

reserved its right "to compel disclosure" of information relating to the amounts billed by Foley

and Lynn Pinker prior to the Petition Date pursuant to Rule 2017(a).<sup>13</sup> (Acis Objection, ¶ 5.) By

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> The Debtor and Neutra currently contemplate entering into an agreement pursuant to which Neutra will repay the Debtor for Foley's fees and expenses incurred on Neutra's behalf. Under the proposed agreement, Neutra would reimburse the Debtor from any net proceeds it receives as a result of the transactions discussed herein and would also agree not to make any equity distributions or similar payments to any of Neutra's shareholders, Mr. Dondero, Mr. Okada, or any of their affiliates until after the Debtor is repaid for Foley's legal fees and expenses incurred on Neutra's behalf.

 $<sup>^{13}</sup>$  Acis has also stated that Foley and Lynn Pinker should disclose payments made to them pursuant to Rule 2017(b), which requires disclosure of fees incurred after a petition is filed. As set forth in the Applications, Foley and Lynn Pinker intend to comply with Rule 2017(b) – and their other obligations to this Court – and to file fee applications

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its terms, Rule 2017(a) only applies to payments "in contemplation of the filing of a petition under the Code by or against the debtor. . . ." FRBP 2017(a). As set forth in the Declarations, neither Foley nor Lynn Pinker received payments in contemplation of the bankruptcy. However, Acis's reservation of rights is noted, and the Debtor anticipates Acis will continue its attempts to use this proceeding to influence the Acis Litigation by objecting to Foley's and Lynn Pinker's fees. The Debtor will respond appropriately if and when such objections are filed.

23. **HRA Holdings, LLC**: Foley initially sought a conflict waiver with respect to HRA Holdings, LLC, when it entered into its engagement letter with the Debtor in April 2018. At that time, the Debtor was contemplating a potential investment in HRA Holdings, LLC, another Foley client. However, that investment never occurred, and thus no conflict ever arose.

24. **Lynn Pinker Engagement Letter:** As set forth in the Hurst Declaration, Lynn Pinker does not have an engagement letter with the Debtor and consequently could not attach an engagement letter to its retention application. The terms of Lynn Pinker's engagement were previously disclosed and are re-disclosed in the Hurst Declaration.

25. **Expert Retention of Scott Ellington**: In 2018, Lynn Pinker and the Pettit Law Firm retained Scott Ellington, the Debtor's general counsel, as an expert witness in *Robert A. Imel v. Legacy Texas Bank, N.A. and Energy Reserves Group, LLC*, Cause No. DC-16-01372 (134th Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas). The *Imel* litigation was wholly unrelated to the Debtor and did not involve the Debtor or any entities affiliated or related to the

subject to appropriate review following their retention. If any of Foley's or Lynn Pinker's fees or expenses are thought to be excessive or inappropriate, parties in interests are entitled to object at the time the fee application is filed, not before.

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Debtor, James, Dondero, or Mark Okada. (Hurst Decl,  $\P$  5.) Mr. Ellington's retention in the *Imel* litigation was in Mr. Ellington's individual capacity, not in his capacity as the Debtor's general counsel, and was limited to Mr. Ellington preparing a six page expert report and offering his deposition and trial testimony. As such, Mr. Ellington's retention by Lynn Pinker was not a representation by Lynn Pinker of the Debtor or any of the Debtor's interested parties. The *Imel* litigation concluded in 2018.

# 26. Charitable Donor Advised Fund, L.P. ("<u>Charitable DAF</u>"): Despite

Acis's attempts to kick up mud, Lynn Pinker's representation of Charitable DAF is *not* related to the Debtor's bankruptcy. Charitable DAF is proceeding against U.S. Bank, N.A., and U.S. Bank, N.A., is not a party in interest in this case.<sup>14</sup> Further, Acis admits that Lynn Pinker's representation of Charitable DAF is at best a step removed from even the Acis Litigation. Acis has not alleged that Charitable DAF's proceedings are connected to the Debtor's bankruptcy proceedings.

27. **CLO Holdco, Ltd.:** As disclosed in the O'Neil Affidavit, Foley has not represented CLO Holdco, Ltd., since approximately May 2018, and, on information and belief, CLO Holdco, Ltd. has retained separate counsel to represent it in the Debtor's bankruptcy.

**28.** Foley and Lynn Pinker's Prepetition Claims: Acis alleges that Foley's and Lynn Pinker's prepetition claims render them adverse to the Debtor. While this could be true with respect to professionals engaged under 11 U.S.C. § 327(a),<sup>15</sup> it is not true with respect

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> As disclosed in the Hurst Declaration, Lynn Pinker also represents NexPoint Strategic Opportunities Fund, Highland Global Allocation Fund, and Highland Income Fund in confidential matters unrelated to the Debtor's bankruptcy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> See, e.g., Staiano v. Pillowtex (In re Pillowtex, Inc.), 304 F.3d 246 (3rd Cir. 2002).

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to professionals, like Foley and Lynn Pinker, seeking retention under 11 U.S.C. § 327(e). Instead, Section 327(e) contemplates professionals having and retaining prepetition claims against a debtor so long as they do not "hold any interest adverse to the debtor or to the estate *with respect to the matter on which such attorney is to be employed.*" 11 U.S.C. § 327(e) (emphasis added); *see also* Colliers on Bankruptcy, 16th ed., ¶327.04[0]. Consequently, Foley and Lynn Pinker would be disqualified from representing the Debtor under Section 327(e) in the Acis Litigation and Terry Litigation only if they had a conflict with respect to those specific matters. They do not, and Acis's allegation of a debilitating conflict on account of their prepetition claims is not well founded.

29. **Winstead's Conflict of Interest:** Unlike Acis and its counsel, the Debtor does not wish to litigate in this Court matters properly before another court. However, to clarify the record, the Debtor believes that it is important to distinguish Foley and Lynn Pinker's representation of the Debtor in the Acis Litigation from Winstead's representation of both Acis's Chapter 11 Trustee and Mr. Terry in the Acis Bankruptcy. This matter is currently being litigated and is referred to as the Winstead Matter above.

30. Mr. Terry was, and currently is, a creditor of Acis, and he was, and currently is, represented by Winstead in the filing of his involuntary petitions against Acis. Concurrently with its representation of Mr. Terry as a substantial creditor of Acis (and while the orders for relief were on appeal), Winstead sought and was retained by the Chapter 11 trustee in Acis's bankruptcy under 11 U.S.C. § 327(a).<sup>16</sup> Consequently, Winstead represented both Acis's

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> See Application to Employ Winstead PC as Special Counsel to the Chapter 11 Trustee, Case No. 18-30264-SGJ-11 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. May 30, 2018) [Docket No. 246], attached hereto as Exhibit I, and Order (I) Approving the Application to Employ Winstead PC as Special Counsel to the Chapter 11 Trustee and (II) Denying the Motion to

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Chapter 11 trustee and one of Acis's largest creditors at the same time despite being opposed to Acis in the prosecution of the involuntary petitions. Further, both the approval of the involuntary petition and the confirmation of Acis's chapter 11 plan, respectively, are actively being appealed. Winstead is thus representing Mr. Terry in his action to put Acis into bankruptcy while also representing Acis's Chapter 11 trustee in the confirmation of Acis's bankruptcy plan.

31. Winstead's situation in the Acis Bankruptcy is thus wildly different from Foley and Lynn Pinker's in the Debtor's bankruptcy. Neither Foley nor Lynn Pinker have a conflict of interest with respect to their representation of the Debtor in the Acis and Terry Litigation. Unlike Winstead, they have also never been directly or indirectly adverse to their clients. In addition, Foley and Lynn Pinker are being retained under 11 U.S.C. § 327(e) in the Debtor's bankruptcy as special litigation counsel; they are not being retained as the Debtor's bankruptcy counsel under Section 327(a).

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*Disqualify Winstead PC as Proposed Special Counsel to Robin Phelan, Chapter 11 Trustee*, Case No. 18-30264-SGJ-11 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. June 21, 2018) [Docket No. 313], attached hereto as Exhibit J.

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WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth above, the Debtor's proposed retention of

(i) Foley Gardere, Foley & Lardner LLP as Special Texas Counsel, and (ii) Lynn Pinker Cox &

Hurst LLP as Special Texas Litigation Counsel are in the best interests of the Debtor's estate and

should be approved on the terms set forth in the Applications.

Dated: November 21, 2019

PACHULSKI STANG ZIEHL & JONES LLP

/s/ James E. O'Neill

Richard M. Pachulski (CA Bar No. 62337) Jeffrey N. Pomerantz (CA Bar No.143717) Ira D. Kharasch (CA Bar No. 109084) Maxim B. Litvak (CA Bar No. 215852) James E. O'Neill (DE Bar No. 4042) 919 North Market Street, 17th Floor Wilmington, DE 19899 (Courier 19801) Telephone: (302) 652-4100 Facsimile: (302) 652-4400 E-mail: rpachulski@pszjlaw.com jpomerantz@pszjlaw.com ikharasch@pszjlaw.com mlitvak@pszjlaw.com

Proposed Counsel for the Debtor and Debtor in Possession

# Exhibit A

Supplemental Hurst Declaration

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

# FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:

Chapter 11

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,<sup>1</sup>

Debtor.

Case No. 19-12239 (CSS)

# SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF MICHAEL K. HURST IN SUPPORT OF DEBTOR'S APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF LYNN PINKER COX & HURST, LLP AS SPECIAL TEXAS LITIGATION COUNSEL, NUNC PRO TUNC TO THE PETITION DATE

I, Michael K. Hurst, declare under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. I am a partner with the law firm of Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst LLP (the "<u>Firm</u>" or "<u>LPCH</u>"), located in Dallas, Texas. I am submitting this supplemental declaration ("<u>Declaration</u>") in further support of the *Debtor's Application for an Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst LLP as Special Texas Litigation Counsel, Nunc Pro Tunc to the Petition Date* (the "<u>Application</u>").<sup>2</sup>

2. In the Declaration of Michael K. Hurst in Support of Debtor's Application for an Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst, LLP, as Special Texas Litigation Counsel, Nunc Pro Tunc to the Petition Date, dated October 29, 2019 [Docket No. 70-2], I disclosed, that the Firm has represented (a) the Debtor since March 2016; (b) certain other entities related to the Debtor, including the Cayman Defendants in the Pending Acis Proceedings and the defendants in the Texas Lawsuit who are executives of the Debtor; and (c)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtor's last four digits of its taxpayer identification number are (6725). The headquarters and service address for the above-captioned Debtor is 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, TX 75201.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Application.

the Charitable DAF (the Charitable Donor Advised Fund, L.P.) in a case unrelated to the Debtor

pending before the Southern District of New York, case number 1:19-cv-09857-NRB.

3. To supplement that prior disclosure, as of the Petition Date, the Firm specifically represented the Debtor and the following entities related to the Debtor in the following matters:

Matter	Clients
In re Acis Capital Management, L.P., Case No. 18-30264-SGJ-11	Debtor
(Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2018) & In re Acis Capital Management GP, L.L.C.),	
Case No. 18-30265-SGJ-11 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2018)	
Acis Capital Management GP, LLC. and Acis Capital Management,	Debtor
L.P. v. Highland Capital Management, L.P., et al, Adv. Proc. No. 18-	
03078 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2018) & Acis Capital Management, L.P. and	Highland HCF Advisors, Ltd.,
Acis Capital Management GP, LLC v. Highland Capital Management,	
L.P., et al., Adv. Proc. No. 18-03212 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2018)	Highland CLO Management, LLC
	Highland CLO Holdings, Ltd.
In re Matter of Acis Management GP, LLC and Acis Capital	Debtor
Management, L.P. v. Highland Capital Management, L.P., et al, v.	
Robin Phelan, Chapter 11 Trustee, Case No. 19-10847 (5th Cir. 2019)	
Highland Capital Management, L.P. v. Robin Phelan, Chapter 11	Debtor
Trustee, Case No. 3:19-cv-1477D (N.D. Tex. 2019)	
Joshua N. Terry, Individually and on Behalf of IRAs #146771 and	Debtor
1467721, and Jennifer G. Terry, on Behalf of IRAs #1467511 and	
1467521 and as the Trustee of the Terry Family 401-K Plan v. Highland	J. Dondero
Capital Management, L.P., et al, Case No. DC-16-11396 (162nd	
Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas)	T. Surgent
The Charitable Donor Advised Fund, L.P. v. U.S. Bank National	Charitable DAF
Association, Case No. 1:19-cv-09857-NRB (S.D.N.Y. 2019)	

4. In addition, the Firm represents the following entities related to the Debtor in a non-public matter: (i) NexPoint Strategic Opportunities Fund, (ii) Highland Global Allocation Fund, and (iii) Highland Income Fund. The Firm inadvertently failed to disclose this representation as the representation is limited and involves a non-public matter not related to the Debtor's bankruptcy.

5. Additionally, in 2018, the Firm, along with the Pettit Law Firm, retained Scott Ellington, the Debtor's general counsel, to act as an expert witness in *Robert A. Imel v. Legacy Texas Bank, N.A. and Energy Reserves Group, LLC*, Cause No. DC-16-01372 (134th

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Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas). The *Imel* litigation was wholly unrelated to the Debtor and did not involve the Debtor or any entities affiliated or related to the Debtor, James, Dondero, or Mark Okada. Mr. Ellington's retention in the *Imel* litigation was in Mr. Ellington's individual capacity, not in his capacity as the Debtor's general counsel, and was limited to Mr. Ellington preparing a six page expert report and offering his deposition and trial testimony. Mr. Ellington was retained by the Firm and the Pettit Law Firm in the *Imel* litigation. The Firm's retention of Mr. Ellington was not previously disclosed as the Firm was not retained to provide legal services to Mr. Ellington. The *Imel* litigation concluded in 2018.

6. The Firm, as a matter of practice, does not have an engagement letter with the Debtor or any entities related to the Debtor that it represents. However, as previously disclosed, with respect to all matters, the Debtor has (subject to Court approval) agreed to compensate the Firm on an hourly basis at rates that do not (and will not) exceed the rates that the Firm customarily charges to its other clients for work of this type. As of the Petition Date, the applicable hourly rates for timekeepers for the matters that the Firm is engaged to perform legal services ranged from \$365 to \$800 for attorneys and \$180 to \$235 for paraprofessionals. The Firm will also charge the Debtor for certain expenses incurred in connection with providing services to the Debtor, including, without limitation, travel, lodging, vendor charges, delivery services and other expenses incurred in providing professional service, and for other services actually provided, including word processing and other charges, excluding secretarial overtime.

7. The Firm did not bill the Debtor any amounts prior to the Petition Date in contemplation of the Debtor's bankruptcy filing. Any amounts billed and paid prior to the Petition Date by the Debtor were in connection with the matters set forth above.

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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: November 21, 2019

/s/ Michael K. Hurst Michael K. Hurst, Partner

# Exhibit B

Supplemental O'Neil Declaration

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

# FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:

Chapter 11

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HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,<sup>1</sup>

Debtor.

Case No. 19-12239 (CSS)

# SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF HOLLAND N. O'NEIL IN SUPPORT OF DEBTOR'S APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF FOLEY GARDERE, FOLEY & LARDNER LLP AS SPECIAL TEXAS COUNSEL, *NUNC PRO TUNC* TO THE PETITION DATE

I, Holland N. O'Neil, declare under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. I am a partner with the law firm of Foley Gardere, Foley & Lardner LLP (the "Firm"), and I maintain my office in Dallas, Texas.<sup>2</sup> I am submitting this supplemental

declaration ("<u>Declaration</u>") in further support of the *Debtor's Application for an Order* Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Foley Gardere, Foley & Lardner LLP as Special Texas Counsel, Nunc Pro Tunc to the Petition Date (the "Application").<sup>3</sup>

2. In the Declaration of Holland N. O'Neil in Support of Debtor's Application for an Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Foley Gardere, Foley & Lardner LLP as Special Texas Counsel, Nunc Pro Tunc to the Petition Date, dated October 29, 2019 [Docket No. 69-2] (the "Initial Declaration"), I disclosed that the Firm has represented the Debtor and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Firm has offices in Austin, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Jacksonville, Los Angeles, Madison, Mexico City, Miami, Milwaukee, New York, Orlando, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, Silicon Valley, Tallahassee, Tampa, Washington, D.C., Brussels and Tokyo.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Application.

certain other related entities, including Neutra, HCLOF and the Cayman Defendants since April

2018 in the Acis Proceedings.

3. To supplement that prior disclosure, as of the Petition Date, the Firm specifically represents the Debtor and the following entities related to the Debtor in the following matters:

Matter	Clients
In re Acis Capital Management, L.P., Case No. 18-30264-SGJ-11 (Bankr.	Debtor
N.D. Tex. 2018) & In re Acis Capital Management GP, L.L.C.), Case No.	
18-30265-SGJ-11 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2018)	Neutra Limited
Acis Capital Management GP, LLC. and Acis Capital Management, L.P.	Debtor
<i>v. Highland Capital Management, L.P., et al</i> , Adv. Proc. No. 18-03078 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2018) & Acis Capital Management, L.P. and Acis	Highland HCE Advisors I td
Capital Management GP, LLC v. Highland Capital Management, L.P., et	Highland HCF Advisors, Ltd.,
al., Adv. Proc. No. 18-03212 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2018)	Highland CLO Management, LLC
<i>uu</i> , 1 kuv. 1100. 100 03212 (Duiki. 11.D. 10x. 2010)	Inginana CEO Management, EEC
	Highland CLO Holdings, Ltd.
Neutra Limited v. Josh Terry (In re Acis Capital Management, L.P.), Case	Neutra Limited
No. 19-10846 (5th Cir. 2019)	
In re Matter of Acis Management GP, LLC and Acis Capital Management,	Debtor
L.P. v. Highland Capital Management, L.P., et al, v. Robin Phelan,	
Chapter 11 Trustee, Case No. 19-10847 (5th Cir. 2019)	Neutra Limited
Highland Capital Management, L.P. v. Robin Phelan, Chapter 11 Trustee,	Debtor
Case No. 3:19-cv-1477D (N.D. Tex. 2019)	

4. As disclosed in the Firm's engagement letter attached to the Initial Declaration, the Firm initially sought a conflict waiver with respect to HRA Holdings, LLC, when it entered into that engagement letter. At that time, the Debtor was contemplating a potential investment in HRA Holdings, LLC, another Foley client. That investment never occurred, and the Firm does not believe that a conflict ever arose.

5. The Firm previously represented CLO Holdco, Ltd., in matters unrelated to the Debtor's bankruptcy. Since approximately May 2018, the Firm has not represented CLO Holdco, Ltd.

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6. The Firm did not bill the Debtor any amounts prior to the Petition Date in contemplation of the Debtor's bankruptcy filing. Any amounts billed and paid prior to the Petition Date by the Debtor were in connection with the matters set forth above.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: November 21, 2019

/s/ Holland N. O'Neil Holland N. O'Neil, Partner

# **EXHIBIT C**

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

# FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:

Chapter 11

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,<sup>1</sup>

Debtor.

Case No. 19-12239 (CSS)

# DECLARATION OF BRADLEY SHARP IN SUPPORT OF DEBTOR'S APPLICATIONS (I) FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF FOLEY GARDERE, FOLEY & LARDNER LLP AS SPECIAL TEXAS COUNSEL, *NUNC PRO TUNC* TO THE PETITION DATE, AND (II) FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF LYNN PINKER COX & HURST, LLP AS SPECIAL TEXAS LITIGATION COUNSEL, *NUNC PRO TUNC* TO THE PETITION DATE

I, Bradley Sharp, hereby declare under penalty of perjury:

1. I am the proposed Chief Restructuring Officer of Highland Capital Management,

L.P., the above-captioned debtor and debtor in possession (the "Debtor").

2. I submit this declaration (the "<u>Declaration</u>") in support of the *Debtor's* Application for an Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Foley Gardere, Foley & Lardner LLP as Special Texas Counsel, Nunc Pro Tunc to the Petition Date (the "<u>Foley</u> <u>Application</u>") and Debtor's Application for an Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst, LLP, as Special Texas Litigation Counsel, Nunc Pro Turn to the Petition Date (the "Lynn Pinker Application," and together with the Foley Application, the "<u>Applications</u>").<sup>2</sup> Except as otherwise noted, I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Applications.

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3. This Declaration is being submitted to supplement the (i) Declaration of

Frank Waterhouse in Support of Debtor's Application for an Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Foley Gardere, Foley & Lardner, LLP as Special Texas Counsel, Nunc Pro Tunc to the Petition Date [Docket No. 69-6], and (ii) Declaration of Frank Waterhouse in Support of Debtor's Application for an Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst, LLP as Special Texas Litigation Counsel, Nunc Pro Tunc to the Petition Date [Docket No. 70-5].

4. Prior to the Petition Date, Foley and/or Lynn Pinker represented the Debtor and certain the Debtor's related entities in the following matters:

Matter	Clients
In re Acis Capital Management, L.P., Case No. 18-30264-SGJ-	Debtor (Foley/Lynn Pinker)
11 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2018) & In re Acis Capital Management	
<i>GP</i> , <i>L.L.C.</i> ), Case No. 18-30265-SGJ-11 (Bankr. N.D. Tex.	Neutra Limited (Foley)
2018) (the " <u>Acis Bankruptcy</u> ")	
Acis Capital Management GP, LLC. and Acis Capital	Debtor (Foley/Lynn Pinker)
Management, L.P. v. Highland Capital Management, L.P., et al,	
Adv. Proc. No. 18-03078 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2018) & Acis	Highland HCF Advisors, Ltd. (Foley/Lynn Pinker)
Capital Management, L.P. and Acis Capital Management GP,	
LLC v. Highland Capital Management, L.P., et al., Adv. Proc.	Highland CLO Management, LLC (Foley/Lynn
No. 18-03212 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2018) ("Adversary	Pinker)
Proceeding")	
	Highland CLO Holdings, Ltd. (Foley/Lynn Pinker)
Neutra Limited v. Josh Terry (In re Acis Capital Management,	Neutra (Foley)
L.P.), Case No. 19-10846 (5th Cir. 2019) ("Neutra Appeal")	
In re Matter of Acis Management GP, LLC and Acis Capital	Debtor (Foley/Lynn Pinker)
Management, L.P. v. Highland Capital Management, L.P., et al,	
v. Robin Phelan, Chapter 11 Trustee, Case No. 19-10847 (5th	Neutra (Foley)
Cir. 2019) (" <u>Debtor Appeal</u> ")	
Highland Capital Management, L.P. v. Robin Phelan, Chapter	Debtor (Foley/Lynn Pinker)
11 Trustee, Case No. 3:19-cv-1477D (N.D. Tex. 2019)	
(" <u>Winstead Matter</u> ")	
Joshua N. Terry, Individually and on Behalf of IRAs #146771	Debtor (Lynn Pinker)
and 1467721, and Jennifer G. Terry, on Behalf of IRAs	
#1467511 and 1467521 and as the Trustee of the Terry Family	J. Dondero (Lynn Pinker)
401-K Plan v. Highland Capital Management, L.P., et al, Case	
No. DC-16-11396 (162nd Judicial District Court of Dallas	T. Surgent (Lynn Pinker)
County, Texas) (the "Terry Litigation")	

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5. Prior to the Petition Date, the Debtor paid Foley's and/or Lynn Pinker's legal fees and expenses with respect to the Debtor and all the Debtor's related entities in the foregoing matters.

6. On advice of counsel, I understand that all matters except for the Acis Bankruptcy, the Neutra Appeal, the Debtor Appeal, and the Winstead Matter are stayed and will remain stayed during the pendency of the Debtor's case.

7. I believe that it is in the best interests of its estate to continue paying the legal fees incurred by the Debtor's related entities in the Acis Bankruptcy, the Neutra Appeal, the Debtor Appeal, and the Winstead Matter during the pendency of this bankruptcy case for the following reasons:

8. <u>Neutra Appeal</u>: The economic interests in Neutra are owned, indirectly, 25% by Mr. Okada and 75% by Mr. Dondero. As a special purpose entity, Neutra, however, has no assets, and had no assets prior to the Acis Bankruptcy except for its interests in Acis. Although the Debtor is not a direct appellant in the Neutra Appeal, if Neutra is successful in the Neutra Appeal, I believe that Neutra will regain its interests in Acis and that Neutra intends to cause certain services and advisory agreements to revert back to the Debtor. The Debtor then would be in a position to earn revenue from those agreements, as it did prior to the filing of the involuntary bankruptcy petitions against Acis LP and Acis GP and prior to its contracts being terminated in the Acis Bankruptcy. By way of example, in the one year period prior to the filing of the involuntary petitions, Acis LP compensated the Debtor more than \$12 million for its services.

9. If the Neutra Appeal is successful, I believe that Neutra will regain its interest in Acis and Acis will also be required to pay the Debtor (i) approximately 85% of its

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revenue for services provided under the services agreements and (ii) for its claims against Acis for pre- and postpetition services rendered, which are currently in excess of \$8 million. As such, it is estimated that Acis would owe approximately four years of revenue to the Debtor, including payment of services and pay down of the \$8 million previously accrued and unpaid. For that reason, I also believe that Mr. Dondero and Mr. Okada, as the holders of the economic interests in Neutra, will likely not see a return on their equity for some time.

10. For the foregoing reasons, I believe paying Neutra's fees in the Neutra Appeal, the Acis Bankruptcy, and the Debtor Appeal makes economic sense for the Debtor, but does not make sense for Mr. Dondero, Mr. Okada, or any other party as they would not see a return on that investment for a significant amount of time.

11. <u>Acis Bankruptcy and Debtor Appeal</u>: In addition to paying the Debtor's legal fees and expenses, the Debtor historically paid Foley's fees for Neutra, a non-Debtor, in the Acis Bankruptcy and the Debtor Appeal as, discussed above, Neutra's economic interests are owned, indirectly, 25% by Mark Okada and 75% by James Dondero. As a special purpose entity, Neutra has no assets.

12. <u>Winstead Matter</u>: The Debtor is the only party to the Winstead Matter, and the Debtor intends to continue paying Lynn Pinker's and Foley's fees for the Debtor subject to this Court's approval.

13. Prior to the Petition Date, the majority of Foley's and Lynn Pinker's fees and expenses were paid by a non-Debtor entity, Highland CLO Funding, Ltd. ("<u>HCLOF</u>").<sup>3</sup> The Debtor owns less than 1% of the economic interest in HCLOF. As part of HCLOF's agreement with the Debtor, HCLOF indemnifies the Debtor if the Debtor incurs any legal fees on HCLOF's

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> HCLOF is represented by the law firm, King & Spalding, and is not represented by Foley or Lynn Pinker. HCLOF pays King & Spalding's fees and expenses directly.

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behalf. Pursuant to that indemnification, HCLOF, prior to the Petition Date, either paid directly or reimbursed the Debtor for the majority of Foley's and Lynn Pinker's fees and expenses incurred in the matters set forth above. I understand, based on the advice of counsel, that a substantial portion of Foley's and Lynn Pinker's fees and expenses may continue to be reimbursed by HCLOF following the Petition Date but that the exact amount of such reimbursement is not yet known.

14. Although the Debtor has paid certain of Lynn Pinker's and Foley's invoices for the services it provided in the matters set forth above, all prepetition payments to such firms were made in connection with the matters set forth above and not in contemplation of the Debtor's bankruptcy filing.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated: November 21, 2019

# HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

<u>/s/ Bradley Sharp</u> Bradley Sharp Proposed Chief Restructuring Officer

# **EXHIBIT D**

Fill in this information to identify the case:			
Debtor 1	Acis Capital Management, L.P.		
Debtor 2 (Spouse, if filing)			
United States I	Bankruptcy Court for the: Northern District of Texas		
Case number	18-30264-sgj11		

# Official Form 410

# **Proof of Claim**

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Read the instructions before filling out this form. This form is for making a claim for payment in a bankruptcy case. Do not use this form to make a request for payment of an administrative expense. Make such a request according to 11 U.S.C. § 503.

Filers must leave out or redact information that is entitled to privacy on this form or on any attached documents. Attach redacted copies of any documents that support the claim, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, judgments, mortgages, and security agreements. Do not send original documents; they may be destroyed after scanning. If the documents are not available, explain in an attachment.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Fill in all the information about the claim as of the date the case was filed. That date is on the notice of bankruptcy (Form 309) that you received.

#### Part 1: Identify the Claim

1.	Who is the current creditor?	Highland Capital Management, L.P. Name of the current creditor (the person or entity to be paid for the Other names the creditor used with the debtor	his claim)	_
2.	Has this claim been acquired from someone else?	☑ No □ Yes. From whom?		_
3.	Where should notices and payments to the creditor be sent?	Where should notices to the creditor be sent?	Where should payments to the creditor be sent? (if different)	
		Holland O'Neil, Foley Gardere, Foley & Lardn		ent
	Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure	Name	Name	
	(FRBP) 2002(g)	2021 McKinney Ave, Suite 1600	300 Crescent Court, Suite 700	
		Number Street	Number Street	
		Dallas TX 75201	Dallas TX 75201	
	8	City State ZIP Code	de City State ZIP Co	de
		Contact phone 214-999-3000	Contact phone	
		Contact email honeil@foley.com	Contact email	
Uniform claim identifier for electronic payments in chapter 13 (if you use one):				
4.	Does this claim amend one already filed?	<ul> <li>✓ No</li> <li>❑ Yes. Claim number on court claims registry (if known</li> </ul>	vn) Filed on	_
5.	Do you know if anyone else has filed a proof of claim for this claim?	<ul> <li>☑ No</li> <li>☑ Yes. Who made the earlier filing?</li> </ul>		

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	Do you have any number you use to identify the debtor?	<ul> <li>✓ No</li> <li>❑ Yes. Last 4 digits of the debtor's account or any number you use to identify the debtor:</li> </ul>
	How much is the claim?	\$4,672,140.38. Does this amount include interest or other charges? ☑ No
		Yes. Attach statement itemizing interest, fees, expenses, or other charges required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c)(2)(A).
	What is the basis of the claim?	Examples: Goods sold, money loaned, lease, services performed, personal injury or wrongful death, or credit card.
	olum	Attach redacted copies of any documents supporting the claim required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c).
		Limit disclosing information that is entitled to privacy, such as health care information.
		Sub-Advisory Services and Shared Services
	Is all or part of the claim secured?	<ul> <li>✓ No</li> <li>❑ Yes. The claim is secured by a lien on property.</li> </ul>
		Nature of property:
		<ul> <li>Real estate. If the claim is secured by the debtor's principal residence, file a Mortgage Proof of Claim Attachment (Official Form 410-A) with this Proof of Claim.</li> <li>Motor vehicle</li> </ul>
		Other. Describe:
		Basis for perfection:
		Attach redacted copies of documents, if any, that show evidence of perfection of a security interest (for example, a mortgage, lien, certificate of title, financing statement, or other document that shows the lien has been filed or recorded.)
		Value of property.
		Value of property: \$ Amount of the claim that is secured: \$
		Amount of the claim that is unsecured: \$(The sum of the secured and unsecured amounts should match the amount in line 7.
		Amount necessary to cure any default as of the date of the petition: \$
		Annual Interest Rate (when case was filed)% Fixed Variable
).	Is this claim based on a	2 No
lease?		Yes. Amount necessary to cure any default as of the date of the petition.
	Is this claim subject to a	2 No
	right of setoff?	Yes. Identify the property:
		- res. identity the property.

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12. Is all or part of the claim entitled to priority under		an a
11 U.S.C. § 507(a)?	Ves. Check one:	Amount entitled to priority
A claim may be partly priority and partly	Domestic support obligations (including alimony and child support) under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(1)(A) or (a)(1)(B).	\$
nonpriority. For example, in some categories, the law limits the amount entitled to priority.	□ Up to \$2,850* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7).	\$
	Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$12,850*) earned within 180 days before the bankruptcy petition is filed or the debtor's business ends, whichever is earlier. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4).	\$
	Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8).	\$
	Contributions to an employee benefit plan. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(5).	\$
	$\checkmark$ Other. Specify subsection of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(3) that applies.	\$2,049,564.35
	* Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/01/19 and every 3 years after that for cases begun on or af	ter the date of adjustment

#### Part 3: Sign Below

The person completing	
this proof of claim must	
sign and date it.	
FRBP 9011(b).	

If you file this claim electronically, FRBP 5005(a)(2) authorizes courts to establish local rules specifying what a signature is.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Check the appropriate box:

I am the creditor.

- I am the creditor's attorney or authorized agent.
- I am the trustee, or the debtor, or their authorized agent. Bankruptcy Rule 3004.
- I am a guarantor, surety, endorser, or other codebtor. Bankruptcy Rule 3005.

I understand that an authorized signature on this Proof of Claim serves as an acknowledgment that when calculating the amount of the claim, the creditor gave the debtor credit for any payments received toward the debt.

I have examined the information in this Proof of Claim and have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on date 08/01/2018 MM / DD 1

Signature

Print the name of the person who is completing and signing this claim:

Name	Scott Ellington					
	First name		Middle name		Last name	
Title	General Co	unsel				
Company	Highland Capital Management, L.P.					
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### **EXHIBIT A TO PROOF OF CLAIM**

1. Claimant: Highland Capital Management, L.P. ("Highland") maintains its business at 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201. Highland files its proof of claim (the "Claim") pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a), 501, and 502(f) and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 3002 and 3003. Prior to the Involuntary Petition Date (defined below), Highland provided sub-advisory and shared services to the Debtors (defined below). Highland has provided portfolio management and advisory services to the Debtors pursuant to that certain Third Amended and Restated Sub-Advisory Agreement by and between the Debtors and Highland dated March 17, 2017 ("Sub-Advisory Agreement") (Exhibit 1). Specifically, Highland has acted as an investment manager and has identified, evaluated, and recommended investments to investment vehicles advised or sub-advised by the Debtors. Highland has also provided the Debtors with back and middle office services pursuant to that certain Fourth Amended and Restated Shared Services Agreement by and between the Debtors and Highland dated March 17, 2017 ("Shared Services Agreement") (Exhibit 2). Highland has provided the Debtors with all of the employees and staff necessary to manage the portfolios. Highland continued to provide the same sub-advisory and shared services to the Debtors throughout the Gap Period (defined below). To date, Highland continues to provide such services.

2. <u>Debtors</u>: Acis Capital Management, L.P. and Acis Capital Management, G.P. (the "**Debtors**"). The Debtors' cases have been consolidated under case number 18-30264 in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas. Highland provides the service at the following address: 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201.
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3. <u>Indebtedness</u>: Because the Debtors were put into bankruptcy involuntarily, the amount included in the proof of claim accounts for pre-petition claims as well as Gap Claims (defined below).

a. <u>Pre-Petition</u>: Joshua Terry, the petitioning creditor, filed the involuntary petition on January 30, 2018 (the "**Petition Date**"). As of the Petition Date, the outstanding indebtedness owing from the Debtors to Highland was as set forth below by account number:

Invoice	Туре	Balance
A1-A7; $BVK^1$	Sub-Advisory	\$1,605,362.41
A1-A7; BVK	Shared Services	\$1,017,213.62
	Totals	\$2,622,576.03

b. <u>Gap Period</u>: When a debtor files bankruptcy, the order for relief is typically entered on the date the petition is filed. However, an involuntary bankruptcy case diverges from the simultaneous entry of an order for relief in that an order for relief is entered at a later date than when a petition is filed. This creates a period of time, referred to as the "gap period", where the debtor may accrue post-petition but pre-order for relief debt. Pursuant to Section 502(f) of the Bankruptcy Code:

In an involuntary case, a claim arising in the ordinary course of the debtor's business or financial affairs after the commencement of the case but before the earlier of the appointment of a trustee and order for relief shall be determined as of the date such claim arises, and shall be allowed under subsection (a), (b), or (c) of this section...the same as if such claim had arisen before the date of the filing of the petition.

11 U.S.C. 502(f).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A1-A7 and BVK account for the following vehicles: Acis CLO 2013-1, Ltd.; Acis CLO 2013-2, Ltd.; Acis CLO 2014-3, Ltd.; Acis CLO 2014-4, Ltd.; Acis CLO 2014-5, Ltd.; Acis CLO 2015-6, Ltd.; Acis CLO 2017-7, Ltd.; BayVK R2 Lux S.A., SICAV-FIS.

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Claims arising during the gap period are entitled to priority treatment under section 507(a)(3). The Court entered the Order for Relief on April 13, 2018 ("**Order for Relief Date**"). Highland continued to provide services to the Debtors from January 30, 2018 to April 13, 2018 ("**Gap Period**"). The outstanding balance owed from the Debtors to Highland for the sub-advisory and shared services during the Gap Period is set forth below (and shall be referred to as the "**Gap Claim**"):

Account No.	Туре	Balance
A1-A7; BVK	Sub-Advisory	\$1,170,147.06
A1-A7; BVK	Shared Services	\$879,417.29
	Totals	\$2,049,564.35

c. <u>Reservation of Rights as to Administrative Claim</u>: Highland has provided uninterrupted sub-advisory and shared services since the Order for Relief Date. Highland reserves its rights to seek allowance of its administrative claims.

d. <u>Indemnity Claims</u>: Highland has contingent claims for indemnification pursuant to Section 6.03 of the Shared Services Agreement and Section 4(c) of the Sub-Advisory Agreement. According to Section 6.03 of the Shared Services Agreement and Section 4(c) of the Sub-Advisory Agreement, "the Management Company [Debtors] hereby does, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, indemnify and hold harmless Covered Person [Highland and its representatives] from...any and all claims, demands, liabilities, costs...suits, proceedings, judgments, assessments, actions...of whatever nature, known or unknown, liquidated, or unliquidated...arising out of the investment or other activities of the Management Company." Highland reserves such contractual indemnification right.

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Reservation of Rights; Other Rights: The Claims described in this Attachment are 4. legal, binding, enforceable, allowed, and not subject to any offset, defense, claim, counterclaim or any other diminution of any type, kind or nature, whatsoever; provided, however, the Chapter 11 Trustee alleges that he may offset Highland's Claims and recover from Highland through his current adversary proceeding against Highland (Adversary Proceeding 18-03212). Highland disputes such contention, and believes all Claims sought herein are recoverable despite the Chapter 11 Trustee's allegations. No portion of the Claims or any funds previously paid to Highland are subject to impairment, avoidance, subordination, or disallowance pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code (including, without limitation, Bankruptcy Code § 502) or applicable nonbankruptcy law. Highland expressly reserves the right in the future to assert any and all claims that it may have, including, without limitation, imposition of a constructive trust, equitable lien, security interest, subrogation, marshaling, or other legal or equitable remedies to which it may be entitled. The filing of this proof of claim is not to be construed as an election of remedies. Highland further reserves the rights (a) to amend, modify or supplement this proof of claim, including any exhibit, schedule or annex, or to file an amended proof of claim for the purpose of modifying or liquidating the amount of any interest, fees, costs and expenses accrued or incurred subsequent to the Petition Date or any contingent or unliquidated claims or rights of Highland set

- forth herein; (b) file additional proofs of claim; and (c) against third parties.
  - 5. <u>Notices</u>: All notices to Highland are to be sent to:

Highland Capital Management, L.P. Attn: David Klos 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, Texas 75201

with copies to:

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Foley Gardere Foley & Lardner, LLP c/o Holland O'Neil 2021 McKinney Avenue, Suite 1600 Dallas, TX 75201

6. <u>Payments</u>: All payments and distributions to Highland with respect to this proof

of claim are to be made as follows:

Highland Capital Management, L.P. Attn: David Klos 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, Texas 75201 Re: In re Acis Capital Management, L.P.

7. <u>Miscellaneous</u>: This proof of claim is filed under compulsion of the bar date established in this bankruptcy case solely out of an abundance of caution to protect Highland from forfeiture of its claim within this bankruptcy proceeding. The amounts set forth in this proof of claim shall not be construed as an admission by Highland as to the amounts due and owing outside of this bankruptcy proceeding. The filing of this proof of claim is <u>not</u>: (a) a waiver or release of and/or Highland's rights or remedies against any person, entity or property; (b) a consent by Highland to entry of final judgment by this Court in any core proceeding commenced in this bankruptcy case, consistent with the United States Supreme Court's holding in *Stern v. Marshall*, 131 S. Ct. 2594 (2011); (c) a waiver of the right to move to withdraw the reference or otherwise challenge the jurisdiction of this Court; (d) a waiver of the right to a jury trial; (e) an election of a remedy which waives or otherwise affects any other remedy; or (f) a waiver of the right to assert a different or enhanced classification of priority for its Claim in respect of the other claims asserted in this bankruptcy case. Case 18-3022654e 5109112239 at 6 237 Peort 3.59F4 ed F0 8/01/1/221/DescHarge bit 01of 52 age 1 of 21 EXECUTION VERSION

### THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED SUB-ADVISORY AGREEMENT

by and between

### ACIS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

and

### HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

Dated March 17, 2017

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### THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED SUB-ADVISORY AGREEMENT

This Third Amended and Restated Sub-Advisory Agreement (as amended, modified, waived, supplemented or restated from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof, this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of March 17, 2017, is entered into by and between Acis Capital Management, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, as the management company hereunder (in such capacity, the "<u>Management Company</u>"), and Highland Capital Management, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (<u>Highland</u>"), as the sub-advisor hereunder (in such capacity, the "<u>Sub-Advisor</u>" and together with the Management Company, the "<u>Parties</u>").

## $\underline{R} \, \underline{E} \, \underline{C} \, \underline{I} \, \underline{T} \, \underline{A} \, \underline{L} \, \underline{S}$

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into that certain Second Amended and Restated Sub-Advisory Agreement dated July 29, 2016 to be effective January 1, 2016 (the "Existing Agreement");

WHEREAS, the Management Company from time to time has entered and will enter into portfolio management agreements, investment management agreements and/or similar agreements (each such agreement as amended, modified, waived, supplemented or restated, subject in each case to the requirements of <u>Section 8</u>, a "<u>Management Agreement</u>") and related indentures, credit agreements, collateral administration agreements, service agreements or other agreements (each such agreement as amended, modified, waived, supplemented or restated, subject in each case to the requirements of <u>Section 8</u>, a "<u>Related Agreement</u>"), in each case as set forth on <u>Appendix A</u> hereto, as amended from time to time, pursuant to which the Management Company has agreed to provide portfolio and/or investment management services to certain funds and accounts and to certain collateralized loan obligation issuers and to borrowers in certain short-term or long-term warehouse or repurchase facilities in connection therewith (any such transaction, a "<u>Transaction</u>", any fund, account, issuer, warehouse borrower or repurchase agreement seller in respect of any such Transaction, an "<u>Account</u>", and the assets collateralizing each such Transaction and/or comprising the portfolio of such Account, a "<u>Portfolio</u>");

WHEREAS, the Management Company and the Sub-Advisor desire to enter into this Agreement in order to permit the Sub-Advisor to provide certain limited services to assist the Management Company in performing certain obligations under the Management Agreements and Related Agreements;

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to amend and restate the Existing Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, and the receipt of good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree that the Existing Agreement is hereby amended, restated and replaced in its entirety as follows.

1. <u>Appointment; Limited Scope of Services</u>.

(a) Highland is hereby appointed as Sub-Advisor to the Management Company for the purpose of assisting the Management Company in managing the Portfolios of each Account

pursuant to the related Management Agreement and Related Agreements, in each case that have been included in the scope of this Agreement pursuant to the provisions of <u>Section 8</u>, subject to the terms set forth herein and subject to the supervision of the Management Company, and Highland hereby accepts such appointment.

(b) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Sub-Advisor shall, during the term and subject to the provisions of this Agreement:

(i) make recommendations to the Management Company in its capacity as portfolio manager, investment manager or any similar capacity for any applicable Account as to the general composition and allocation of the Portfolio with respect to such Account among various types of securities, the nature and timing of the changes therein and the manner of implementing such changes, including recommendations as to the specific loans and other assets to be purchased, retained or sold by any such Account;

(ii) place orders with respect to, and arrange for, any investment by or on behalf of such Account (including executing and delivering all documents relating to such Account's investments on behalf of such Account or the Management Company, as applicable), upon receiving a proper instruction from the Management Company;

(iii) identify, evaluate, recommend to the Management Company, in its capacity as portfolio manager for such Account, and, if applicable, negotiate the structure and/or terms of investment opportunities within the specific investment strategy of the Management Company for such Account;

(iv) assist the Management Company in its capacity as portfolio manager for such Account in performing due diligence on prospective Portfolio investments by such Account;

(v) provide information to the Management Company in its capacity as portfolio manager for such Account regarding any investments to facilitate the monitoring and servicing of such investments and, if requested by the Management Company, provide information to assist in monitoring and servicing other investments by such Account

(vi) assist and advise the Management Company in its capacity as portfolio manager for such Account with respect to credit functions including, but not limited to, credit analysis and market research and analysis; and

(vii) assist the Management Company in performing any of its other obligations or duties as portfolio manager for such Account.

The foregoing responsibilities and obligations are collectively referred to herein as the "Services."

Notwithstanding the foregoing, all investment decisions will ultimately be the responsibility of, and will be made by and at the sole discretion of, the Management Company. Furthermore, the

parties acknowledge and agree that the Sub-Advisor shall be required to provide only the services expressly described in this Section 1(b), and shall have no responsibility hereunder to provide any other services to the Management Company or any Transaction, including, but not limited to, administrative, management or similar services.

(c) The Sub-Advisor agrees during the term hereof to furnish the Services on the terms and conditions set forth herein and subject to the limitations contained herein. The Sub-Advisor agrees that, in performing the Services, it will comply with all applicable obligations of the Management Company set forth in the Management Agreements and the Related Agreements. In addition, with respect to any obligation that would be part of the Services but for the fact that the relevant Management Agreement or Related Agreement does not permit such obligation to be delegated by the Management Company to the Sub-Advisor, the Sub-Advisor, upon request in writing by the Management Company, shall work in good faith with the Management Company and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to assist the Management Company in satisfying all such obligations.

## 2. <u>Compensation</u>.

(a) As compensation for its performance of its obligations as Sub-Advisor under this Agreement in respect of any Transaction, the Sub-Advisor will be entitled to receive the Sub-Advisory Fee payable thereto. The "<u>Sub-Advisory Fee</u>" shall be payable in accordance with <u>Appendix A</u> attached hereto, as such appendix may be amended by the Parties from time to time.

(b) Each party shall bear its own expenses; *provided* that the Management Company shall reimburse the Sub-Advisor for any and all costs and expenses that are properly Company Expenses or that may be borne by the Management Company under the Management Company LLC Agreement.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, if on any date the Management Company determines that it would not have sufficient funds available to it to make a payment of Indebtedness, it shall have the right to defer any and all amounts payable to the Sub-Advisor pursuant to this Agreement, including any fees and expenses; *provided* that the Management Company shall promptly pay all such amounts on the first date thereafter that sufficient amounts exist to make payment thereof.

(d) From time to time, the Management Company may enter into sub-advisory agreements with certain management companies on similar terms to this Agreement. Promptly following the receipt of any fees pursuant to such sub-advisory agreements, the Management Company shall pay 100% of such fees to the Sub-Advisor.

3. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>.

(a) Each of the Management Company and the Sub-Advisor represents and warrants, as to itself only, that:

(i) it has full power and authority to execute and deliver, and to perform its obligations under, this Agreement;

(ii) this Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by it and constitutes its valid and binding, obligation, enforceable in accordance with its terms except as the enforceability hereof may be subject to (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization moratorium, receivership, conservatorship or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect relating to creditors' rights and (ii) general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforcement is considered in a proceeding, in equity or at law);

(iii) no consent, approval, authorization or order of or declaration or filing with any government, governmental instrumentality or court or other person or entity is required for the execution of this Agreement or the performance by it of its duties hereunder, except such as have been duly made or obtained; and

(iv) neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement nor the fulfillment of the terms hereof conflicts with or results in a breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitutes a default under, (A) its constituting and organizational documents; (B) the terms of any material indenture, contract, lease, mortgage, deed of trust, note, agreement or other evidence of indebtedness or other material agreement, obligation, condition, covenant or instrument to which it is a party or by which it is bound; (C) any statute applicable to it; or (D) any law, decree, order, rule or regulation applicable to it of any court or regulatory, administrative or governmental agency, body of authority or arbitration having or asserting jurisdiction over it or its properties, which, in the case of clauses (B) through (D) above, would have a material adverse effect upon the performance of its duties hereunder.

(b) The Sub-Advisor represents and warrants to the Management Company that it is a registered investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the "<u>Advisers Act</u>").

(c) The Management Company acknowledges that it has received Part 2 of Highland Capital Management, L.P.'s Form ADV filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Sub-Advisor will provide to the Management Company an updated copy of Part 2 of its Form ADV promptly upon any amendment to such Form ADV being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

4. <u>Standard of Care; Liability; Indemnification</u>.

(a) <u>Sub-Advisor Standard of Care</u>. Subject to the terms and provisions of this Agreement, the Management Agreements and/or the Related Agreements, as applicable, the Sub-Advisor will perform its obligations hereunder and under the Management Agreements and/or the Related Agreements in good faith with reasonable care using a degree of skill and attention no less than that which the Sub-Advisor uses with respect to comparable assets that it manages for others and, without limiting the foregoing, in a manner which the Sub-Advisor reasonably believes to be consistent with the practices and procedures followed by institutional managers of national standing relating to assets of the nature and character of the Portfolios, in each case except as expressly provided otherwise under this Agreement, the Management Agreements and/or the Related Agreements. To the extent not inconsistent with the foregoing, the Sub-Advisor will follow its customary standards, policies and procedures in performing its duties hereunder, under the Management Agreements and/or under the Related Agreements.

Exculpation. To the fullest extent permitted by law, none of the Sub-(b) Advisor, any of its affiliates, and any of their respective managers, members, principals, partners, directors, officers, shareholders, employees and agents (but shall not include the Management Company, its subsidiaries or member(s) and any managers, members, principals, partners, directors, officers, shareholders, employees and agents of the Management Company or its subsidiaries or member(s) (in their capacity as such)) (each a "Covered Person") will be liable to the Management Company, any Member, any shareholder, partner or member thereof, any Account (or any other adviser, agent or representative thereof), or to any holder of notes, securities or other indebtedness issued by any Account (collectively, the "Management Company Related Parties"), for (i) any acts or omissions by such Covered Person arising out of or in connection with the provision of the Services hereunder, for any losses that may be sustained in the purchase, holding or sale of any security or debt obligation by any Account, or as a result of any activities of the Sub-Advisor, the Management Company or any other adviser to or agent of the Account or any other sub-advisor appointed by the Management Company to provide portfolio management services to any other delegatee of the Management Company or any other person or entity, unless such act or omission was made in bad faith or is determined ultimately by a court of competent jurisdiction, in a final nonappealable judgment, to be the result of gross negligence or to constitute fraud or willful misconduct (as interpreted under the laws of the State of Delaware) (each, a "Disabling Conduct") on the part of such Covered Person, (ii) any mistake, gross negligence, misconduct or bad faith of any employee, broker, administrator or other agent or representative of the Sub-Advisor, provided that such employee, broker, administrator or agent was selected, engaged or retained by or on behalf of the Sub-Advisor with reasonable care, or (iii) any consequential (including loss of profit), indirect, special or punitive damages. To the extent that, at law or in equity, any Covered Person has duties (including fiduciary duties) and liabilities relating thereto to any Management Company Related Party, no Covered Person acting under this Agreement shall be liable to such Management Company Related Party for its good-faith reliance on the provisions of this Agreement.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, no Covered Person shall have any personal liability to any Management Company Related Party solely by reason of any change in U.S. federal, state or local or foreign income tax laws, or in interpretations thereof, as they apply to any such Management Company Related Party, whether the change occurs through legislative, judicial or administrative action.

Any Covered Person in its sole and absolute discretion may consult legal counsel, accountants or other advisers selected by it, and any act or omission taken, or made in good faith by such Person on behalf of the Management Company or in furtherance of the business of the Management Company in good-faith reliance on and in accordance with the advice of such counsel, accountants or other advisers shall be full justification for the act or omission, and to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, no Covered Person shall be liable to any Management Company Related Party in so acting or omitting to act if such counsel, accountants or other advisers were selected, engaged or retained with reasonable care

Indemnification. The Management Company shall and hereby does, to the (c)fullest extent permitted by applicable law, indemnify and hold harmless any Covered Person from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, costs, expenses, damages, losses, suits, proceedings, judgments, assessments, actions and other liabilities, whether judicial, administrative, investigative or otherwise, of whatever nature, known or unknown, liquidated or unliquidated ("Claims"), that may accrue to or be incurred by any Covered Person, or in which any Covered Person may become involved, as a party or otherwise, or with which any Covered Person may be threatened, relating to or arising out of the Services, the activities of the Management Company Related Parties, or activities undertaken in connection with the Management Company Related Parties, or otherwise relating to or arising out of this Agreement, any Management Agreement and/or the Related Documents, including amounts paid in satisfaction of judgments, in compromise or as fines or penalties, and attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in connection with the preparation for or defense or disposition of any investigation, action, suit, arbitration or other proceeding (a "Proceeding"), whether civil or criminal (all of such Claims, amounts and expenses referred to therein are referred to collectively as "Damages"), except to the extent that it shall have been determined ultimately by a court of competent jurisdiction, in a final nonappealable judgment, that such Damages arose primarily from Disabling Conduct of such Covered Person. The termination of any Proceeding by settlement, judgment, order, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that any Damages relating to such settlement, judgment, order, conviction or plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent or otherwise relating to such Proceeding arose primarily from Disabling Conduct of any Covered Persons.

Expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by a Covered Person in defense or settlement of any Claim that may be subject to a right of indemnification hereunder may be advanced by the Management Company prior to the final disposition thereof upon receipt of a written undertaking by or on behalf of the Covered Person to repay the amount advanced to the extent that it shall be determined ultimately by a court of competent jurisdiction that the Covered Person is not entitled to be indemnified hereunder. The right of any Covered Persons to the indemnification provided herein shall be cumulative of, and in addition to, any and all rights to which the Covered Person may otherwise be entitled by contract or as a matter of law or equity and shall be extended to the Covered Person's successors, assigns and legal representatives. Any judgments against the Management Company and/or any Covered Persons in respect of which such Covered Person is entitled to indemnification shall first be satisfied from the assets of the Management Company, including Drawdowns, before such Covered Person is responsible therefor.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the provisions of this <u>Section 4(c)</u> shall not be construed so as to provide for the indemnification of any Covered Person for any liability (including liability under Federal securities laws which, under certain circumstances, impose liability even on persons that act in good faith), to the extent (but only to the extent) that such indemnification would be in violation of applicable law, but shall be construed so as to effectuate the provisions of this <u>Section 4(c)</u> to the fullest extent permitted by law

(d) <u>Other Sources of Recovery etc.</u> The indemnification rights set forth in <u>Section 4(c)</u> are in addition to, and shall not exclude, limit or otherwise adversely affect, any other indemnification or similar rights to which any Covered Person may be entitled. If and to the extent that other sources of recovery (including proceeds of any applicable policies of insurance or

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indemnification from any Person in which any of the Transactions has an investment) are available to any Covered Person, such Covered Person shall use reasonable efforts to obtain recovery from such other sources before the Company shall be required to make any payment in respect of its indemnification obligations hereunder; *provided* that, if such other recovery is not available without delay, the Covered Person shall be entitled to such payment by the Management Company and the Management Company shall be entitled to reimbursement out of such other recovery when and if obtained

(e) <u>Rights of Heirs, Successors and Assigns</u>. The indemnification rights provided by <u>Section 4(c)</u> shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of each Covered Person

(f) <u>Reliance</u>. A Covered Person shall incur no liability to any Management Company Related Party in acting upon any signature or writing reasonably believed by him, her or it to be genuine, and may rely in good faith on a certificate signed by an officer of any Person in order to ascertain any fact with respect to such Person or within such Person's knowledge. Each Covered Person may act directly or through his, her or its agents or attorneys.

(g) <u>Rights Under Management Agreements and Related Agreements</u>. The Management Company will ensure that the Sub-Advisor is provided substantially similar indemnification and exculpation rights as are afforded to the Management Company in its role as portfolio manager under any future Management Agreement or Related Agreement encompassed within the Services hereunder, and it is expressly acknowledged by the Parties that the Sub-Advisor may not consent to including a Management Agreement and the related Transaction and Related Agreements within the scope of this Agreement pursuant to <u>Section 8</u> if such indemnification and exculpation rights are not reasonably acceptable to it.

## 5. <u>Limitations on Employment of the Sub-Advisor; Conflicts of Interest</u>.

(a) The services of the Sub-Advisor to the Management Company are not exclusive, and the Sub-Advisor may engage in any other business or render similar or different services to others including, without limitation, the direct or indirect sponsorship or management of other Transactions, investment-based accounts or commingled pools of capital, however structured, having investment objectives similar to those of the Management Company or the Accounts. Moreover, nothing in this Agreement shall limit or restrict the right of any manager, partner, officer or employee of the Sub-Advisor to engage in any other business or to devote his or her time and attention in part to any other business, whether of a similar or dissimilar nature to the Management Company or any Account, or to receive any fees or compensation in connection therewith.

(b) So long as this Agreement or any extension, renewal or amendment of this Agreement remains in effect, the Sub-Advisor shall be the only portfolio management sub-advisor for the Management Company. The Sub-Advisor assumes no responsibility under this Agreement other than to render the services called for hereunder. It is understood that directors, officers, employees, members and managers of the Management Company are or may become interested in the Sub-Advisor and its Affiliates as directors, officers, employees, partners, stockholders, members, managers or otherwise, and that the Sub-Advisor and directors, officers, employees,

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partners, stockholders, members and managers of the Sub-Advisor and its Affiliates are or may become similarly interested in the Management Company as members or otherwise.

(c) The Management Company acknowledges that various potential and actual conflicts of interest may exist with respect to the Sub-Advisor as described in the Sub-Advisor's Form ADV Part 2A and as described in <u>Appendix B</u> hereto, and the Management Company expressly acknowledges and agrees to the provisions contained in such <u>Appendix B</u>, as amended from time to time with mutual consent of the Parties.

### 6. <u>Termination; Survival</u>.

(a) This Agreement may be terminated, in its entirety or with respect to any Management Agreement, at any time without payment of penalty, by the Management Company upon 30 days' prior written notice to the Sub-Advisor.

(b) This Agreement shall terminate automatically with respect to any Management Agreement on the date on which (i) such Management Agreement has been terminated (and, if required thereunder, a successor portfolio manager has been appointed and accepted) or discharged; or (ii) the Management Company is no longer acting as portfolio manager, investment manager or in a similar capacity (whether due to removal, resignation or assignment) under such Management Agreement and the Related Agreements. Upon the termination of this Agreement with respect to any Management Agreement the Management Company shall provide prompt notice thereof to the Sub-Advisor, and <u>Appendix A</u> hereto shall be deemed to be amended by deleting such Management Agreement and the Related Agreements related thereto.

(c) All accrued and unpaid financial and indemnification obligations with respect to any conduct or events occurring prior to the effective date of the termination of this Agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

7. <u>Cooperation with Management Company</u>. The Sub-Advisor shall reasonably cooperate with the Management Company in connection with the Management Company's compliance with its policies and procedures relating to oversight of the Sub-Advisor. Specifically, the Sub-Advisor agrees that it will provide the Management Company with reasonable access to information relating to the performance of Sub-Advisor's obligations under this Agreement.

8. <u>Management Agreements and Related Agreements</u>. The Sub-Advisor's duty to provide Services in connection with any Management Agreement shall not commence until (a) Appendix A to this Agreement has been amended by mutual agreement of the Parties to include such Management Agreement and the related Account, fund and/or account and Related Agreements and (b) the Sub-Advisor acknowledges receipt of such Management Agreement and each Related Agreement. The Sub-Advisor shall not be bound to comply with any amendment, modification, supplement or waiver to any Management Agreement or any Related Agreement until it has received a copy thereof from the Management Company. No amendment, modification, supplement or waiver to any Management Agreement or Related Agreement that, when applied to the obligations and rights of the Management Company under such Management Agreement or Related Agreement, affects (i) the obligations or rights of the Sub-Advisor hereunder; (ii) the amount of priority of any fees or other amounts payable to the Sub-Advisor hereunder; or (iii) any

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definitions relating to the matters covered in clause (i) or (ii) above, will apply to the Sub-Advisor under this Agreement unless in each such case the Sub-Advisor has consented thereto in writing (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed unless the Sub-Advisor determines in its reasonable judgment that such amendment, modification, supplement or waiver could have a material adverse effect on the Sub-Advisor).

### 9. <u>Amendments; Assignments</u>.

(a) Neither Party may assign, pledge, grant or otherwise encumber or transfer all or any part of its rights or responsibilities under this Agreement, in whole or in part, except (i) as provided in <u>clauses (b)</u> and (c) of this <u>Section 9</u>, without the prior written consent of the other Party and (ii) in accordance with the Advisers Act and other applicable law.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this <u>Section 9</u>, the Sub-Advisor may not assign its rights or responsibilities under this Agreement unless (i) the Management Company consents in writing thereto and (ii) such assignment is made in accordance with the Advisers Act and other applicable law.

(c) The Sub-Advisor may, without satisfying any of the conditions of Section 9(a) other than clause (ii) thereof (so long as such assignment does not constitute an assignment within the meaning of Section 202(a)(1) of the Advisers Act), (1) assign any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement to an affiliate; provided that such affiliate (i) has demonstrated ability, whether as an entity or by its principals and employees, to professionally and competently perform duties similar to those imposed upon the Sub-Advisor pursuant to this Agreement and (ii) has the legal right and capacity to act as Sub-Advisor under this Agreement, or (2) enter into (or have its parent enter into) any consolidation or amalgamation with, or merger with or into, or transfer of all or substantially all of its assets to, another entity; *provided* that, at the time of such consolidation, merger, amalgamation or transfer the resulting, surviving or transferee entity assumes all the obligations of the Sub-Advisor under this Agreement generally (whether by operation of law or by contract) and the other entity is a continuation of the Sub-Advisor in another corporate or similar form and has substantially the same staff; provided, further, that the Sub-Advisor shall deliver ten (10) Business Days' prior notice to the Management Company of any assignment or combination made pursuant to this sentence. Upon the execution and delivery of any such assignment by the assignee, the Sub-Advisor will be released from further obligations pursuant to this Agreement except to the extent expressly provided herein.

10. <u>Advisory Restrictions</u>. This Agreement is not intended to and shall not constitute an assignment, pledge or transfer of any Management Agreement or any part thereof. It is the express intention of the parties hereto that (i) the Services are limited in scope; and (ii) this Agreement complies in all respects with all applicable (A) contractual provisions and restrictions contained in each Management Agreement and each Related Agreement and (B) laws, rules and regulations (collectively, the "<u>Advisory Restrictions</u>"). If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be in violation of any Advisory Restriction, then the Services to be provided under this Agreement shall automatically without action by any person or entity be limited, reduced or modified to the extent necessary and appropriate to be enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by such Advisory Restriction.

### 11. <u>Records; Confidentiality</u>.

(a) The Sub-Advisor shall maintain or cause to be maintained appropriate books of account and records relating to its services performed hereunder, and such books of account and records shall be accessible for inspection by representatives of the Management Company and its accountants and other agents at any time during normal business hours and upon not less than three (3) Business Days' prior notice; provided, that the Sub-Advisor shall not be obligated to provide access to any non-public information if it in good faith determines that the disclosure of such information would violate any applicable law, regulation or contractual arrangement.

The Sub-Advisor shall follow its customary procedures to keep confidential (b) any and all information obtained in connection with the services rendered hereunder that is either (a) of a type that would ordinarily be considered proprietary or confidential, such as information concerning the composition of assets, rates of return, credit quality, structure or ownership of securities, or (b) designated as confidential obtained in connection with the services rendered by the Sub-Advisor hereunder and shall not disclose any such information to non-affiliated third parties except (i) with the prior written consent of the Management Company, (ii) such information as a rating agency shall reasonably request in connection with its rating of notes issued in connection with a Transaction or supplying credit estimates on any obligation included in the Portfolios, (iii) in connection with establishing trading or investment accounts or otherwise in connection with effecting transactions on behalf of the Management Company or any Account for which the Management Company serves as portfolio manager, (iv) as required by (A) applicable law or (B) the rules or regulations of any self-regulating organization, body or official having jurisdiction over the Sub-Advisor or any of its affiliates, (v) to its professional advisors (including, without limitation, legal, tax and accounting advisors), (vi) such information as shall have been publicly disclosed other than in known violation of this Agreement or shall have been obtained by the Sub-Advisor on a non-confidential basis, (vii) such information as is necessary or appropriate to disclose so that the Sub-Advisor may perform its duties hereunder, (viii) as expressly permitted in the final offering memorandum or any definitive transaction documents relating to any Transaction, or (ix) information relating to performance of the Portfolios as may be used by the Sub-Advisor in the ordinary course of its business. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is agreed that the Sub-Advisor may disclose without the consent of any Person (1) that it is serving as Sub-Advisor to the Management Company and each Account, (2) the nature, aggregate principal amount and overall performance of the Portfolios, (3) the amount of earnings on the Portfolios, (4) such other information about the Management Company, the Portfolios and the Transactions as is customarily disclosed by Sub-Advisors to management vehicles similar to the Management Company, and (5) the United States federal income tax treatment and United States federal income tax structure of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the related documents and all materials of any kind (including opinions and other tax analyses) that are provided to them relating to such United States federal income tax treatment and United States income tax structure. This authorization to disclose the U.S. tax treatment and tax structure does not permit disclosure of information identifying the Sub-Advisor, the Management Company, the Accounts or any other party to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (except to the extent such information is relevant to U.S. tax structure or tax treatment of such transactions).

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12. <u>Notice</u>. Any notice or demand to any party to this Agreement to be given, made or served for any purposes under this Agreement shall be given, made or served by sending the same by overnight mail, facsimile or email transmission or by delivering it by hand as follows (or to such other address, email address or facsimile number as shall have been notified to the other parties hereto):

(a) If to the Management Company:

Acis Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201

(b) If to the Sub-Advisor:

Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201

13. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Texas. The parties unconditionally and irrevocably consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts located in the State of Texas and waive any objection with respect thereto, for the purpose of any action, suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

14. <u>WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL</u>. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY AND INTENTIONALLY WAIVES ANY RIGHTS IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY WITH RESPECT TO ANY LITIGATION BASED HEREON, OR ARISING OUT OF, UNDER, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THIS AGREEMENT. EACH PARTY HERETO ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT IT HAS RECEIVED FULL AND SUFFICIENT CONSIDERATION FOR THIS PROVISION AND THAT THIS PROVISION IS A MATERIAL INDUCEMENT FOR ITS ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT.

15. <u>Severability</u>. The provisions of this Agreement are independent of and severable from each other, and no provision shall be affected or rendered invalid or unenforceable by virtue of the fact that for any reason any other or others of them may be invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the parties.

16. <u>No Waiver</u>. The performance of any condition or obligation imposed upon any party hereunder may be waived only upon the written consent of the parties hereto. Such waiver shall be limited to the terms thereof and shall not constitute a waiver of any other condition or obligation of the other party under this Agreement. Any failure by any party to this Agreement to enforce any provision shall not constitute a waiver of that or any other provision or this Agreement.

17. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts by facsimile or other written form of communication, each of which shall be deemed to be an original as against any party whose signature appears thereon, and all of which shall together constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement shall become binding when one or more counterparts hereof, individually or taken together, shall bear the signatures of all of the parties reflected hereon as the signatories.

18. <u>Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. Nothing in this Agreement will be construed to give any person or entity other than the parties to this Agreement, the Accounts and any person or entity with indemnification rights hereunder any legal or equitable right, remedy, or claim under or with respect to this Agreement or any provision of this Agreement. Except as provided in the foregoing sentence, this Agreement and all of its provisions and conditions are for the sole and exclusive benefit of the parties to this Agreement and their successors and assigns.

19. <u>No Partnership or Joint Venture</u>. Nothing set forth in this Agreement shall constitute, or be construed to create, an employment relationship, a partnership or a joint venture between the parties. Except as expressly provided herein or in any other written agreement between the parties, no party has any authority, express or implied, to bind or to incur liabilities on behalf of, or in the name of, any other party.

20. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement, together with each Management Agreement and Related Agreement, constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and undertakings, both written and oral, between the parties with respect to such subject matter.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

> HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., as the Sub-Advisor

By: Strand Advisors, Inc., its General Partner

By:

Name: James Dondero Title: President

## ACIS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., as the Management Company

By: Acis Capital Management GP, LLC, its General Partner

By:

Name: James Dondero Title: President

#### Appendix A

The Management Company shall pay to the Sub-Advisor a Sub-Advisory Fee for the Services for the Accounts in an amount equal to the aggregate management fees that would be received by the Management Company for such Accounts if such management fees were calculated in exact conformity with the calculation of management fees for such Accounts, except that the management fee rates applied in such calculation were replaced by the fee rate set forth in the following table. Such fees shall be payable promptly (or at such time as is otherwise agreed by the parties) following the Management Company's receipt of management fees for such Accounts, it being understood that none of the foregoing shall prohibit the Management Company from waiving or entering into side letters with respect to management fees for such Accounts; provided that any such waived or reduced amounts shall not be recognized for purposes of calculating the fees payable by the Management Company hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties may agree to a different allocation from that set forth during any period in order to reflect the then current fair market value of the Services rendered.

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Issuer / Borrower / Fund / Account	Management Agreement	Related Agreements	Date of Management Agreement	Annualized Sub-Advisory Fee Rate (bps)
Hewett's Island CLO I-R, Ltd.	Management Agreement	Indenture	November 20, 2007	20
Acis CLO 2013-1 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture	March 18, 2013	20
Acis CLO 2013-2 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture	October 3, 2013	20
Acis CLO 2014-3 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture Collateral Administration Agreement	February 25, 2014	20
Acis CLO 2014-4 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture Collateral Administration Agreement	June 5, 2014	20
Acis CLO 2014-5 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture Collateral Administration Agreement	November 18, 2014	20
Acis CLO 2015-6 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture Collateral Administration Agreement	April 16, 2015	20
BayVK R2 Lux S.A., SICAV-FIS	Agreement for the Outsourcing of the Asset Management	Service Level Agreement	February 27, 2015	20
Acis Loan Funding, Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement		August 10, 2015	0

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### **APPENDIX B**

### Purchase and Sale Transactions; Brokerage

The Management Company acknowledges and agrees that the Sub-Advisor or any of its affiliates may acquire or sell obligations or securities, for its own account or for the accounts of its customers, without either requiring or precluding the acquisition or sale of such obligations or securities for the account of any Account. Such investments may be the same or different from those made by or on behalf of the Management Company or the Accounts.

### Additional Activities of the Sub-Advisor

Nothing herein shall prevent the Sub-Advisor or any of its clients, its partners, its members, funds or other investment accounts managed by it or any of its affiliates, or their employees and their affiliates (collectively, the "<u>Related Entities</u>"), from engaging in other businesses, or from rendering services of any kind to the Management Company, its affiliates, any Account or any other Person or entity regardless of whether such business is in competition with the Management Company, its affiliates, such Account or otherwise. Without limiting the generality of the Sub-Advisor and its Related Entities may:

(a) serve as managers or directors (whether supervisory or managing), officers, employees, partners, agents, nominees or signatories for the Management Company or any affiliate thereof, or for any obligor or issuer in respect of any of the Portfolio Assets or any affiliate thereof, to the extent permitted by their respective organizational documents and underlying instruments, as from time to time amended, or by any resolutions duly adopted by the Management Company, any Account, their respective affiliates or any obligor or issuer in respect of any of the Portfolio Assets (or any affiliate thereof) pursuant to their respective organizational documents;

(b) receive fees for services of whatever nature rendered to the obligor or issuer in respect of any of the Portfolio Assets or any affiliate thereof;

(c) be retained to provide services unrelated to this Agreement to the Management Company, any Account or their respective affiliates and be paid therefor, on an arm's-length basis;

(d) be a secured or unsecured creditor of, or hold a debt obligation of or equity interest in, the Management Company, any Account or any affiliate thereof or any obligor or issuer of any Portfolio Asset or any affiliate thereof;

(e) sell any Portfolio Asset to, or purchase or acquire any Portfolio Asset from, any Account while acting in the capacity of principal or agent; *provided, however*, that any such sale or purchase effected by the Sub-Advisor shall be subject to applicable law and any applicable provisions of this Agreement, the related Management Agreement and Related Agreements, as applicable;

(f) underwrite, arrange, structure, originate, syndicate, act as a distributor of or make a market in any Portfolio Asset;

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(g) serve as a member of any "creditors' board", "creditors' committee" or similar creditor group with respect to any Portfolio Asset; or

(h) act as portfolio manager, portfolio manager, investment manager and/or investment adviser or sub-advisor in collateralized bond obligation vehicles, collateralized loan obligation vehicles and other similar warehousing, financing or other investment vehicles.

As a result, such individuals may possess information relating to obligors and issuers of Portfolio Assets that is (a) not known to or (b) known but restricted as to its use by the individuals at the Sub-Advisor responsible for monitoring the Portfolio Assets and performing the Services under this Agreement. Each of such ownership and other relationships may result in securities laws restrictions on transactions in such securities by the Management Company and/or any Account and otherwise create conflicts of interest for the Management Company and/or any Account. The Management Company acknowledges and agrees that, in all such instances, the Sub-Advisor and its affiliates may in their discretion make investment recommendations and decisions that may be the same as or different from those made by the Management Company with respect to the investments of any Account and they have no duty, in making or managing such investments, to act in a way that is favorable to any Account.

The Management Company acknowledges that there are generally no ethical screens or information barriers between the Sub-Advisor and certain of its affiliates of the type that many firms implement to separate Persons who make investment decisions from others who might possess applicable material, non-public information that could influence such decisions. The officers or affiliates of the Sub-Advisor may possess information relating to obligors or issuers of Portfolio Assets that is not known to the individuals at the Sub-Advisor may from time to time come into possession of material nonpublic information that limits the ability of the Sub-Advisor to effect a transaction for the Management Company and/or any Account, and the Management Company and/or such Account's investments may be constrained as a consequence of the Sub-Advisor's inability to use such information for advisory purposes or otherwise to effect transactions that otherwise may have been initiated on behalf of its clients, including the Management Company and/or such Account.

Unless the Sub-Advisor determines in its sole discretion that such Transaction complies with the conflicts of interest provisions set forth in the applicable Management Agreement and Related Agreements, he Sub-Advisor will not direct any Account to acquire or sell loans or securities entered into or issued by (i) Persons of which the Sub-Advisor, any of its affiliates or any of its officers, directors or employees are directors or officers, (ii) Persons of which the Sub-Advisor or any of its respective affiliates act as principal or (iii) Persons about which the Sub-Advisor or any of its affiliates have material non-public information which the Sub-Advisor deems would prohibit it from advising as to the trading of such securities in accordance with applicable law.

It is understood that the Sub-Advisor and any of its affiliates may engage in any other business and furnish investment management and advisory services to others, including Persons which may have investment policies similar to those followed by the Management Company with respect to the Portfolio Assets and which may own securities or obligations of the same class, or which are of the same type, as the Portfolio Assets or other securities or obligations of the obligors or issuers of the Portfolio Assets. The Sub-Advisor and its affiliates will be free, in their sole discretion, to make recommendations to others, or effect transactions on behalf of themselves or for others, which may be the same as or different from those effected with respect to the Collateral. Nothing in this Agreement, in the Management Agreements or in the Related Agreements shall prevent the Sub-Advisor or any of its affiliates, acting either as principal or agent on behalf of others, from buying or selling, or from recommending to or directing any other account to buy or sell, at any time, securities or obligations of the same kind or class, or securities or obligations of a different kind or class of the same obligor or issuer, as those directed by the Sub-Advisor to be purchased or sold on behalf of an Account. It is understood that, to the extent permitted by applicable law, the Sub-Advisor, its Related Entities, or any of their owners, directors, managers, officers, stockholders, members, partners, partnership committee members, employees, agents or affiliates or the other Covered Persons or any member of their families or a Person or entity advised by the Sub-Advisor may have an interest in a particular transaction or in securities or obligations of the same kind or class, or securities or obligations of a different kind or class of the same issuer, as those that may be owned or acquired by an Account. The Management Company agrees that, in the course of providing the Services, the Sub-Advisor may consider its relationships with other clients (including obligors and issuers) and its affiliates.

The Management Company agrees that neither the Sub-Advisor nor any of its affiliates is under any obligation to offer any investment opportunity of which they become aware to the Management Company or any Account or to account to the Management Company or any Account for (or share with the Management Company or any Account or inform the Management Company or any Account of) any such transaction or any benefit received by them from any such transaction. The Management Company understands that the Sub-Advisor and/or its affiliates may have, for their own accounts or for the accounts of others, portfolios with substantially the same portfolio criteria as are applicable to the Accounts. Furthermore, the Sub-Advisor and/or its affiliates may make an investment on behalf of any client or on their own behalf without offering the investment opportunity or making any investment on behalf of the Management Company or any Account and, accordingly, investment opportunities may not be allocated among all such clients. The Management Company acknowledges that affirmative obligations may arise in the future, whereby the Sub-Advisor and/or its affiliates are obligated to offer certain investments to clients before or without the Sub-Advisor offering those investments to the Management Company or any Account.

The Management Company acknowledges that the Sub-Advisor and its affiliates may make and/or hold investments in an obligor's or issuer's obligations or securities that may be *pari passu*, senior or junior in ranking to an investment in such obligor's or issuer's obligations or securities made and/or held by the Management Company or any Account, or in which partners, security holders, members, officers, directors, agents or employees of the Sub-Advisor and its affiliates serve on boards of directors, or otherwise have ongoing relationships or otherwise have interests different from or adverse to those of the Management Company and the Accounts.

### **Defined** Terms

For purposes of this <u>Appendix B</u>, the following defined terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

"Portfolio" shall mean, with respect to any Account and/or Transaction, the assets held by or in the name of the Account or any subsidiary of the Account in respect of such Transaction,

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whether or not for the benefit of the related secured parties, securing the obligations of such Account.

"<u>Portfolio Asset</u>" shall mean any loan, eligible investment or other asset contained in the Portfolio.

"<u>Transaction</u>" shall mean any action taken by the Sub-Advisor on behalf of any Account with respect to the Portfolio, including, without limitation, (i) selecting the Portfolio Assets to be acquired by the Account, (ii) investing and reinvesting the Portfolio, (iii) amending, waiving and/or taking any other action commensurate with managing the Portfolio and (iv) instructing the Account with respect to any acquisition, disposition or tender of a Portfolio Asset or other assets received in respect thereof in the open market or otherwise by the Account.

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### FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT

by and between

### ACIS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

and

### HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

Dated March 17, 2017

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### FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Fourth Amended and Restated Shared Services Agreement (as amended, modified, waived, supplemented or restated from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof, this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of March 17, 2017, is entered into by and between Acis Capital Management, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, as the management company hereunder (in such capacity, the "<u>Management Company</u>"), and Highland Capital Management, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership as the staff and services provider hereunder (in such capacity, the "<u>Staff and Services Provider</u>" and together with the Management Company, the "<u>Parties</u>").

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WHEREAS, the Parties entered into that certain Third Amended and Restated Shared Services Agreement dated effective January 1, 2016 (the "Existing Agreement");

WHEREAS, the Staff and Services Provider is a registered investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the "<u>Advisers Act</u>");

WHEREAS, the Staff and Services Provider and the Management Company are engaged in the business of providing investment management services;

WHEREAS, the Staff and Services Provider is hereby being retained to provide certain back- and middle-office services and administrative, infrastructure and other services to assist the Management Company in conducting its business, and the Staff and Services Provider is willing to make such services available to the Management Company on the terms and conditions hereof;

WHEREAS, the Management Company may employ certain individuals to perform portfolio selection and asset management functions for the Management Company, and certain of these individuals may also be employed simultaneously by the Staff and Services Provider during their employment with the Management Company;

WHEREAS, each Person employed by both the Management Company and the Staff and Services Provider as described above (each, a "<u>Shared Employee</u>") is and shall be identified on the books and records of each of the Management Company and the Staff and Services Provider (as amended, modified, supplemented or restated from time to time); and

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to amend and restate the Existing Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree that the Existing Agreement is hereby amended, restated and replaced in its entirety as follows.

### **ARTICLE I**

### DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01 <u>Certain Defined Terms</u>. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"<u>Advisers Act</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals to this Agreement.

"<u>Advisory Restriction</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in <u>Section 5.01(b)</u>.

"<u>Affiliate</u>" shall mean with respect to a Person, any other Person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the first Person. The term "control" means (i) the legal or beneficial ownership of securities representing a majority of the voting power of any person or (ii) the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a person, whether by contract or otherwise.

"<u>Agreement</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in the Preamble to this Agreement.

"<u>Applicable Asset Criteria and Concentrations</u>" means any applicable eligibility criteria, portfolio concentration limits and other similar criteria or limits which the Management Company instructs in writing to the Staff and Services Provider in respect of the Portfolio or one or more CLOs or Accounts, as such criteria or limits may be modified, amended or supplemented from time to time in writing by the Management Company;

"<u>Applicable Law</u>" shall mean, with respect to any Person or property of such Person, any action, code, consent decree, constitution, decree, directive, enactment, finding, guideline, law, injunction, interpretation, judgment, order, ordinance, policy statement, proclamation, formal guidance, promulgation, regulation, requirement, rule, rule of law, rule of public policy, settlement agreement, statute, writ, or any particular section, part or provision thereof, including the Risk Retention Rules, of any Governmental Authority to which the Person in question is subject or by which it or any of its property is bound.

"<u>CLO or Account</u>" shall mean a collateralized loan obligation transaction, including any type of short-term or long-term warehouse or repurchase facility in connection therewith, or a fund or account advised by the Management Company, as applicable.

"<u>Covered Person</u>" shall mean the Staff and Services Provider, any of its Affiliates, and any of their respective managers, members, principals, partners, directors, officers, shareholders, employees and agents (but shall not include the Management Company, its subsidiaries or member(s) and any managers, members, principals, partners, directors, officers, shareholders, employees and agents of the Management Company or its subsidiaries or member(s) (in their capacity as such)).

"<u>Governmental Authority</u>" shall mean (i) any government or quasi-governmental authority or political subdivision thereof, whether national, state, county, municipal or regional, whether U.S. or non-U.S.; (ii) any agency, regulator, arbitrator, board, body, branch, bureau, commission,

corporation, department, master, mediator, panel, referee, system or instrumentality of any such government, political subdivision or other government or quasi-government entity, whether non-U.S. or U.S.; and (iii) any court, whether U.S. or non-U.S.

"<u>Highland</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"Indebtedness" shall mean: (a) all indebtedness for borrowed money and all other obligations, contingent or otherwise, with respect to surety bonds, guarantees of borrowed money, letters of credit and bankers' acceptances whether or not matured, and hedges and other derivative contracts and financial instruments; (b) all obligations evidenced by notes, bonds, debentures, or similar instruments, or incurred under bank guaranty or letter of credit facilities or credit agreements; (c) all indebtedness created or arising under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement with respect to any property of the Management Company or any subsidiary; (d) with respect to the Management Company, all indebtedness relating to the acquisition by the EU Originator Series of a collateral obligation that failed to settle (including any ineligible or defaulted collateral obligation) into a CLO; (e) all capital lease obligations; (f) all indebtedness guaranteed by such Person or any of its subsidiaries; (g) all capital lease obligations; (h) all indebtedness guaranteed by such Person or any of its subsidiaries.

"Management Company" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"<u>Operating Guidelines</u>" means any operating guidelines attached to any portfolio management agreement, investment management agreement or similar agreement entered into between the Management Company and a CLO or Account.

"<u>Parties</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in the <u>preamble</u> to this Agreement.

"<u>Portfolio</u>" means the Management Company's portfolio of collateral loan obligations, debt securities (including equity investments or subordinated securities in a CLO such as a Retention Interest), other similar obligations, preferred return notes, financial instruments, securities or other assets held directly or indirectly by, or on behalf of, the Management Company from time to time;

"Securities Act" shall mean the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"Staff and Services Fee" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.01 of this Agreement.

"Staff and Services Provider" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"Shared Employee" shall have the meaning set forth in the <u>Recitals</u> to this Agreement.

Section 1.02 <u>Interpretation</u>. The following rules apply to the use of defined terms and the interpretation of this Agreement: (i) the singular includes the plural and the plural includes the singular; (ii) "or" is not exclusive (unless preceded by "either") and "include" and "including" are

not limiting; (iii) unless the context otherwise requires, references to agreements shall be deemed to mean and include such agreements as the same may be amended, supplemented, waived and otherwise modified from time to time; (iv) a reference to a law includes any amendment or modification to such law and any rules or regulations issued thereunder or any law enacted in substitution or replacement therefor; (v) a reference to a Person includes its successors and assigns; (vi) a reference to a Section without further reference is to the relevant Section of this Agreement; (vii) the headings of the Sections and subsections are for convenience and shall not affect the meaning of this Agreement; (viii) "writing", "written" and comparable terms refer to printing, typing, lithography and other shall mean of reproducing words in a visible form (including telefacsimile and electronic mail); (ix) "hereof", "herein", "hereunder" and comparable terms refer to the entire instrument in which such terms are used and not to any particular article, section or other subdivision thereof or attachment thereto; and (x) references to any gender include any other gender, masculine, feminine or neuter, as the context requires.

### **ARTICLE II**

### SERVICES

Section 2.01 <u>General Authority</u>. Highland is hereby appointed as Staff and Services Provider for the purpose of providing such services and assistance as the Management Company may request from time to time to, and to make available the Shared Employees to, the Management Company in accordance with and subject to the provisions of this Agreement and the Staff and Services Provider hereby accepts such appointment. The Staff and Services Provider hereby agrees to such engagement during the term hereof and to render the services described herein for the compensation provided herein, subject to the limitations contained herein.

Section 2.02 <u>Provision of Services</u>. Without limiting the generality of Section 2.1 and subject to Section 2.4 (Applicable Asset Criteria and Concentrations) below, the Staff and Services Provider hereby agrees, from the date hereof, to provide the following back- and middle-office services and administrative, infrastructure and other services to the Management Company.

(a) *Back- and Middle-Office*: Assistance and advice with respect to back- and middle-office functions including, but not limited to, accounting, payments, operations, technology and finance;

(b) *Legal/Compliance/Risk Analysis*. Assistance and advice with respect to legal issues, compliance support and implementation and general risk analysis;

(c) *Management of Collateral Obligations and CLOs and Accounts.* Assistance and advice with respect to (i) the adherence to Operating Guidelines by the Management Company, and (ii) performing any obligations of the Management Company under or in connection with any back- and middle-office function set forth in any portfolio management agreement, investment management agreement or similar agreement in effect between the Management Company and any CLO or Account from time to time.

(d) *Valuation*. Advice relating to the appointment of suitable third parties to provide valuations on assets comprising the Portfolio and including, but not limited to, such

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valuations required to facilitate the preparation of financial statements by the Management Company or the provision of valuations in connection with, or preparation of reports otherwise relating to, a CLO or Account for which the Management Company serves as portfolio manager or investment manager or in a similar capacity;

(e) *Execution and Documentation*. Assistance relating to the negotiation of the terms of, and the execution and delivery by the Management Company of, any and all documents which the Management Company considers to be necessary in connection with the acquisition and disposition of an asset in the Portfolio by the Management Company or a CLO or Account managed by the Management Company, CLO transactions involving the Management Company, and any other rights and obligations of the Management Company;

(f) *Marketing*. Provide access to marketing team representatives to assist with the marketing of the Management Company and any specified CLOs or Accounts managed by the Management Company conditional on the Management Company's agreement that any incentive compensation related to such marketing shall be borne by the Management Company;

(g) *Reporting.* Assistance relating to any reporting the Management Company is required to make in relation to the Portfolio or any CLO or Account, including reports relating to (i) purchases, sales, liquidations, acquisitions, disposals, substitutions and exchanges of assets in the Portfolio, (ii) the requirements of an applicable regulator, or (iii) other type of reporting which the Management Company and Staff and Services Provider may agree from time to time;

(h) *Administrative Services*. The provision of office space, information technology services and equipment, infrastructure and other related services requested or utilized by the Management Company from time to time;

(i) *Shared Employees*. The provision of Shared Employees and such additional human capital as may be mutually agreed by the Management Company and the Staff and Services Provider in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 2.03</u> hereof;

(j) Ancillary Services. Assistance and advice on all things ancillary or incidental to the foregoing; and

(k) *Other*. Assistance and advice relating to such other back- and middle-office services in connection with the day-to-day business of the Management Company as the Management Company and the Staff and Services Provider may from time to time agree.

For the avoidance of doubt, none of the services contemplated hereunder shall constitute investment advisory services, and the Staff & Services Provider shall not provide any advice to the Management Company or perform any duties on behalf of the Management Company, other than the back- and middle-office services contemplated herein, with respect to (a) the general management of the Management Company, its business or activities, (b) the initiation or structuring of any CLO or Account or similar securitization, (c) the substantive investment management decisions with respect to any CLO or Account or any related collateral obligations or securitization, (d) the actual selection of any collateral obligation or assets by the Management Company, (e) binding recommendations as to any disposal of or amendment to any Collateral Obligation or (f) any similar functions.

Section 2.03 Shared Employees.

The Staff and Services Provider hereby agrees and consents that each (a) Shared Employee shall be employed by the Management Company, and the Management Company hereby agrees and consents that each Shared Employee shall be employed by the Staff and Services Provider. The name, location and such other matters as the Parties desire to reflect with respect to each Shared Employee shall be identified on the books and records of each of the Management Company and the Staff and Services Provider, which may be amended in writing from time to time by the Parties to add or remove any Shared Employee to reflect the employment (or lack thereof) of such employee. Except as may otherwise separately be agreed in writing between the applicable Shared Employee and the Management Company and/or the Staff and Services Provider, in each of their discretion, each Shared Employee is an at-will employee and no guaranteed employment or other employment arrangement is agreed or implied by this Agreement with respect to any Shared Employee, and for avoidance of doubt this Agreement shall not amend, limit, constrain or modify in any way the employment arrangements as between any Shared Employee and the Staff and Services Provider or as between any Shared Employee and the Management Company, it being understood that the Management Company may enter into a shortform employment agreement with any Shared Employee memorializing such Shared Employee's status as an employee of the Management Company. If at any time any Shared Employee (or any other person employed by the Staff and Services provider who also provides services to the Management Company) shall be terminated from employment with the Staff and Services Provider or otherwise resigns or is removed from employment with the Staff and Services Provider, then such person may only serve as a separate direct employee of the Management Company upon the approval of the Management Company. The Staff and Services Provider shall ensure that the Management Company has sufficient access to the Shared Employees so that the Shared Employees spend adequate time to provide the services required hereunder. The Staff and Services Provider may also employ the services of persons other than the Specified Persons as it deems fit in its sole discretion

(b) Notwithstanding that the Shared Employees shall be employed by both the Staff and Services Provider and the Management Company, the Parties acknowledge and agree that any and all salary and benefits of each Shared Employee shall be paid exclusively by the Staff and Services Provider and shall not be paid or borne by the Management Company and no additional amounts in connection therewith shall be due from the Management Company to the Staff and Services Provider.

(c) To the extent that a Shared Employee participates in the rendering of services to the Management Company's clients, the Shared Employee shall be subject to the oversight and control of the Management Company and such services shall be provided by the Shared Employee exclusively in his or her capacity as a "supervised person" of, or "person associated with", the Management Company (as such terms are defined in Sections 202(a)(25) and 202(a)(17), respectively, of the Advisers Act).

(d) Each Party may continue to oversee, supervise and manage the services of each Shared Employee in order to (1) ensure compliance with the Party's compliance policies and procedures, (2) ensure compliance with regulations applicable to the Party and (3) protect the interests of the Party and its clients; *provided* that Staff and Services Provider shall (A) cooperate

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with the Management Company's supervisory efforts and (B) make periodic reports to the Management Company regarding the adherence of Shared Employees to Applicable Law, including but not limited to the 1940 Act, the Advisers Act and the United States Commodity Exchange Act of 1936, as amended, in performing the services hereunder.

(e) Where a Shared Employee provides services hereunder through both Parties, the Parties shall cooperate to ensure that all such services are performed consistently with Applicable Law and relevant compliance controls and procedures designed to prevent, among other things, breaches in information security or the communication of confidential, proprietary or material non-public information.

(f) The Staff and Services Provider shall ensure that each Shared Employee has any registrations, qualifications and/or licenses necessary to provide the services hereunder.

(g) The Parties will cooperate to ensure that information about the Shared Employees is adequately and appropriately disclosed to clients, investors (and potential investors), investment banks operating as initial purchaser or placement agent with respect to any CLO or Account, and regulators, as applicable. To facilitate such disclosure, the Staff and Services Provider agrees to provide, or cause to be provided, to the Management Company such information as is deemed by the Management Company to be necessary or appropriate with respect to the Staff and Services Provider and the Shared Employees (including, but not limited to, biographical information about each Shared Employee).

(h) The Parties shall cooperate to ensure that, when so required, each has adopted a Code of Ethics meeting the requirements of the Advisers Act ("<u>Code of Ethics</u>") that is consistent with applicable law and which is substantially similar to the other Party's Code of Ethics.

(i) The Staff and Services Provider shall make reasonably available for use by the Management Company, including through Shared Employees providing services pursuant to this Agreement, any relevant intellectual property and systems necessary for the provision of the services hereunder.

(j) The Staff and Services Provider shall require that each Shared Employee:

(i) certify that he or she is subject to, and has been provided with, a copy of each Party's Code of Ethics and will make such reports, and seek prior clearance for such actions and activities, as may be required under the Codes of Ethics;

(ii) be subject to the supervision and oversight of each Party's officers and directors, including without limitation its Chief Compliance Officer ("<u>CCO</u>"), which CCO may be the same Person, with respect to the services provided to that Party or its clients;

(iii) provide services hereunder and take actions hereunder only as approved by the Management Company;

(iv) provide any information requested by a Party, as necessary to comply with applicable disclosure or regulatory obligations;

(v) to the extent authorized to transact on behalf of the Management Company or a CLO or Account, take reasonable steps to ensure that any such transaction is consistent with any policies and procedures that may be established by the Parties and all Applicable Asset Criteria and Concentrations; and

(vi) act, at all times, in a manner consistent with the fiduciary duties and standard of care owed by the Management Company to its members and direct or indirect investors or to a CLO or Account as well as clients of Staff and Services Provider by seeking to ensure that, among other things, information about any investment advisory or trading activity applicable to a particular client or group of clients is not used to benefit the Shared Employee, any Party or any other client or group of clients in contravention of such fiduciary duties or standard of care.

(k) Unless specifically authorized to do so, or appointed as an officer or authorized person of the Management Company with such authority, no Shared Employee may contract on behalf or in the name of the Management Company, acting as principal.

Section 2.04 <u>Applicable Asset Criteria and Concentrations</u>. The Management Company will promptly inform the Staff and Services Provider in writing of any Applicable Asset Criteria and Concentrations to which it agrees from time to time and the Staff and Services Provider shall take such Applicable Asset Criteria and Concentrations into account when providing assistance and advice in accordance with <u>Section 2.2</u> above and any other assistance or advice provided in accordance with this Agreement.

Section 2.05 <u>Compliance with Management Company Policies and Procedures</u>. The Management Company will from time to time provide the Staff and Services Provider and the Shared Employees with any policy and procedure documentation which it establishes internally and to which it is bound to adhere in conducting its business pursuant to regulation, contract or otherwise. Subject to any other limitations in this Agreement, the Staff and Services Provider will use reasonable efforts to ensure any services it and the Shared Employees provide pursuant to this Agreement complies with or takes account of such internal policies and procedures.

Section 2.06 <u>Authority</u>. The Staff and Services Provider's scope of assistance and advice hereunder is limited to the services specifically provided for in this Agreement. The Staff and Services Provider shall not assume or be deemed to assume any rights or obligations of the Management Company under any other document or agreement to which the Management Company is a party. Notwithstanding any other express or implied provision to the contrary in this Agreement, the activities of the Staff and Services Provider pursuant to this Agreement shall be subject to the overall policies of the Management Company, as notified to the Staff and Services Provider from time to time. The Staff and Services Provider shall not have any duties or obligations to the Management Company unless those duties and obligations are specifically provided for in this Agreement (or in any amendment, modification or novation hereto or hereof to which the Staff and Services Provider is a party).
### Section 2.07 <u>Third Parties</u>.

(a) The Staff and Services Provider may employ third parties, including its affiliates, to render advice, provide assistance and to perform any of its duties under this Agreement; *provided* that notwithstanding the employment of third parties for any such purpose, the Staff and Services Provider shall not be relieved of any of its obligations or liabilities under this Agreement.

(b) In providing services hereunder, the Staff and Services Provider may rely in good faith upon and will incur no liability for relying upon advice of nationally recognized counsel (which may be counsel for the Management Company, a CLO or Account or any Affiliate of the foregoing), accountants or other advisers as the Staff and Services Provider determines, in its sole discretion, is reasonably appropriate in connection with the services provided by the Staff and Services Provider under this Agreement.

Section 2.08 <u>Management Company to Cooperate with the Staff and Services Provider</u>. In furtherance of the Staff and Services Provider's obligations under this Agreement the Management Company shall cooperate with, provide to, and fully inform the Staff and Services Provider of, any and all documents and information the Staff and Services Provider reasonably requires to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

Section 2.09 <u>Power of Attorney</u>. If the Management Company considers it necessary for the provision by the Staff and Services Provider of the assistance and advice under this Agreement (after consultation with the Staff and Services Provider), it may appoint the Staff and Services Provider as its true and lawful agent and attorney, with full power and authority in its name to sign, execute, certify, swear to, acknowledge, deliver, file, receive and record any and all documents that the Staff and Services Provider reasonably deems appropriate or necessary in connection with the execution and settlement of acquisitions of assets as directed by the Management Company and the Staff and Services Provider's powers and duties hereunder (which for the avoidance of doubt shall in no way involve the discretion and/or authority of the Management Company with respect to investments). Any such power shall be revocable in the sole discretion of the Management Company.

## **ARTICLE III**

#### **CONSIDERATION AND EXPENSES**

Section 3.01 <u>Consideration</u>. As compensation for its performance of its obligations as Staff and Services Provider under this Agreement, the Staff and Services Provider will be entitled to receive the Staff and Services Fee payable thereto. The "<u>Staff and Services Fee</u>" shall be payable in accordance with <u>Appendix A</u> attached hereto, as such appendix may be amended by the Parties from time to time.

From time to time, the Management Company may enter into shared services agreements with certain management companies on similar terms to this Agreement. Promptly following the receipt of any fees pursuant to such shared services agreements, the Management Company shall pay 100% of such fees to the Staff and Services Provider.

Section 3.03 <u>Costs and Expenses</u>. Each party shall bear its own expenses; *provided* that the Management Company shall reimburse the Staff and Services Provider for any and all costs and expenses that may be borne properly by the Management Company.

Section 3.04 <u>Deferral</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, if on any date the Management Company determines that it would not have sufficient funds available to it to make a payment of Indebtedness, it shall have the right to defer any all and amounts payable to the Staff and Services Provider pursuant to this Agreement, including any fees and expenses; *provided* that the Management Company shall promptly pay all such amounts on the first date thereafter that sufficient amounts exist to make payment thereof.

### **ARTICLE IV**

## **REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS**

Section 4.01 <u>Representations</u>. Each of the Parties hereto represents and warrants that:

(a) It has full power and authority to execute and deliver, and to perform its obligations under, this Agreement;

(b) this Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by it and constitutes its valid and binding, obligation, enforceable in accordance with its terms except as the enforceability hereof may be subject to (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization moratorium, receivership, conservatorship or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect relating to creditors' rights and (ii) general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforcement is considered in a proceeding, in equity or at law);

(c) no consent, approval, authorization or order of or declaration or filing with any Governmental Authority is required for the execution of this Agreement or the performance by it of its duties hereunder, except such as have been duly made or obtained; and

(d) neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement nor the fulfillment of the terms hereof conflicts with or results in a breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitutes a default under, (i) its constituting and organizational documents; or (ii) the terms of any material indenture, contract, lease, mortgage, deed of trust, note, agreement or other evidence of indebtedness or other material agreement, obligation, condition, covenant or instrument to which it is a party or by which it is bound.

## **ARTICLE V**

#### **COVENANTS**

#### Section 5.01 Compliance; Advisory Restrictions.

(a) The Staff and Services Provider shall reasonably cooperate with the Management Company in connection with the Management Company's compliance with its policies and procedures relating to oversight of the Staff and Services Provider. Specifically, the Staff and Services Provider agrees that it will provide the Management Company with reasonable

access to information relating to the performance of Staff and Services Provider's obligations under this Agreement.

(b) This Agreement is not intended to and shall not constitute an assignment, pledge or transfer of any portfolio management agreement or any part thereof. It is the express intention of the parties hereto that this Agreement and all services performed hereunder comply in all respects with all (a) applicable contractual provisions and restrictions contained in each portfolio management agreement, investment management agreement or similar agreement and each document contemplated thereby; and (b) Applicable Laws (collectively, the "<u>Advisory Restrictions</u>"). If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be in violation of any Advisory Restriction, then the services to be provided under this Agreement shall automatically be limited without action by any person or entity, reduced or modified to the extent necessary and appropriate to be enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by such Advisory Restriction.

#### Section 5.02 <u>Records; Confidentiality</u>.

The Staff and Services Provider shall maintain or cause to be maintained appropriate books of account and records relating to its services performed hereunder, and such books of account and records shall be accessible for inspection by representatives of the Management Company and its accountants and other agents at any time during normal business hours and upon not less than three (3) Business Days' prior notice; *provided* that the Staff and Services Provider shall not be obligated to provide access to any non-public information if it in good faith determines that the disclosure of such information would violate any applicable law, regulation or contractual arrangement.

The Staff and Services Provider shall follow its customary procedures to keep confidential any and all information obtained in connection with the services rendered hereunder that is either (a) of a type that would ordinarily be considered proprietary or confidential, such as information concerning the composition of assets, rates of return, credit quality, structure or ownership of securities, or (b) designated as confidential obtained in connection with the services rendered by the Staff and Services Provider hereunder and shall not disclose any such information to non-affiliated third parties, except (i) with the prior written consent of the Management Company, (ii) such information as a rating agency shall reasonably request in connection with its rating of notes issued by a CLO or supplying credit estimates on any obligation included in the Portfolio, (iii) in connection with establishing trading or investment accounts or otherwise in connection with effecting transactions on behalf of the Management Company or any CLO or Account for which the Management Company serves as portfolio manager or investment manager or in a similar capacity, (iv) as required by (A) Applicable Law or (B) the rules or regulations of any self-regulating organization, body or official having jurisdiction over the Staff and Services Provider or any of its Affiliates, (v) to its professional advisors (including, without limitation, legal, tax and accounting advisors), (vi) such information as shall have been publicly disclosed other than in known violation of this Agreement or shall have been obtained by the Staff and Services Provider on a non-confidential basis, (vii) such information as is necessary or appropriate to disclose so that the Staff and Services Provider may perform its duties hereunder, (viii) as expressly permitted in the final offering memorandum or any definitive transaction documents relating to any CLO or Account, (ix) information relating to performance of the Portfolio as may be used by the Staff and Services Provider in the ordinary course of its business or (xx) such

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information as is routinely disclosed to the trustee, custodian or collateral administrator of any CLO or Account in connection with such trustee's, custodian's or collateral administrator's performance of its obligations under the transaction documents related to such CLO or Account. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is agreed that the Staff and Services Provider may disclose without the consent of any Person (1) that it is serving as staff and services provider to the Management Company, (2) the nature, aggregate principal amount and overall performance of the Portfolio, (3) the amount of earnings on the Portfolio, (4) such other information about the Management Company, the Portfolio and the CLOs or Accounts as is customarily disclosed by staff and services providers to management vehicles similar to the Management Company, and (5) the United States federal income tax treatment and United States federal income tax structure of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the related documents and all materials of any kind (including opinions and other tax analyses) that are provided to them relating to such United States federal income tax treatment and United States income tax structure. This authorization to disclose the U.S. tax treatment and tax structure does not permit disclosure of information identifying the Staff and Services Provider, the Management Vehicles, the CLOs or Accounts or any other party to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (except to the extent such information is relevant to U.S. tax structure or tax treatment of such transactions).

#### **ARTICLE VI**

#### **EXCULPATION AND INDEMNIFICATION**

Section 6.01 <u>Standard of Care</u>. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, each Covered Person shall discharge its duties under this Agreement with the care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims. To the extent not inconsistent with the foregoing, each Covered Person shall follow its customary standards, policies and procedures in performing its duties hereunder. No Covered Person shall deal with the income or assets of the Management Company in such Covered Person's own interest or for its own account. Each Covered Person in its respective sole and absolute discretion may separately engage or invest in any other business ventures, including those that may be in competition with the Management Company, and the Management Company will not have any rights in or to such ventures or the income or profits derived therefrom

Section 6.02 Exculpation. To the fullest extent permitted by law, no Covered Person will be liable to the Management Company, any Member, or any shareholder, partner or member thereof, for (i) any acts or omissions by such Covered Person arising out of or in connection with the conduct of the business of the Management Company or its General Partner, or any investment made or held by the Management Company or its General Partner, unless such act or omission was made in bad faith or is determined ultimately by a court of competent jurisdiction, in a final nonappealable judgment, to be the result of gross negligence or to constitute fraud or willful misconduct (as interpreted under the laws of the State of Delaware) (each, a "Disabling Conduct") on the part of such Covered Person, (ii) any act or omission of any Investor, (iii) any mistake, gross negligence, misconduct or bad faith of any employee, broker, administrator or other agent or representative of such Covered Person, *provided* that such employee, broker, administrator or agent was selected, engaged or retained by or on behalf of such Covered Person with reasonable care, or (iv) any consequential (including loss of profit), indirect, special or punitive damages. To

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the extent that, at law or in equity, any Covered Person has duties (including fiduciary duties) and liabilities relating thereto to the Management Company or any Member, no Covered Person acting under this Agreement shall be liable to the Management Company or to any such Member for its good-faith reliance on the provisions of this Agreement.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, no Covered Person shall have any personal liability to the Management Company or any Member solely by reason of any change in U.S. federal, state or local or foreign income tax laws, or in interpretations thereof, as they apply to the Management Company or the Members, whether the change occurs through legislative, judicial or administrative action.

Any Covered Person in its sole and absolute discretion may consult legal counsel, accountants or other advisers selected by it, and any act or omission taken, or made in good faith by such Person on behalf of the Management Company or in furtherance of the business of the Management Company in good-faith reliance on and in accordance with the advice of such counsel, accountants or other advisers shall be full justification for the act or omission, and to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, no Covered Person shall be liable to the Management Company or any Member in so acting or omitting to act if such counsel, accountants or other advisers were selected, engaged or retained with reasonable care.

Section 6.03 Indemnification by the Management Company. The Management Company shall and hereby does, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, indemnify and hold harmless any Covered Person from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, costs, expenses, damages, losses, suits, proceedings, judgments, assessments, actions and other liabilities, whether judicial, administrative, investigative or otherwise, of whatever nature, known or unknown, liquidated or unliquidated ("Claims"), that may accrue to or be incurred by any Covered Person, or in which any Covered Person may become involved, as a party or otherwise, or with which any Covered Person may be threatened, relating to or arising out of the investment or other activities of the Management Company or its General Partner, or activities undertaken in connection with the Management Company or its General Partner, or otherwise relating to or arising out of this Agreement, including amounts paid in satisfaction of judgments, in compromise or as fines or penalties, and attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in connection with the preparation for or defense or disposition of any investigation, action, suit, arbitration or other proceeding (a "Proceeding"), whether civil or criminal (all of such Claims, amounts and expenses referred to therein are referred to collectively as "Damages"), except to the extent that it shall have been determined ultimately by a court of competent jurisdiction, in a final nonappealable judgment, that such Damages arose primarily from Disabling Conduct of such Covered Person. The termination of any Proceeding by settlement, judgment, order, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that any Damages relating to such settlement, judgment, order, conviction or plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent or otherwise relating to such Proceeding arose primarily from Disabling Conduct of any Covered Persons.

Expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by a Covered Person in defense or settlement of any Claim that may be subject to a right of indemnification hereunder may be advanced by the Management Company prior to the final disposition thereof upon receipt of a written undertaking by or on behalf of the Covered Person to repay the amount advanced to the extent that it shall be

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determined ultimately by a court of competent jurisdiction that the Covered Person is not entitled to be indemnified hereunder. The right of any Covered Persons to the indemnification provided herein shall be cumulative of, and in addition to, any and all rights to which the Covered Person may otherwise be entitled by contract or as a matter of law or equity and shall be extended to the Covered Person's successors, assigns and legal representatives. Any judgments against the Management Company and/or any Covered Persons in respect of which such Covered Person is entitled to indemnification shall first be satisfied from the assets of the Management Company, including Drawdowns, before such Covered Person is responsible therefor.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the provisions of this <u>Section 6.03</u> shall not be construed so as to provide for the indemnification of any Covered Person for any liability (including liability under Federal securities laws which, under certain circumstances, impose liability even on persons that act in good faith), to the extent (but only to the extent) that such indemnification would be in violation of applicable law, but shall be construed so as to effectuate the provisions of this <u>Section 6.03</u> to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Section 6.04 <u>Other Sources of Recovery etc.</u> The indemnification rights set forth in <u>Section 6.03</u> are in addition to, and shall not exclude, limit or otherwise adversely affect, any other indemnification or similar rights to which any Covered Person may be entitled. If and to the extent that other sources of recovery (including proceeds of any applicable policies of insurance or indemnification from any Person in which any of the CLOs or Accounts has an investment) are available to any Covered Person, such Covered Person shall use reasonable efforts to obtain recovery from such other sources before the Company shall be required to make any payment in respect of its indemnification obligations hereunder; *provided* that, if such other recovery is not available without delay, the Covered Person shall be entitled to such payment by the Management Company and the Management Company shall be entitled to reimbursement out of such other recovery when and if obtained.

Section 6.05 <u>Rights of Heirs, Successors and Assigns</u>. The indemnification rights provided by <u>Section 6.03</u> shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of each Covered Person.

Section 6.06 <u>Reliance</u>. A Covered Person shall incur no liability to the Management Company or any Member in acting upon any signature or writing reasonably believed by him, her or it to be genuine, and may rely in good faith on a certificate signed by an officer of any Person in order to ascertain any fact with respect to such Person or within such Person's knowledge. Each Covered Person may act directly or through his, her or its agents or attorneys.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

#### TERMINATION

Section 7.01 <u>Termination</u>. Either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time upon at least thirty (30) days' written notice to the other.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

## MISCELLANEOUS

Section 8.01 <u>Amendments</u>. This Agreement may not be amended or modified except by an instrument in writing signed by each Party.

Section 8.02 Assignment and Delegation.

(a) Neither Party may assign, pledge, grant or otherwise encumber or transfer all or any part of its rights or responsibilities under this Agreement, in whole or in part, except (i) as provided in clauses (b) and (c) of this <u>Section 8.02</u>, without the prior written consent of the other Party and (ii) in accordance with Applicable Law.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this <u>Section 8.02</u>, the Staff and Services Provider may not assign its rights or responsibilities under this Agreement unless (i) the Management Company consents in writing thereto and (ii) such assignment is made in accordance with Applicable Law.

The Staff and Services Provider may, without satisfying any of the (c) conditions of Section 8.02(a) other than clause (ii) thereof, (1) assign any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement to an Affiliate; provided that such Affiliate (i) has demonstrated ability, whether as an entity or by its principals and employees, to professionally and competently perform duties similar to those imposed upon the Staff and Services Provider pursuant to this Agreement and (ii) has the legal right and capacity to act as Staff and Services Provider under this Agreement, or (2) enter into (or have its parent enter into) any consolidation or amalgamation with, or merger with or into, or transfer of all or substantially all of its assets to, another entity; provided that, at the time of such consolidation, merger, amalgamation or transfer the resulting, surviving or transferee entity assumes all the obligations of the Staff and Services Provider under this Agreement generally (whether by operation of law or by contract) and the other entity is a continuation of the Staff and Services Provider in another corporate or similar form and has substantially the same staff; *provided further* that the Staff and Services Provider shall deliver ten (10) Business Days' prior notice to the Management Company of any assignment or combination made pursuant to this sentence. Upon the execution and delivery of any such assignment by the assignee, the Staff and Services Provider will be released from further obligations pursuant to this Agreement except to the extent expressly provided herein.

## Section 8.03 <u>Non-Recourse; Non-Petition</u>.

(a) The Staff and Services Provider agrees that the payment of all amounts to which it is entitled pursuant to this Agreement shall be payable by the Management Company only to the extent of assets held in the Portfolio.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the liability of the Management Company to the Staff and Services Provider hereunder is limited in recourse to the Portfolio, and if the proceeds of the Portfolio following the liquidation thereof are insufficient to meet the obligations of the Management Company hereunder in full, the Management Company shall have no further liability in respect of any such outstanding obligations, and such obligations

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and all claims of the Staff and Services Provider or any other Person against the Management Company hereunder shall thereupon extinguish and not thereafter revive. The Staff and Services Provider accepts that the obligations of the Management Company hereunder are the corporate obligations of the Management Company and are not the obligations of any employee, member, officer, director or administrator of the Management Company and no action may be taken against any such Person in relation to the obligations of the Management Company hereunder.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, any Staff and Services Provider agrees not to institute against, or join any other Person in instituting against, the Management Company any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency, moratorium or liquidation proceedings, or other proceedings under United States federal or state bankruptcy laws, or similar laws until at least one year and one day (or, if longer, the then applicable preference period plus one day) after the payment in full all amounts payable in respect of any Indebtedness incurred to finance any portion of the Portfolio; *provided* that nothing in this provision shall preclude, or be deemed to stop, the Staff and Services Provider from taking any action prior to the expiration of the aforementioned one year and one day period (or, if longer, the applicable preference period then in effect plus one day) in (i) any case or proceeding voluntarily filed or commenced by the Management Company, or (ii) any involuntary insolvency proceeding filed or commenced against the Management Company by a Person other than the Staff and Services Provider.

(d) The Management Company hereby acknowledges and agrees that the Staff and Services Provider's obligations hereunder shall be solely the corporate obligations of the Staff and Services Provider, and are not the obligations of any employee, member, officer, director or administrator of the Staff and Services Provider and no action may be taken against any such Person in relation to the obligations of the Staff and Services Provider hereunder.

(e) The provisions of this <u>Section 8.03</u> shall survive termination of this Agreement for any reason whatsoever.

## Section 8.04 <u>Governing Law</u>.

(a) This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Texas. The Parties unconditionally and irrevocably consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts located in the State of Texas and waive any objection with respect thereto, for the purpose of any action, suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

(b) The Parties irrevocably agree for the benefit of each other that the courts of the State of Texas and the United States District Court located in the Northern District of Texas in Dallas are to have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any disputes (whether contractual or non-contractual) which may arise out of or in connection with this Agreement and that accordingly any action arising out of or in connection therewith (together referred to as "<u>Proceedings</u>") may be brought in such courts. The Parties irrevocably submit to the jurisdiction of such courts and waive any objection which they may have now or hereafter to the laying of the venue of any Proceedings in any such court and any claim that any Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum

and further irrevocably agree that a judgment in any Proceedings brought in such courts shall be conclusive and binding upon the Parties and may be enforced in the courts of any other jurisdiction.

Section 8.05 <u>WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL</u>. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY AND INTENTIONALLY WAIVES ANY RIGHTS IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY LITIGATION BASED HEREON, OR ARISING OUT OF, UNDER, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THIS AGREEMENT. EACH PARTY HERETO ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT IT HAS RECEIVED FULL AND SUFFICIENT CONSIDERATION FOR THIS PROVISION AND THAT THIS PROVISION IS A MATERIAL INDUCEMENT FOR ITS ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT.

Section 8.06 <u>Severability</u>. The provisions of this Agreement are independent of and severable from each other, and no provision shall be affected or rendered invalid or unenforceable by virtue of the fact that for any reason any other or others of them may be invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the Parties.

Section 8.07 <u>No Waiver</u>. The performance of any condition or obligation imposed upon any Party may be waived only upon the written consent of the Parties. Such waiver shall be limited to the terms thereof and shall not constitute a waiver of any other condition or obligation of the other Party. Any failure by any Party to enforce any provision shall not constitute a waiver of that or any other provision or this Agreement.

Section 8.08 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts by facsimile or other written or electronic form of communication, each of which shall be deemed to be an original as against any Party whose signature appears thereon, and all of which shall together constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement shall become binding when one or more counterparts hereof, individually or taken together, shall bear the signatures of all of the Parties reflected hereon as the signatories.

Section 8.09 <u>Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties hereto and their permitted assigns and nothing herein express or implied shall give or be construed to give to any Person, other than the Parties hereto and such permitted assigns, any legal or equitable rights hereunder. For avoidance of doubt, this Agreement is not for the benefit or and is not enforceable by any Shared Employee, CLO or Account or any investor (directly or indirectly) in the Management Company.

Section 8.10 <u>No Partnership or Joint Venture</u>. Nothing set forth in this Agreement shall constitute, or be construed to create, an employment relationship, a partnership or a joint venture between the Parties. Except as expressly provided herein or in any other written agreement between the Parties, no Party has any authority, express or implied, to bind or to incur liabilities on behalf of, or in the name of, any other Party.

Section 8.11 <u>Independent Contractor</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Staff and Services Provider shall be deemed to be an independent contractor and, except as

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expressly provided or authorized herein, shall have no authority to act for or represent the Management Company or any CLO or Account in which the Management Company acts as portfolio manager or investment manager or in a similar capacity in any manner or otherwise be deemed an agent of the Management Company or any CLO or Account in which the Management Company acts as portfolio manager or investment manager or in a similar capacity.

Section 8.12 <u>Written Disclosure Statement</u>. The Management Company acknowledges receipt of Part 2 of the Staff and Services Provider's Form ADV, as required by Rule 204-3 under the Advisers Act, on or before the date of execution of this Agreement.

Section 8.13 <u>Headings</u>. The descriptive headings contained in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

Section 8.14 <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and undertakings, both written and oral, between the Parties with respect to such subject matter.

Section 8.15 <u>Notices</u>. Any notice or demand to any Party to be given, made or served for any purposes under this Agreement shall be given, made or served by sending the same by overnight mail or email transmission or by delivering it by hand as follows:

(a) If to the Management Company:

Acis Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201

(b) If to the Staff and Services Provider:

Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201

or to such other address or email address as shall have been notified to the other Parties.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., as the Sub-Advisor

By: Strand Advisors, Inc., its General Partner

P D By:

Name: James Dondero Title: President

ACIS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., as the Management Company

By: Acis Capital Management GP, LLC, its General Partner

By: -

Name: James Dondero Title: President

#### Appendix A

The Management Company shall pay to the Staff and Services Provider a Staff and Services Fee for the services for the CLOs or Accounts in an amount equal to the aggregate management fees that would be received by the Management Company for such CLOs or Accounts if such management fees were calculated in exact conformity with the calculation of management fees for such CLOs or Accounts, except that the management fee rates applied in such calculation were replaced by the fee rate set forth in the following table. Such fees shall be payable promptly (or at such time as is otherwise agreed by the parties) following the Management Company's receipt of management fees for such CLOs or Accounts, it being understood that none of the foregoing shall prohibit the Management Company from waiving or entering into side letters with respect to management fees for such CLOs or Accounts; provided that any such waived or reduced amounts shall not be recognized for purposes of calculating the fees payable by the Management Company hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties may agree to a different allocation from that set forth during any period in order to reflect the then current fair market value of the Services rendered.

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Issuer / Borrower / Fund / Account	Management Agreement	Related Agreements	Date of Management Agreement	Annualized Staff and Services Fee Rate (bps)
Hewett's Island CLO I-R, Ltd.	Management Agreement	Indenture	November 20, 2007	15
Acis CLO 2013- 1 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture	March 18, 2013	15
Acis CLO 2013- 2 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture	October 3, 2013	15
Acis CLO 2014- 3 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture Collateral Administration Agreement	February 25, 2014	15
Acis CLO 2014- 4 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture Collateral Administration Agreement	June 5, 2014	15
Acis CLO 2014- 5 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture Collateral Administration Agreement	November 18, 2014	15
Acis CLO 2015- 6 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture Collateral Administration Agreement	April 16, 2015	15
BayVK R2 Lux S.A., SICAV- FIS	Agreement for the Outsourcing of the Asset Management	Service Level Agreement	February 27, 2015	15
Acis Loan Funding, Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement		August 10, 2015	0

## **EXHIBIT E**

Fill in this information to identify the case:		
Debtor 1	Acis Capital Management, G.P.	
Debtor 2 (Spouse, if filing)		
United States I	Bankruptcy Court for the: Northern District of Texas	
Case number	18-30265-sgj11	

## Official Form 410

## **Proof of Claim**

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Read the instructions before filling out this form. This form is for making a claim for payment in a bankruptcy case. Do not use this form to make a request for payment of an administrative expense. Make such a request according to 11 U.S.C. § 503.

Filers must leave out or redact information that is entitled to privacy on this form or on any attached documents. Attach redacted copies of any documents that support the claim, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, judgments, mortgages, and security agreements. Do not send original documents; they may be destroyed after scanning. If the documents are not available, explain in an attachment.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Fill in all the information about the claim as of the date the case was filed. That date is on the notice of bankruptcy (Form 309) that you received.

#### Part 1: Identify the Claim

1.	Who is the current creditor?	Highland Capital Management, L.P. Name of the current creditor (the person or entity to be paid for this cla Other names the creditor used with the debtor			
2.	Has this claim been acquired from someone else?	☑ No □ Yes. From whom?			
3.	Where should notices and payments to the	Where should notices to the creditor be sent?	Where should pay different)	ments to the credit	or be sent? (if
	creditor be sent?	Holland O'Neil, Foley Gardere, Foley & Lardner	Scott Ellington,	, Highland Capita	l Management
	Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure	Name	Name		
	(FRBP) 2002(g)	2021 McKinney Ave, Suite 1600	300 Crescent Court, Suite 700		
		Number Street	Number Street	(	
		Dallas TX 75201	Dallas	TX	75201
		City State ZIP Code	City	State	ZIP Code
		Contact phone 214-999-3000	Contact phone		
		Contact email honeil@foley.com	Contact email		
		Uniform claim identifier for electronic payments in chapter 13 (if you us	se one): 		
4.	Does this claim amend one already filed?	<ul> <li>☑ No</li> <li>☑ Yes. Claim number on court claims registry (if known)</li> </ul>		Filed on	DD / YYYY
5.	Do you know if anyone else has filed a proof of claim for this claim?	☑ No □ Yes. Who made the earlier filing?			

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P	art 2: Give Informatio	on About the Claim as of the Date the Case Was Filed
6.	Do you have any number you use to identify the debtor?	<ul> <li>✓ No</li> <li>❑ Yes. Last 4 digits of the debtor's account or any number you use to identify the debtor:</li> </ul>
7.	How much is the claim?	<ul> <li>\$ 4,672,140.38</li> <li>Does this amount include interest or other charges?</li> <li>✓ No</li> <li>□ Yes. Attach statement itemizing interest, fees, expenses, or other charges required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c)(2)(A).</li> </ul>
8.	What is the basis of the claim?	Examples: Goods sold, money loaned, lease, services performed, personal injury or wrongful death, or credit card. Attach redacted copies of any documents supporting the claim required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c). Limit disclosing information that is entitled to privacy, such as health care information. Sub-Advisory Services and Shared Services
9.	Is all or part of the claim secured?	<ul> <li>No</li> <li>Yes. The claim is secured by a lien on property.</li> <li>Nature of property:         <ul> <li>Real estate. If the claim is secured by the debtor's principal residence, file a Mortgage Proof of Claim Attachment (Official Form 410-A) with this Proof of Claim.</li> <li>Motor vehicle</li> <li>Other. Describe:</li> </ul> </li> <li>Basis for perfection:         <ul> <li>Attach redacted copies of documents, if any, that show evidence of perfection of a security interest (for example, a mortgage, lien, certificate of title, financing statement, or other document that shows the lien has been filed or recorded.)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
		Value of property:       \$
10	Is this claim based on a lease?	<ul> <li>✓ No</li> <li>❑ Yes. Amount necessary to cure any default as of the date of the petition. \$</li></ul>
11	. Is this claim subject to a right of setoff?	☑ No □ Yes. Identify the property:

12. Is all or part of the claim	No	
entitled to priority under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)?	Yes. Check one:	Amount entitled to priority
A claim may be partly priority and partly	Domestic support obligations (including alimony and child support) under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(1)(A) or (a)(1)(B).	\$
nonpriority. For example, in some categories, the law limits the amount entitled to priority.	□ Up to \$2,850* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7).	\$
	Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$12,850*) earned within 180 days before the bankruptcy petition is filed or the debtor's business ends, whichever is earlier. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4).	\$
	Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8).	\$
	Contributions to an employee benefit plan. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(5).	\$
	$\checkmark$ Other. Specify subsection of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(3) that applies.	\$2,049,564.35
	* Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/01/19 and every 3 years after that for cases begun on or after	ter the date of adjustment

#### Part 3: Sign Below

The	person completing
this	proof of claim must
sign	and date it.
FRE	P 9011(b).

If you file this claim electronically, FRBP 5005(a)(2) authorizes courts to establish local rules specifying what a signature is.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Check the appropriate box:

- I am the creditor.
- I am the creditor's attorney or authorized agent.
- I am the trustee, or the debtor, or their authorized agent. Bankruptcy Rule 3004.
- I am a guarantor, surety, endorser, or other codebtor. Bankruptcy Rule 3005.

I understand that an authorized signature on this *Proof of Claim* serves as an acknowledgment that when calculating the amount of the claim, the creditor gave the debtor credit for any payments received toward the debt.

I have examined the information in this *Proof of Claim* and have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

08/01/2018 Executed on date MM / DD Signatur

Print the name of the person who is completing and signing this claim:

Name	Scott Ellington				
	First name	Middle name		Last name	
Title	General Couns	el			
Company	Highland Capit	al Management, L.P.			
	Identify the corporate	servicer as the company if the auth	orized agent	is a servicer.	
	300 Crescent (	Court Cuito 700			
Address	SUO CIESCEIII (	Court, Suite 700			
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#### **EXHIBIT A TO PROOF OF CLAIM**

1. Claimant: Highland Capital Management, L.P. ("Highland") maintains its business at 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201. Highland files its proof of claim (the "Claim") pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a), 501, and 502(f) and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 3002 and 3003. Prior to the Involuntary Petition Date (defined below), Highland provided sub-advisory and shared services to the Debtors (defined below). Highland has provided portfolio management and advisory services to the Debtors pursuant to that certain Third Amended and Restated Sub-Advisory Agreement by and between the Debtors and Highland dated March 17, 2017 ("Sub-Advisory Agreement") (Exhibit 1). Specifically, Highland has acted as an investment manager and has identified, evaluated, and recommended investments to investment vehicles advised or sub-advised by the Debtors. Highland has also provided the Debtors with back and middle office services pursuant to that certain Fourth Amended and Restated Shared Services Agreement by and between the Debtors and Highland dated March 17, 2017 ("Shared Services Agreement") (Exhibit 2). Highland has provided the Debtors with all of the employees and staff necessary to manage the portfolios. Highland continued to provide the same sub-advisory and shared services to the Debtors throughout the Gap Period (defined below). To date, Highland continues to provide such services.

2. <u>Debtors</u>: Acis Capital Management, L.P. and Acis Capital Management, G.P. (the "**Debtors**"). The Debtors' cases have been consolidated under case number 18-30264 in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas. Highland provides the service at the following address: 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201.

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3. <u>Indebtedness</u>: Because the Debtors were put into bankruptcy involuntarily, the amount included in the proof of claim accounts for pre-petition claims as well as Gap Claims (defined below).

a. <u>Pre-Petition</u>: Joshua Terry, the petitioning creditor, filed the involuntary petition on January 30, 2018 (the "**Petition Date**"). As of the Petition Date, the outstanding indebtedness owing from the Debtors to Highland was as set forth below by account number:

Invoice	Туре	Balance
A1-A7; $BVK^1$	Sub-Advisory	\$1,605,362.41
A1-A7; BVK	Shared Services	\$1,017,213.62
	Totals	\$2,622,576.03

b. <u>Gap Period</u>: When a debtor files bankruptcy, the order for relief is typically entered on the date the petition is filed. However, an involuntary bankruptcy case diverges from the simultaneous entry of an order for relief in that an order for relief is entered at a later date than when a petition is filed. This creates a period of time, referred to as the "gap period", where the debtor may accrue post-petition but pre-order for relief debt. Pursuant to Section 502(f) of the Bankruptcy Code:

In an involuntary case, a claim arising in the ordinary course of the debtor's business or financial affairs after the commencement of the case but before the earlier of the appointment of a trustee and order for relief shall be determined as of the date such claim arises, and shall be allowed under subsection (a), (b), or (c) of this section...the same as if such claim had arisen before the date of the filing of the petition.

11 U.S.C. 502(f).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A1-A7 and BVK account for the following vehicles: Acis CLO 2013-1, Ltd.; Acis CLO 2013-2, Ltd.; Acis CLO 2014-3, Ltd.; Acis CLO 2014-4, Ltd.; Acis CLO 2014-5, Ltd.; Acis CLO 2015-6, Ltd.; Acis CLO 2017-7, Ltd.; BayVK R2 Lux S.A., SICAV-FIS.

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Claims arising during the gap period are entitled to priority treatment under section 507(a)(3). The Court entered the Order for Relief on April 13, 2018 ("**Order for Relief Date**"). Highland continued to provide services to the Debtors from January 30, 2018 to April 13, 2018 ("**Gap Period**"). The outstanding balance owed from the Debtors to Highland for the sub-advisory and shared services during the Gap Period is set forth below (and shall be referred to as the "**Gap Claim**"):

Account No.	Туре	Balance
A1-A7; BVK	Sub-Advisory	\$1,170,147.06
A1-A7; BVK	Shared Services	\$879,417.29
	Totals	\$2,049,564.35

c. <u>Reservation of Rights as to Administrative Claim</u>: Highland has provided uninterrupted sub-advisory and shared services since the Order for Relief Date. Highland reserves its rights to seek allowance of its administrative claims.

d. <u>Indemnity Claims</u>: Highland has contingent claims for indemnification pursuant to Section 6.03 of the Shared Services Agreement and Section 4(c) of the Sub-Advisory Agreement. According to Section 6.03 of the Shared Services Agreement and Section 4(c) of the Sub-Advisory Agreement, "the Management Company [Debtors] hereby does, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, indemnify and hold harmless Covered Person [Highland and its representatives] from...any and all claims, demands, liabilities, costs...suits, proceedings, judgments, assessments, actions...of whatever nature, known or unknown, liquidated, or unliquidated...arising out of the investment or other activities of the Management Company." Highland reserves such contractual indemnification right.

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Reservation of Rights; Other Rights: The Claims described in this Attachment are 4. legal, binding, enforceable, allowed, and not subject to any offset, defense, claim, counterclaim or any other diminution of any type, kind or nature, whatsoever; provided, however, the Chapter 11 Trustee alleges that he may offset Highland's Claims and recover from Highland through his current adversary proceeding against Highland (Adversary Proceeding 18-03212). Highland disputes such contention, and believes all Claims sought herein are recoverable despite the Chapter 11 Trustee's allegations. No portion of the Claims or any funds previously paid to Highland are subject to impairment, avoidance, subordination, or disallowance pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code (including, without limitation, Bankruptcy Code § 502) or applicable nonbankruptcy law. Highland expressly reserves the right in the future to assert any and all claims that it may have, including, without limitation, imposition of a constructive trust, equitable lien, security interest, subrogation, marshaling, or other legal or equitable remedies to which it may be entitled. The filing of this proof of claim is not to be construed as an election of remedies. Highland further reserves the rights (a) to amend, modify or supplement this proof of claim, including any exhibit, schedule or annex, or to file an amended proof of claim for the purpose of modifying or liquidating the amount of any interest, fees, costs and expenses accrued or incurred subsequent to the Petition Date or any contingent or unliquidated claims or rights of Highland set

- forth herein; (b) file additional proofs of claim; and (c) against third parties.
  - 5. <u>Notices</u>: All notices to Highland are to be sent to:

Highland Capital Management, L.P. Attn: David Klos 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, Texas 75201

with copies to:

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Foley Gardere Foley & Lardner, LLP c/o Holland O'Neil 2021 McKinney Avenue, Suite 1600 Dallas, TX 75201

6. <u>Payments</u>: All payments and distributions to Highland with respect to this proof

of claim are to be made as follows:

Highland Capital Management, L.P. Attn: David Klos 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, Texas 75201 Re: In re Acis Capital Management, L.P.

7. <u>Miscellaneous</u>: This proof of claim is filed under compulsion of the bar date established in this bankruptcy case solely out of an abundance of caution to protect Highland from forfeiture of its claim within this bankruptcy proceeding. The amounts set forth in this proof of claim shall not be construed as an admission by Highland as to the amounts due and owing outside of this bankruptcy proceeding. The filing of this proof of claim is <u>not</u>: (a) a waiver or release of and/or Highland's rights or remedies against any person, entity or property; (b) a consent by Highland to entry of final judgment by this Court in any core proceeding commenced in this bankruptcy case, consistent with the United States Supreme Court's holding in *Stern v. Marshall*, 131 S. Ct. 2594 (2011); (c) a waiver of the right to move to withdraw the reference or otherwise challenge the jurisdiction of this Court; (d) a waiver of the right to a jury trial; (e) an election of a remedy which waives or otherwise affects any other remedy; or (f) a waiver of the right to assert a different or enhanced classification of priority for its Claim in respect of the other claims asserted in this bankruptcy case. Case 18-3022655e stop 112239 at 6 \$3 Peort 3 59 5 ed F0 8/01/1/221/Desc Fex de bit 0 1 of 52 age 1 of 21 EXECUTION VERSION

## THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED SUB-ADVISORY AGREEMENT

by and between

## ACIS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

and

## HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

Dated March 17, 2017

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#### THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED SUB-ADVISORY AGREEMENT

This Third Amended and Restated Sub-Advisory Agreement (as amended, modified, waived, supplemented or restated from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof, this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of March 17, 2017, is entered into by and between Acis Capital Management, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, as the management company hereunder (in such capacity, the "<u>Management Company</u>"), and Highland Capital Management, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (<u>Highland</u>"), as the sub-advisor hereunder (in such capacity, the "<u>Sub-Advisor</u>" and together with the Management Company, the "<u>Parties</u>").

## $\underline{R} \, \underline{E} \, \underline{C} \, \underline{I} \, \underline{T} \, \underline{A} \, \underline{L} \, \underline{S}$

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into that certain Second Amended and Restated Sub-Advisory Agreement dated July 29, 2016 to be effective January 1, 2016 (the "Existing Agreement");

WHEREAS, the Management Company from time to time has entered and will enter into portfolio management agreements, investment management agreements and/or similar agreements (each such agreement as amended, modified, waived, supplemented or restated, subject in each case to the requirements of <u>Section 8</u>, a "<u>Management Agreement</u>") and related indentures, credit agreements, collateral administration agreements, service agreements or other agreements (each such agreement as amended, modified, waived, supplemented or restated, subject in each case to the requirements of <u>Section 8</u>, a "<u>Related Agreement</u>"), in each case as set forth on <u>Appendix A</u> hereto, as amended from time to time, pursuant to which the Management Company has agreed to provide portfolio and/or investment management services to certain funds and accounts and to certain collateralized loan obligation issuers and to borrowers in certain short-term or long-term warehouse or repurchase facilities in connection therewith (any such transaction, a "<u>Transaction</u>", any fund, account, issuer, warehouse borrower or repurchase agreement seller in respect of any such Transaction, an "<u>Account</u>", and the assets collateralizing each such Transaction and/or comprising the portfolio of such Account, a "<u>Portfolio</u>");

WHEREAS, the Management Company and the Sub-Advisor desire to enter into this Agreement in order to permit the Sub-Advisor to provide certain limited services to assist the Management Company in performing certain obligations under the Management Agreements and Related Agreements;

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to amend and restate the Existing Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, and the receipt of good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree that the Existing Agreement is hereby amended, restated and replaced in its entirety as follows.

1. <u>Appointment; Limited Scope of Services</u>.

(a) Highland is hereby appointed as Sub-Advisor to the Management Company for the purpose of assisting the Management Company in managing the Portfolios of each Account

pursuant to the related Management Agreement and Related Agreements, in each case that have been included in the scope of this Agreement pursuant to the provisions of <u>Section 8</u>, subject to the terms set forth herein and subject to the supervision of the Management Company, and Highland hereby accepts such appointment.

(b) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Sub-Advisor shall, during the term and subject to the provisions of this Agreement:

(i) make recommendations to the Management Company in its capacity as portfolio manager, investment manager or any similar capacity for any applicable Account as to the general composition and allocation of the Portfolio with respect to such Account among various types of securities, the nature and timing of the changes therein and the manner of implementing such changes, including recommendations as to the specific loans and other assets to be purchased, retained or sold by any such Account;

(ii) place orders with respect to, and arrange for, any investment by or on behalf of such Account (including executing and delivering all documents relating to such Account's investments on behalf of such Account or the Management Company, as applicable), upon receiving a proper instruction from the Management Company;

(iii) identify, evaluate, recommend to the Management Company, in its capacity as portfolio manager for such Account, and, if applicable, negotiate the structure and/or terms of investment opportunities within the specific investment strategy of the Management Company for such Account;

(iv) assist the Management Company in its capacity as portfolio manager for such Account in performing due diligence on prospective Portfolio investments by such Account;

(v) provide information to the Management Company in its capacity as portfolio manager for such Account regarding any investments to facilitate the monitoring and servicing of such investments and, if requested by the Management Company, provide information to assist in monitoring and servicing other investments by such Account

(vi) assist and advise the Management Company in its capacity as portfolio manager for such Account with respect to credit functions including, but not limited to, credit analysis and market research and analysis; and

(vii) assist the Management Company in performing any of its other obligations or duties as portfolio manager for such Account.

The foregoing responsibilities and obligations are collectively referred to herein as the "Services."

Notwithstanding the foregoing, all investment decisions will ultimately be the responsibility of, and will be made by and at the sole discretion of, the Management Company. Furthermore, the

parties acknowledge and agree that the Sub-Advisor shall be required to provide only the services expressly described in this Section 1(b), and shall have no responsibility hereunder to provide any other services to the Management Company or any Transaction, including, but not limited to, administrative, management or similar services.

(c) The Sub-Advisor agrees during the term hereof to furnish the Services on the terms and conditions set forth herein and subject to the limitations contained herein. The Sub-Advisor agrees that, in performing the Services, it will comply with all applicable obligations of the Management Company set forth in the Management Agreements and the Related Agreements. In addition, with respect to any obligation that would be part of the Services but for the fact that the relevant Management Agreement or Related Agreement does not permit such obligation to be delegated by the Management Company to the Sub-Advisor, the Sub-Advisor, upon request in writing by the Management Company, shall work in good faith with the Management Company and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to assist the Management Company in satisfying all such obligations.

## 2. <u>Compensation</u>.

(a) As compensation for its performance of its obligations as Sub-Advisor under this Agreement in respect of any Transaction, the Sub-Advisor will be entitled to receive the Sub-Advisory Fee payable thereto. The "<u>Sub-Advisory Fee</u>" shall be payable in accordance with <u>Appendix A</u> attached hereto, as such appendix may be amended by the Parties from time to time.

(b) Each party shall bear its own expenses; *provided* that the Management Company shall reimburse the Sub-Advisor for any and all costs and expenses that are properly Company Expenses or that may be borne by the Management Company under the Management Company LLC Agreement.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, if on any date the Management Company determines that it would not have sufficient funds available to it to make a payment of Indebtedness, it shall have the right to defer any and all amounts payable to the Sub-Advisor pursuant to this Agreement, including any fees and expenses; *provided* that the Management Company shall promptly pay all such amounts on the first date thereafter that sufficient amounts exist to make payment thereof.

(d) From time to time, the Management Company may enter into sub-advisory agreements with certain management companies on similar terms to this Agreement. Promptly following the receipt of any fees pursuant to such sub-advisory agreements, the Management Company shall pay 100% of such fees to the Sub-Advisor.

3. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>.

(a) Each of the Management Company and the Sub-Advisor represents and warrants, as to itself only, that:

(i) it has full power and authority to execute and deliver, and to perform its obligations under, this Agreement;

(ii) this Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by it and constitutes its valid and binding, obligation, enforceable in accordance with its terms except as the enforceability hereof may be subject to (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization moratorium, receivership, conservatorship or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect relating to creditors' rights and (ii) general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforcement is considered in a proceeding, in equity or at law);

(iii) no consent, approval, authorization or order of or declaration or filing with any government, governmental instrumentality or court or other person or entity is required for the execution of this Agreement or the performance by it of its duties hereunder, except such as have been duly made or obtained; and

(iv) neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement nor the fulfillment of the terms hereof conflicts with or results in a breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitutes a default under, (A) its constituting and organizational documents; (B) the terms of any material indenture, contract, lease, mortgage, deed of trust, note, agreement or other evidence of indebtedness or other material agreement, obligation, condition, covenant or instrument to which it is a party or by which it is bound; (C) any statute applicable to it; or (D) any law, decree, order, rule or regulation applicable to it of any court or regulatory, administrative or governmental agency, body of authority or arbitration having or asserting jurisdiction over it or its properties, which, in the case of clauses (B) through (D) above, would have a material adverse effect upon the performance of its duties hereunder.

(b) The Sub-Advisor represents and warrants to the Management Company that it is a registered investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the "<u>Advisers Act</u>").

(c) The Management Company acknowledges that it has received Part 2 of Highland Capital Management, L.P.'s Form ADV filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Sub-Advisor will provide to the Management Company an updated copy of Part 2 of its Form ADV promptly upon any amendment to such Form ADV being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

4. <u>Standard of Care; Liability; Indemnification</u>.

(a) <u>Sub-Advisor Standard of Care</u>. Subject to the terms and provisions of this Agreement, the Management Agreements and/or the Related Agreements, as applicable, the Sub-Advisor will perform its obligations hereunder and under the Management Agreements and/or the Related Agreements in good faith with reasonable care using a degree of skill and attention no less than that which the Sub-Advisor uses with respect to comparable assets that it manages for others and, without limiting the foregoing, in a manner which the Sub-Advisor reasonably believes to be consistent with the practices and procedures followed by institutional managers of national standing relating to assets of the nature and character of the Portfolios, in each case except as expressly provided otherwise under this Agreement, the Management Agreements and/or the Related Agreements. To the extent not inconsistent with the foregoing, the Sub-Advisor will follow its customary standards, policies and procedures in performing its duties hereunder, under the Management Agreements and/or under the Related Agreements.

Exculpation. To the fullest extent permitted by law, none of the Sub-(b) Advisor, any of its affiliates, and any of their respective managers, members, principals, partners, directors, officers, shareholders, employees and agents (but shall not include the Management Company, its subsidiaries or member(s) and any managers, members, principals, partners, directors, officers, shareholders, employees and agents of the Management Company or its subsidiaries or member(s) (in their capacity as such)) (each a "Covered Person") will be liable to the Management Company, any Member, any shareholder, partner or member thereof, any Account (or any other adviser, agent or representative thereof), or to any holder of notes, securities or other indebtedness issued by any Account (collectively, the "Management Company Related Parties"), for (i) any acts or omissions by such Covered Person arising out of or in connection with the provision of the Services hereunder, for any losses that may be sustained in the purchase, holding or sale of any security or debt obligation by any Account, or as a result of any activities of the Sub-Advisor, the Management Company or any other adviser to or agent of the Account or any other sub-advisor appointed by the Management Company to provide portfolio management services to any other delegatee of the Management Company or any other person or entity, unless such act or omission was made in bad faith or is determined ultimately by a court of competent jurisdiction, in a final nonappealable judgment, to be the result of gross negligence or to constitute fraud or willful misconduct (as interpreted under the laws of the State of Delaware) (each, a "Disabling Conduct") on the part of such Covered Person, (ii) any mistake, gross negligence, misconduct or bad faith of any employee, broker, administrator or other agent or representative of the Sub-Advisor, provided that such employee, broker, administrator or agent was selected, engaged or retained by or on behalf of the Sub-Advisor with reasonable care, or (iii) any consequential (including loss of profit), indirect, special or punitive damages. To the extent that, at law or in equity, any Covered Person has duties (including fiduciary duties) and liabilities relating thereto to any Management Company Related Party, no Covered Person acting under this Agreement shall be liable to such Management Company Related Party for its good-faith reliance on the provisions of this Agreement.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, no Covered Person shall have any personal liability to any Management Company Related Party solely by reason of any change in U.S. federal, state or local or foreign income tax laws, or in interpretations thereof, as they apply to any such Management Company Related Party, whether the change occurs through legislative, judicial or administrative action.

Any Covered Person in its sole and absolute discretion may consult legal counsel, accountants or other advisers selected by it, and any act or omission taken, or made in good faith by such Person on behalf of the Management Company or in furtherance of the business of the Management Company in good-faith reliance on and in accordance with the advice of such counsel, accountants or other advisers shall be full justification for the act or omission, and to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, no Covered Person shall be liable to any Management Company Related Party in so acting or omitting to act if such counsel, accountants or other advisers were selected, engaged or retained with reasonable care

Indemnification. The Management Company shall and hereby does, to the (c)fullest extent permitted by applicable law, indemnify and hold harmless any Covered Person from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, costs, expenses, damages, losses, suits, proceedings, judgments, assessments, actions and other liabilities, whether judicial, administrative, investigative or otherwise, of whatever nature, known or unknown, liquidated or unliquidated ("Claims"), that may accrue to or be incurred by any Covered Person, or in which any Covered Person may become involved, as a party or otherwise, or with which any Covered Person may be threatened, relating to or arising out of the Services, the activities of the Management Company Related Parties, or activities undertaken in connection with the Management Company Related Parties, or otherwise relating to or arising out of this Agreement, any Management Agreement and/or the Related Documents, including amounts paid in satisfaction of judgments, in compromise or as fines or penalties, and attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in connection with the preparation for or defense or disposition of any investigation, action, suit, arbitration or other proceeding (a "Proceeding"), whether civil or criminal (all of such Claims, amounts and expenses referred to therein are referred to collectively as "Damages"), except to the extent that it shall have been determined ultimately by a court of competent jurisdiction, in a final nonappealable judgment, that such Damages arose primarily from Disabling Conduct of such Covered Person. The termination of any Proceeding by settlement, judgment, order, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that any Damages relating to such settlement, judgment, order, conviction or plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent or otherwise relating to such Proceeding arose primarily from Disabling Conduct of any Covered Persons.

Expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by a Covered Person in defense or settlement of any Claim that may be subject to a right of indemnification hereunder may be advanced by the Management Company prior to the final disposition thereof upon receipt of a written undertaking by or on behalf of the Covered Person to repay the amount advanced to the extent that it shall be determined ultimately by a court of competent jurisdiction that the Covered Person is not entitled to be indemnified hereunder. The right of any Covered Persons to the indemnification provided herein shall be cumulative of, and in addition to, any and all rights to which the Covered Person may otherwise be entitled by contract or as a matter of law or equity and shall be extended to the Covered Person's successors, assigns and legal representatives. Any judgments against the Management Company and/or any Covered Persons in respect of which such Covered Person is entitled to indemnification shall first be satisfied from the assets of the Management Company, including Drawdowns, before such Covered Person is responsible therefor.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the provisions of this <u>Section 4(c)</u> shall not be construed so as to provide for the indemnification of any Covered Person for any liability (including liability under Federal securities laws which, under certain circumstances, impose liability even on persons that act in good faith), to the extent (but only to the extent) that such indemnification would be in violation of applicable law, but shall be construed so as to effectuate the provisions of this <u>Section 4(c)</u> to the fullest extent permitted by law

(d) <u>Other Sources of Recovery etc.</u> The indemnification rights set forth in <u>Section 4(c)</u> are in addition to, and shall not exclude, limit or otherwise adversely affect, any other indemnification or similar rights to which any Covered Person may be entitled. If and to the extent that other sources of recovery (including proceeds of any applicable policies of insurance or

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indemnification from any Person in which any of the Transactions has an investment) are available to any Covered Person, such Covered Person shall use reasonable efforts to obtain recovery from such other sources before the Company shall be required to make any payment in respect of its indemnification obligations hereunder; *provided* that, if such other recovery is not available without delay, the Covered Person shall be entitled to such payment by the Management Company and the Management Company shall be entitled to reimbursement out of such other recovery when and if obtained

(e) <u>Rights of Heirs, Successors and Assigns</u>. The indemnification rights provided by <u>Section 4(c)</u> shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of each Covered Person

(f) <u>Reliance</u>. A Covered Person shall incur no liability to any Management Company Related Party in acting upon any signature or writing reasonably believed by him, her or it to be genuine, and may rely in good faith on a certificate signed by an officer of any Person in order to ascertain any fact with respect to such Person or within such Person's knowledge. Each Covered Person may act directly or through his, her or its agents or attorneys.

(g) <u>Rights Under Management Agreements and Related Agreements</u>. The Management Company will ensure that the Sub-Advisor is provided substantially similar indemnification and exculpation rights as are afforded to the Management Company in its role as portfolio manager under any future Management Agreement or Related Agreement encompassed within the Services hereunder, and it is expressly acknowledged by the Parties that the Sub-Advisor may not consent to including a Management Agreement and the related Transaction and Related Agreements within the scope of this Agreement pursuant to <u>Section 8</u> if such indemnification and exculpation rights are not reasonably acceptable to it.

## 5. <u>Limitations on Employment of the Sub-Advisor; Conflicts of Interest</u>.

(a) The services of the Sub-Advisor to the Management Company are not exclusive, and the Sub-Advisor may engage in any other business or render similar or different services to others including, without limitation, the direct or indirect sponsorship or management of other Transactions, investment-based accounts or commingled pools of capital, however structured, having investment objectives similar to those of the Management Company or the Accounts. Moreover, nothing in this Agreement shall limit or restrict the right of any manager, partner, officer or employee of the Sub-Advisor to engage in any other business or to devote his or her time and attention in part to any other business, whether of a similar or dissimilar nature to the Management Company or any Account, or to receive any fees or compensation in connection therewith.

(b) So long as this Agreement or any extension, renewal or amendment of this Agreement remains in effect, the Sub-Advisor shall be the only portfolio management sub-advisor for the Management Company. The Sub-Advisor assumes no responsibility under this Agreement other than to render the services called for hereunder. It is understood that directors, officers, employees, members and managers of the Management Company are or may become interested in the Sub-Advisor and its Affiliates as directors, officers, employees, partners, stockholders, members, managers or otherwise, and that the Sub-Advisor and directors, officers, employees,

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partners, stockholders, members and managers of the Sub-Advisor and its Affiliates are or may become similarly interested in the Management Company as members or otherwise.

(c) The Management Company acknowledges that various potential and actual conflicts of interest may exist with respect to the Sub-Advisor as described in the Sub-Advisor's Form ADV Part 2A and as described in <u>Appendix B</u> hereto, and the Management Company expressly acknowledges and agrees to the provisions contained in such <u>Appendix B</u>, as amended from time to time with mutual consent of the Parties.

## 6. <u>Termination; Survival</u>.

(a) This Agreement may be terminated, in its entirety or with respect to any Management Agreement, at any time without payment of penalty, by the Management Company upon 30 days' prior written notice to the Sub-Advisor.

(b) This Agreement shall terminate automatically with respect to any Management Agreement on the date on which (i) such Management Agreement has been terminated (and, if required thereunder, a successor portfolio manager has been appointed and accepted) or discharged; or (ii) the Management Company is no longer acting as portfolio manager, investment manager or in a similar capacity (whether due to removal, resignation or assignment) under such Management Agreement and the Related Agreements. Upon the termination of this Agreement with respect to any Management Agreement the Management Company shall provide prompt notice thereof to the Sub-Advisor, and <u>Appendix A</u> hereto shall be deemed to be amended by deleting such Management Agreement and the Related Agreements related thereto.

(c) All accrued and unpaid financial and indemnification obligations with respect to any conduct or events occurring prior to the effective date of the termination of this Agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

7. <u>Cooperation with Management Company</u>. The Sub-Advisor shall reasonably cooperate with the Management Company in connection with the Management Company's compliance with its policies and procedures relating to oversight of the Sub-Advisor. Specifically, the Sub-Advisor agrees that it will provide the Management Company with reasonable access to information relating to the performance of Sub-Advisor's obligations under this Agreement.

8. <u>Management Agreements and Related Agreements</u>. The Sub-Advisor's duty to provide Services in connection with any Management Agreement shall not commence until (a) Appendix A to this Agreement has been amended by mutual agreement of the Parties to include such Management Agreement and the related Account, fund and/or account and Related Agreements and (b) the Sub-Advisor acknowledges receipt of such Management Agreement and each Related Agreement. The Sub-Advisor shall not be bound to comply with any amendment, modification, supplement or waiver to any Management Agreement or any Related Agreement until it has received a copy thereof from the Management Company. No amendment, modification, supplement or waiver to any Management Agreement or Related Agreement that, when applied to the obligations and rights of the Management Company under such Management Agreement or Related Agreement, affects (i) the obligations or rights of the Sub-Advisor hereunder; (ii) the amount of priority of any fees or other amounts payable to the Sub-Advisor hereunder; or (iii) any

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definitions relating to the matters covered in clause (i) or (ii) above, will apply to the Sub-Advisor under this Agreement unless in each such case the Sub-Advisor has consented thereto in writing (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed unless the Sub-Advisor determines in its reasonable judgment that such amendment, modification, supplement or waiver could have a material adverse effect on the Sub-Advisor).

## 9. <u>Amendments; Assignments</u>.

(a) Neither Party may assign, pledge, grant or otherwise encumber or transfer all or any part of its rights or responsibilities under this Agreement, in whole or in part, except (i) as provided in <u>clauses (b)</u> and (c) of this <u>Section 9</u>, without the prior written consent of the other Party and (ii) in accordance with the Advisers Act and other applicable law.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this <u>Section 9</u>, the Sub-Advisor may not assign its rights or responsibilities under this Agreement unless (i) the Management Company consents in writing thereto and (ii) such assignment is made in accordance with the Advisers Act and other applicable law.

(c) The Sub-Advisor may, without satisfying any of the conditions of Section 9(a) other than clause (ii) thereof (so long as such assignment does not constitute an assignment within the meaning of Section 202(a)(1) of the Advisers Act), (1) assign any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement to an affiliate; provided that such affiliate (i) has demonstrated ability, whether as an entity or by its principals and employees, to professionally and competently perform duties similar to those imposed upon the Sub-Advisor pursuant to this Agreement and (ii) has the legal right and capacity to act as Sub-Advisor under this Agreement, or (2) enter into (or have its parent enter into) any consolidation or amalgamation with, or merger with or into, or transfer of all or substantially all of its assets to, another entity; *provided* that, at the time of such consolidation, merger, amalgamation or transfer the resulting, surviving or transferee entity assumes all the obligations of the Sub-Advisor under this Agreement generally (whether by operation of law or by contract) and the other entity is a continuation of the Sub-Advisor in another corporate or similar form and has substantially the same staff; provided, further, that the Sub-Advisor shall deliver ten (10) Business Days' prior notice to the Management Company of any assignment or combination made pursuant to this sentence. Upon the execution and delivery of any such assignment by the assignee, the Sub-Advisor will be released from further obligations pursuant to this Agreement except to the extent expressly provided herein.

10. <u>Advisory Restrictions</u>. This Agreement is not intended to and shall not constitute an assignment, pledge or transfer of any Management Agreement or any part thereof. It is the express intention of the parties hereto that (i) the Services are limited in scope; and (ii) this Agreement complies in all respects with all applicable (A) contractual provisions and restrictions contained in each Management Agreement and each Related Agreement and (B) laws, rules and regulations (collectively, the "<u>Advisory Restrictions</u>"). If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be in violation of any Advisory Restriction, then the Services to be provided under this Agreement shall automatically without action by any person or entity be limited, reduced or modified to the extent necessary and appropriate to be enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by such Advisory Restriction.

### 11. <u>Records; Confidentiality</u>.

(a) The Sub-Advisor shall maintain or cause to be maintained appropriate books of account and records relating to its services performed hereunder, and such books of account and records shall be accessible for inspection by representatives of the Management Company and its accountants and other agents at any time during normal business hours and upon not less than three (3) Business Days' prior notice; provided, that the Sub-Advisor shall not be obligated to provide access to any non-public information if it in good faith determines that the disclosure of such information would violate any applicable law, regulation or contractual arrangement.

The Sub-Advisor shall follow its customary procedures to keep confidential (b) any and all information obtained in connection with the services rendered hereunder that is either (a) of a type that would ordinarily be considered proprietary or confidential, such as information concerning the composition of assets, rates of return, credit quality, structure or ownership of securities, or (b) designated as confidential obtained in connection with the services rendered by the Sub-Advisor hereunder and shall not disclose any such information to non-affiliated third parties except (i) with the prior written consent of the Management Company, (ii) such information as a rating agency shall reasonably request in connection with its rating of notes issued in connection with a Transaction or supplying credit estimates on any obligation included in the Portfolios, (iii) in connection with establishing trading or investment accounts or otherwise in connection with effecting transactions on behalf of the Management Company or any Account for which the Management Company serves as portfolio manager, (iv) as required by (A) applicable law or (B) the rules or regulations of any self-regulating organization, body or official having jurisdiction over the Sub-Advisor or any of its affiliates, (v) to its professional advisors (including, without limitation, legal, tax and accounting advisors), (vi) such information as shall have been publicly disclosed other than in known violation of this Agreement or shall have been obtained by the Sub-Advisor on a non-confidential basis, (vii) such information as is necessary or appropriate to disclose so that the Sub-Advisor may perform its duties hereunder, (viii) as expressly permitted in the final offering memorandum or any definitive transaction documents relating to any Transaction, or (ix) information relating to performance of the Portfolios as may be used by the Sub-Advisor in the ordinary course of its business. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is agreed that the Sub-Advisor may disclose without the consent of any Person (1) that it is serving as Sub-Advisor to the Management Company and each Account, (2) the nature, aggregate principal amount and overall performance of the Portfolios, (3) the amount of earnings on the Portfolios, (4) such other information about the Management Company, the Portfolios and the Transactions as is customarily disclosed by Sub-Advisors to management vehicles similar to the Management Company, and (5) the United States federal income tax treatment and United States federal income tax structure of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the related documents and all materials of any kind (including opinions and other tax analyses) that are provided to them relating to such United States federal income tax treatment and United States income tax structure. This authorization to disclose the U.S. tax treatment and tax structure does not permit disclosure of information identifying the Sub-Advisor, the Management Company, the Accounts or any other party to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (except to the extent such information is relevant to U.S. tax structure or tax treatment of such transactions).

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12. <u>Notice</u>. Any notice or demand to any party to this Agreement to be given, made or served for any purposes under this Agreement shall be given, made or served by sending the same by overnight mail, facsimile or email transmission or by delivering it by hand as follows (or to such other address, email address or facsimile number as shall have been notified to the other parties hereto):

(a) If to the Management Company:

Acis Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201

(b) If to the Sub-Advisor:

Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201

13. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Texas. The parties unconditionally and irrevocably consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts located in the State of Texas and waive any objection with respect thereto, for the purpose of any action, suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

14. <u>WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL</u>. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY AND INTENTIONALLY WAIVES ANY RIGHTS IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY WITH RESPECT TO ANY LITIGATION BASED HEREON, OR ARISING OUT OF, UNDER, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THIS AGREEMENT. EACH PARTY HERETO ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT IT HAS RECEIVED FULL AND SUFFICIENT CONSIDERATION FOR THIS PROVISION AND THAT THIS PROVISION IS A MATERIAL INDUCEMENT FOR ITS ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT.

15. <u>Severability</u>. The provisions of this Agreement are independent of and severable from each other, and no provision shall be affected or rendered invalid or unenforceable by virtue of the fact that for any reason any other or others of them may be invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the parties.

16. <u>No Waiver</u>. The performance of any condition or obligation imposed upon any party hereunder may be waived only upon the written consent of the parties hereto. Such waiver shall be limited to the terms thereof and shall not constitute a waiver of any other condition or obligation of the other party under this Agreement. Any failure by any party to this Agreement to enforce any provision shall not constitute a waiver of that or any other provision or this Agreement.

17. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts by facsimile or other written form of communication, each of which shall be deemed to be an original as against any party whose signature appears thereon, and all of which shall together constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement shall become binding when one or more counterparts hereof, individually or taken together, shall bear the signatures of all of the parties reflected hereon as the signatories.

18. <u>Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. Nothing in this Agreement will be construed to give any person or entity other than the parties to this Agreement, the Accounts and any person or entity with indemnification rights hereunder any legal or equitable right, remedy, or claim under or with respect to this Agreement or any provision of this Agreement. Except as provided in the foregoing sentence, this Agreement and all of its provisions and conditions are for the sole and exclusive benefit of the parties to this Agreement and their successors and assigns.

19. <u>No Partnership or Joint Venture</u>. Nothing set forth in this Agreement shall constitute, or be construed to create, an employment relationship, a partnership or a joint venture between the parties. Except as expressly provided herein or in any other written agreement between the parties, no party has any authority, express or implied, to bind or to incur liabilities on behalf of, or in the name of, any other party.

20. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement, together with each Management Agreement and Related Agreement, constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and undertakings, both written and oral, between the parties with respect to such subject matter.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

> HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., as the Sub-Advisor

By: Strand Advisors, Inc., its General Partner

By:

Name: James Dondero Title: President

# ACIS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,

as the Management Company

By: Acis Capital Management GP, LLC, its General Partner

By:

Name: James Dondero Title: President

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#### Appendix A

The Management Company shall pay to the Sub-Advisor a Sub-Advisory Fee for the Services for the Accounts in an amount equal to the aggregate management fees that would be received by the Management Company for such Accounts if such management fees were calculated in exact conformity with the calculation of management fees for such Accounts, except that the management fee rates applied in such calculation were replaced by the fee rate set forth in the following table. Such fees shall be payable promptly (or at such time as is otherwise agreed by the parties) following the Management Company's receipt of management fees for such Accounts, it being understood that none of the foregoing shall prohibit the Management Company from waiving or entering into side letters with respect to management fees for such Accounts; provided that any such waived or reduced amounts shall not be recognized for purposes of calculating the fees payable by the Management Company hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties may agree to a different allocation from that set forth during any period in order to reflect the then current fair market value of the Services rendered.

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Issuer / Borrower / Fund / Account	Management Agreement	Related Agreements	Date of Management Agreement	Annualized Sub-Advisory Fee Rate (bps)
Hewett's Island CLO I-R, Ltd.	Management Agreement	Indenture	November 20, 2007	20
Acis CLO 2013-1 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture	March 18, 2013	20
Acis CLO 2013-2 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture	October 3, 2013	20
Acis CLO 2014-3 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture Collateral Administration Agreement	February 25, 2014	20
Acis CLO 2014-4 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture Collateral Administration Agreement	June 5, 2014	20
Acis CLO 2014-5 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture Collateral Administration Agreement	November 18, 2014	20
Acis CLO 2015-6 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture Collateral Administration Agreement	April 16, 2015	20
BayVK R2 Lux S.A., SICAV-FIS	Agreement for the Outsourcing of the Asset Management	Service Level Agreement	February 27, 2015	20
Acis Loan Funding, Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement		August 10, 2015	0

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### **APPENDIX B**

### Purchase and Sale Transactions; Brokerage

The Management Company acknowledges and agrees that the Sub-Advisor or any of its affiliates may acquire or sell obligations or securities, for its own account or for the accounts of its customers, without either requiring or precluding the acquisition or sale of such obligations or securities for the account of any Account. Such investments may be the same or different from those made by or on behalf of the Management Company or the Accounts.

#### Additional Activities of the Sub-Advisor

Nothing herein shall prevent the Sub-Advisor or any of its clients, its partners, its members, funds or other investment accounts managed by it or any of its affiliates, or their employees and their affiliates (collectively, the "<u>Related Entities</u>"), from engaging in other businesses, or from rendering services of any kind to the Management Company, its affiliates, any Account or any other Person or entity regardless of whether such business is in competition with the Management Company, its affiliates, such Account or otherwise. Without limiting the generality of the Sub-Advisor and its Related Entities may:

(a) serve as managers or directors (whether supervisory or managing), officers, employees, partners, agents, nominees or signatories for the Management Company or any affiliate thereof, or for any obligor or issuer in respect of any of the Portfolio Assets or any affiliate thereof, to the extent permitted by their respective organizational documents and underlying instruments, as from time to time amended, or by any resolutions duly adopted by the Management Company, any Account, their respective affiliates or any obligor or issuer in respect of any of the Portfolio Assets (or any affiliate thereof) pursuant to their respective organizational documents;

(b) receive fees for services of whatever nature rendered to the obligor or issuer in respect of any of the Portfolio Assets or any affiliate thereof;

(c) be retained to provide services unrelated to this Agreement to the Management Company, any Account or their respective affiliates and be paid therefor, on an arm's-length basis;

(d) be a secured or unsecured creditor of, or hold a debt obligation of or equity interest in, the Management Company, any Account or any affiliate thereof or any obligor or issuer of any Portfolio Asset or any affiliate thereof;

(e) sell any Portfolio Asset to, or purchase or acquire any Portfolio Asset from, any Account while acting in the capacity of principal or agent; *provided, however*, that any such sale or purchase effected by the Sub-Advisor shall be subject to applicable law and any applicable provisions of this Agreement, the related Management Agreement and Related Agreements, as applicable;

(f) underwrite, arrange, structure, originate, syndicate, act as a distributor of or make a market in any Portfolio Asset;

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(g) serve as a member of any "creditors' board", "creditors' committee" or similar creditor group with respect to any Portfolio Asset; or

(h) act as portfolio manager, portfolio manager, investment manager and/or investment adviser or sub-advisor in collateralized bond obligation vehicles, collateralized loan obligation vehicles and other similar warehousing, financing or other investment vehicles.

As a result, such individuals may possess information relating to obligors and issuers of Portfolio Assets that is (a) not known to or (b) known but restricted as to its use by the individuals at the Sub-Advisor responsible for monitoring the Portfolio Assets and performing the Services under this Agreement. Each of such ownership and other relationships may result in securities laws restrictions on transactions in such securities by the Management Company and/or any Account and otherwise create conflicts of interest for the Management Company and/or any Account. The Management Company acknowledges and agrees that, in all such instances, the Sub-Advisor and its affiliates may in their discretion make investment recommendations and decisions that may be the same as or different from those made by the Management Company with respect to the investments of any Account and they have no duty, in making or managing such investments, to act in a way that is favorable to any Account.

The Management Company acknowledges that there are generally no ethical screens or information barriers between the Sub-Advisor and certain of its affiliates of the type that many firms implement to separate Persons who make investment decisions from others who might possess applicable material, non-public information that could influence such decisions. The officers or affiliates of the Sub-Advisor may possess information relating to obligors or issuers of Portfolio Assets that is not known to the individuals at the Sub-Advisor responsible for providing the Services under this Agreement. As a result, the Sub-Advisor may from time to time come into possession of material nonpublic information that limits the ability of the Sub-Advisor to effect a transaction for the Management Company and/or any Account, and the Management Company and/or such Account's investments may be constrained as a consequence of the Sub-Advisor's inability to use such information for advisory purposes or otherwise to effect transactions that otherwise may have been initiated on behalf of its clients, including the Management Company and/or such Account.

Unless the Sub-Advisor determines in its sole discretion that such Transaction complies with the conflicts of interest provisions set forth in the applicable Management Agreement and Related Agreements, he Sub-Advisor will not direct any Account to acquire or sell loans or securities entered into or issued by (i) Persons of which the Sub-Advisor, any of its affiliates or any of its officers, directors or employees are directors or officers, (ii) Persons of which the Sub-Advisor or any of its respective affiliates act as principal or (iii) Persons about which the Sub-Advisor or any of its affiliates have material non-public information which the Sub-Advisor deems would prohibit it from advising as to the trading of such securities in accordance with applicable law.

It is understood that the Sub-Advisor and any of its affiliates may engage in any other business and furnish investment management and advisory services to others, including Persons which may have investment policies similar to those followed by the Management Company with respect to the Portfolio Assets and which may own securities or obligations of the same class, or which are of the same type, as the Portfolio Assets or other securities or obligations of the obligors or issuers of the Portfolio Assets. The Sub-Advisor and its affiliates will be free, in their sole discretion, to make recommendations to others, or effect transactions on behalf of themselves or for others, which may be the same as or different from those effected with respect to the Collateral. Nothing in this Agreement, in the Management Agreements or in the Related Agreements shall prevent the Sub-Advisor or any of its affiliates, acting either as principal or agent on behalf of others, from buying or selling, or from recommending to or directing any other account to buy or sell, at any time, securities or obligations of the same kind or class, or securities or obligations of a different kind or class of the same obligor or issuer, as those directed by the Sub-Advisor to be purchased or sold on behalf of an Account. It is understood that, to the extent permitted by applicable law, the Sub-Advisor, its Related Entities, or any of their owners, directors, managers, officers, stockholders, members, partners, partnership committee members, employees, agents or affiliates or the other Covered Persons or any member of their families or a Person or entity advised by the Sub-Advisor may have an interest in a particular transaction or in securities or obligations of the same kind or class, or securities or obligations of a different kind or class of the same issuer, as those that may be owned or acquired by an Account. The Management Company agrees that, in the course of providing the Services, the Sub-Advisor may consider its relationships with other clients (including obligors and issuers) and its affiliates.

The Management Company agrees that neither the Sub-Advisor nor any of its affiliates is under any obligation to offer any investment opportunity of which they become aware to the Management Company or any Account or to account to the Management Company or any Account for (or share with the Management Company or any Account or inform the Management Company or any Account of) any such transaction or any benefit received by them from any such transaction. The Management Company understands that the Sub-Advisor and/or its affiliates may have, for their own accounts or for the accounts of others, portfolios with substantially the same portfolio criteria as are applicable to the Accounts. Furthermore, the Sub-Advisor and/or its affiliates may make an investment on behalf of any client or on their own behalf without offering the investment opportunity or making any investment on behalf of the Management Company or any Account and, accordingly, investment opportunities may not be allocated among all such clients. The Management Company acknowledges that affirmative obligations may arise in the future, whereby the Sub-Advisor and/or its affiliates are obligated to offer certain investments to clients before or without the Sub-Advisor offering those investments to the Management Company or any Account.

The Management Company acknowledges that the Sub-Advisor and its affiliates may make and/or hold investments in an obligor's or issuer's obligations or securities that may be *pari passu*, senior or junior in ranking to an investment in such obligor's or issuer's obligations or securities made and/or held by the Management Company or any Account, or in which partners, security holders, members, officers, directors, agents or employees of the Sub-Advisor and its affiliates serve on boards of directors, or otherwise have ongoing relationships or otherwise have interests different from or adverse to those of the Management Company and the Accounts.

#### **Defined** Terms

For purposes of this <u>Appendix B</u>, the following defined terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

"Portfolio" shall mean, with respect to any Account and/or Transaction, the assets held by or in the name of the Account or any subsidiary of the Account in respect of such Transaction,

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whether or not for the benefit of the related secured parties, securing the obligations of such Account.

"<u>Portfolio Asset</u>" shall mean any loan, eligible investment or other asset contained in the Portfolio.

"<u>Transaction</u>" shall mean any action taken by the Sub-Advisor on behalf of any Account with respect to the Portfolio, including, without limitation, (i) selecting the Portfolio Assets to be acquired by the Account, (ii) investing and reinvesting the Portfolio, (iii) amending, waiving and/or taking any other action commensurate with managing the Portfolio and (iv) instructing the Account with respect to any acquisition, disposition or tender of a Portfolio Asset or other assets received in respect thereof in the open market or otherwise by the Account. Case 18-3022655e stop 112239 at 6 \$3 Peort 4 59 F5 ed F0 8/01/1/221/Desc FExpression 120 52 age 1 of 24 EXECUTION VERSION

## FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT

by and between

## ACIS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

and

# HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

Dated March 17, 2017

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#### FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Fourth Amended and Restated Shared Services Agreement (as amended, modified, waived, supplemented or restated from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof, this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of March 17, 2017, is entered into by and between Acis Capital Management, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, as the management company hereunder (in such capacity, the "<u>Management Company</u>"), and Highland Capital Management, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership as the staff and services provider hereunder (in such capacity, the "<u>Staff and Services Provider</u>" and together with the Management Company, the "<u>Parties</u>").

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WHEREAS, the Parties entered into that certain Third Amended and Restated Shared Services Agreement dated effective January 1, 2016 (the "Existing Agreement");

WHEREAS, the Staff and Services Provider is a registered investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the "<u>Advisers Act</u>");

WHEREAS, the Staff and Services Provider and the Management Company are engaged in the business of providing investment management services;

WHEREAS, the Staff and Services Provider is hereby being retained to provide certain back- and middle-office services and administrative, infrastructure and other services to assist the Management Company in conducting its business, and the Staff and Services Provider is willing to make such services available to the Management Company on the terms and conditions hereof;

WHEREAS, the Management Company may employ certain individuals to perform portfolio selection and asset management functions for the Management Company, and certain of these individuals may also be employed simultaneously by the Staff and Services Provider during their employment with the Management Company;

WHEREAS, each Person employed by both the Management Company and the Staff and Services Provider as described above (each, a "<u>Shared Employee</u>") is and shall be identified on the books and records of each of the Management Company and the Staff and Services Provider (as amended, modified, supplemented or restated from time to time); and

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to amend and restate the Existing Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree that the Existing Agreement is hereby amended, restated and replaced in its entirety as follows.

### **ARTICLE I**

#### DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01 <u>Certain Defined Terms</u>. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"<u>Advisers Act</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals to this Agreement.

"<u>Advisory Restriction</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in <u>Section 5.01(b)</u>.

"<u>Affiliate</u>" shall mean with respect to a Person, any other Person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the first Person. The term "control" means (i) the legal or beneficial ownership of securities representing a majority of the voting power of any person or (ii) the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a person, whether by contract or otherwise.

"<u>Agreement</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in the Preamble to this Agreement.

"<u>Applicable Asset Criteria and Concentrations</u>" means any applicable eligibility criteria, portfolio concentration limits and other similar criteria or limits which the Management Company instructs in writing to the Staff and Services Provider in respect of the Portfolio or one or more CLOs or Accounts, as such criteria or limits may be modified, amended or supplemented from time to time in writing by the Management Company;

"<u>Applicable Law</u>" shall mean, with respect to any Person or property of such Person, any action, code, consent decree, constitution, decree, directive, enactment, finding, guideline, law, injunction, interpretation, judgment, order, ordinance, policy statement, proclamation, formal guidance, promulgation, regulation, requirement, rule, rule of law, rule of public policy, settlement agreement, statute, writ, or any particular section, part or provision thereof, including the Risk Retention Rules, of any Governmental Authority to which the Person in question is subject or by which it or any of its property is bound.

"<u>CLO or Account</u>" shall mean a collateralized loan obligation transaction, including any type of short-term or long-term warehouse or repurchase facility in connection therewith, or a fund or account advised by the Management Company, as applicable.

"<u>Covered Person</u>" shall mean the Staff and Services Provider, any of its Affiliates, and any of their respective managers, members, principals, partners, directors, officers, shareholders, employees and agents (but shall not include the Management Company, its subsidiaries or member(s) and any managers, members, principals, partners, directors, officers, shareholders, employees and agents of the Management Company or its subsidiaries or member(s) (in their capacity as such)).

"<u>Governmental Authority</u>" shall mean (i) any government or quasi-governmental authority or political subdivision thereof, whether national, state, county, municipal or regional, whether U.S. or non-U.S.; (ii) any agency, regulator, arbitrator, board, body, branch, bureau, commission,

corporation, department, master, mediator, panel, referee, system or instrumentality of any such government, political subdivision or other government or quasi-government entity, whether non-U.S. or U.S.; and (iii) any court, whether U.S. or non-U.S.

"<u>Highland</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"Indebtedness" shall mean: (a) all indebtedness for borrowed money and all other obligations, contingent or otherwise, with respect to surety bonds, guarantees of borrowed money, letters of credit and bankers' acceptances whether or not matured, and hedges and other derivative contracts and financial instruments; (b) all obligations evidenced by notes, bonds, debentures, or similar instruments, or incurred under bank guaranty or letter of credit facilities or credit agreements; (c) all indebtedness created or arising under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement with respect to any property of the Management Company or any subsidiary; (d) with respect to the Management Company, all indebtedness relating to the acquisition by the EU Originator Series of a collateral obligation that failed to settle (including any ineligible or defaulted collateral obligation) into a CLO; (e) all capital lease obligations; (f) all indebtedness guaranteed by such Person or any of its subsidiaries; (g) all capital lease obligations; (h) all indebtedness guaranteed by such Person or any of its subsidiaries.

"Management Company" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"<u>Operating Guidelines</u>" means any operating guidelines attached to any portfolio management agreement, investment management agreement or similar agreement entered into between the Management Company and a CLO or Account.

"<u>Parties</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in the <u>preamble</u> to this Agreement.

"<u>Portfolio</u>" means the Management Company's portfolio of collateral loan obligations, debt securities (including equity investments or subordinated securities in a CLO such as a Retention Interest), other similar obligations, preferred return notes, financial instruments, securities or other assets held directly or indirectly by, or on behalf of, the Management Company from time to time;

"Securities Act" shall mean the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"Staff and Services Fee" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.01 of this Agreement.

"Staff and Services Provider" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"Shared Employee" shall have the meaning set forth in the <u>Recitals</u> to this Agreement.

Section 1.02 <u>Interpretation</u>. The following rules apply to the use of defined terms and the interpretation of this Agreement: (i) the singular includes the plural and the plural includes the singular; (ii) "or" is not exclusive (unless preceded by "either") and "include" and "including" are

not limiting; (iii) unless the context otherwise requires, references to agreements shall be deemed to mean and include such agreements as the same may be amended, supplemented, waived and otherwise modified from time to time; (iv) a reference to a law includes any amendment or modification to such law and any rules or regulations issued thereunder or any law enacted in substitution or replacement therefor; (v) a reference to a Person includes its successors and assigns; (vi) a reference to a Section without further reference is to the relevant Section of this Agreement; (vii) the headings of the Sections and subsections are for convenience and shall not affect the meaning of this Agreement; (viii) "writing", "written" and comparable terms refer to printing, typing, lithography and other shall mean of reproducing words in a visible form (including telefacsimile and electronic mail); (ix) "hereof", "herein", "hereunder" and comparable terms refer to the entire instrument in which such terms are used and not to any particular article, section or other subdivision thereof or attachment thereto; and (x) references to any gender include any other gender, masculine, feminine or neuter, as the context requires.

#### **ARTICLE II**

#### SERVICES

Section 2.01 <u>General Authority</u>. Highland is hereby appointed as Staff and Services Provider for the purpose of providing such services and assistance as the Management Company may request from time to time to, and to make available the Shared Employees to, the Management Company in accordance with and subject to the provisions of this Agreement and the Staff and Services Provider hereby accepts such appointment. The Staff and Services Provider hereby agrees to such engagement during the term hereof and to render the services described herein for the compensation provided herein, subject to the limitations contained herein.

Section 2.02 <u>Provision of Services</u>. Without limiting the generality of Section 2.1 and subject to Section 2.4 (Applicable Asset Criteria and Concentrations) below, the Staff and Services Provider hereby agrees, from the date hereof, to provide the following back- and middle-office services and administrative, infrastructure and other services to the Management Company.

(a) *Back- and Middle-Office*: Assistance and advice with respect to back- and middle-office functions including, but not limited to, accounting, payments, operations, technology and finance;

(b) *Legal/Compliance/Risk Analysis*. Assistance and advice with respect to legal issues, compliance support and implementation and general risk analysis;

(c) *Management of Collateral Obligations and CLOs and Accounts.* Assistance and advice with respect to (i) the adherence to Operating Guidelines by the Management Company, and (ii) performing any obligations of the Management Company under or in connection with any back- and middle-office function set forth in any portfolio management agreement, investment management agreement or similar agreement in effect between the Management Company and any CLO or Account from time to time.

(d) *Valuation*. Advice relating to the appointment of suitable third parties to provide valuations on assets comprising the Portfolio and including, but not limited to, such

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valuations required to facilitate the preparation of financial statements by the Management Company or the provision of valuations in connection with, or preparation of reports otherwise relating to, a CLO or Account for which the Management Company serves as portfolio manager or investment manager or in a similar capacity;

(e) *Execution and Documentation*. Assistance relating to the negotiation of the terms of, and the execution and delivery by the Management Company of, any and all documents which the Management Company considers to be necessary in connection with the acquisition and disposition of an asset in the Portfolio by the Management Company or a CLO or Account managed by the Management Company, CLO transactions involving the Management Company, and any other rights and obligations of the Management Company;

(f) *Marketing*. Provide access to marketing team representatives to assist with the marketing of the Management Company and any specified CLOs or Accounts managed by the Management Company conditional on the Management Company's agreement that any incentive compensation related to such marketing shall be borne by the Management Company;

(g) *Reporting.* Assistance relating to any reporting the Management Company is required to make in relation to the Portfolio or any CLO or Account, including reports relating to (i) purchases, sales, liquidations, acquisitions, disposals, substitutions and exchanges of assets in the Portfolio, (ii) the requirements of an applicable regulator, or (iii) other type of reporting which the Management Company and Staff and Services Provider may agree from time to time;

(h) *Administrative Services*. The provision of office space, information technology services and equipment, infrastructure and other related services requested or utilized by the Management Company from time to time;

(i) *Shared Employees*. The provision of Shared Employees and such additional human capital as may be mutually agreed by the Management Company and the Staff and Services Provider in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 2.03</u> hereof;

(j) Ancillary Services. Assistance and advice on all things ancillary or incidental to the foregoing; and

(k) *Other*. Assistance and advice relating to such other back- and middle-office services in connection with the day-to-day business of the Management Company as the Management Company and the Staff and Services Provider may from time to time agree.

For the avoidance of doubt, none of the services contemplated hereunder shall constitute investment advisory services, and the Staff & Services Provider shall not provide any advice to the Management Company or perform any duties on behalf of the Management Company, other than the back- and middle-office services contemplated herein, with respect to (a) the general management of the Management Company, its business or activities, (b) the initiation or structuring of any CLO or Account or similar securitization, (c) the substantive investment management decisions with respect to any CLO or Account or any related collateral obligations or securitization, (d) the actual selection of any collateral obligation or assets by the Management Company, (e) binding recommendations as to any disposal of or amendment to any Collateral Obligation or (f) any similar functions.

Section 2.03 Shared Employees.

The Staff and Services Provider hereby agrees and consents that each (a) Shared Employee shall be employed by the Management Company, and the Management Company hereby agrees and consents that each Shared Employee shall be employed by the Staff and Services Provider. The name, location and such other matters as the Parties desire to reflect with respect to each Shared Employee shall be identified on the books and records of each of the Management Company and the Staff and Services Provider, which may be amended in writing from time to time by the Parties to add or remove any Shared Employee to reflect the employment (or lack thereof) of such employee. Except as may otherwise separately be agreed in writing between the applicable Shared Employee and the Management Company and/or the Staff and Services Provider, in each of their discretion, each Shared Employee is an at-will employee and no guaranteed employment or other employment arrangement is agreed or implied by this Agreement with respect to any Shared Employee, and for avoidance of doubt this Agreement shall not amend, limit, constrain or modify in any way the employment arrangements as between any Shared Employee and the Staff and Services Provider or as between any Shared Employee and the Management Company, it being understood that the Management Company may enter into a shortform employment agreement with any Shared Employee memorializing such Shared Employee's status as an employee of the Management Company. If at any time any Shared Employee (or any other person employed by the Staff and Services provider who also provides services to the Management Company) shall be terminated from employment with the Staff and Services Provider or otherwise resigns or is removed from employment with the Staff and Services Provider, then such person may only serve as a separate direct employee of the Management Company upon the approval of the Management Company. The Staff and Services Provider shall ensure that the Management Company has sufficient access to the Shared Employees so that the Shared Employees spend adequate time to provide the services required hereunder. The Staff and Services Provider may also employ the services of persons other than the Specified Persons as it deems fit in its sole discretion

(b) Notwithstanding that the Shared Employees shall be employed by both the Staff and Services Provider and the Management Company, the Parties acknowledge and agree that any and all salary and benefits of each Shared Employee shall be paid exclusively by the Staff and Services Provider and shall not be paid or borne by the Management Company and no additional amounts in connection therewith shall be due from the Management Company to the Staff and Services Provider.

(c) To the extent that a Shared Employee participates in the rendering of services to the Management Company's clients, the Shared Employee shall be subject to the oversight and control of the Management Company and such services shall be provided by the Shared Employee exclusively in his or her capacity as a "supervised person" of, or "person associated with", the Management Company (as such terms are defined in Sections 202(a)(25) and 202(a)(17), respectively, of the Advisers Act).

(d) Each Party may continue to oversee, supervise and manage the services of each Shared Employee in order to (1) ensure compliance with the Party's compliance policies and procedures, (2) ensure compliance with regulations applicable to the Party and (3) protect the interests of the Party and its clients; *provided* that Staff and Services Provider shall (A) cooperate

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with the Management Company's supervisory efforts and (B) make periodic reports to the Management Company regarding the adherence of Shared Employees to Applicable Law, including but not limited to the 1940 Act, the Advisers Act and the United States Commodity Exchange Act of 1936, as amended, in performing the services hereunder.

(e) Where a Shared Employee provides services hereunder through both Parties, the Parties shall cooperate to ensure that all such services are performed consistently with Applicable Law and relevant compliance controls and procedures designed to prevent, among other things, breaches in information security or the communication of confidential, proprietary or material non-public information.

(f) The Staff and Services Provider shall ensure that each Shared Employee has any registrations, qualifications and/or licenses necessary to provide the services hereunder.

(g) The Parties will cooperate to ensure that information about the Shared Employees is adequately and appropriately disclosed to clients, investors (and potential investors), investment banks operating as initial purchaser or placement agent with respect to any CLO or Account, and regulators, as applicable. To facilitate such disclosure, the Staff and Services Provider agrees to provide, or cause to be provided, to the Management Company such information as is deemed by the Management Company to be necessary or appropriate with respect to the Staff and Services Provider and the Shared Employees (including, but not limited to, biographical information about each Shared Employee).

(h) The Parties shall cooperate to ensure that, when so required, each has adopted a Code of Ethics meeting the requirements of the Advisers Act ("<u>Code of Ethics</u>") that is consistent with applicable law and which is substantially similar to the other Party's Code of Ethics.

(i) The Staff and Services Provider shall make reasonably available for use by the Management Company, including through Shared Employees providing services pursuant to this Agreement, any relevant intellectual property and systems necessary for the provision of the services hereunder.

(j) The Staff and Services Provider shall require that each Shared Employee:

(i) certify that he or she is subject to, and has been provided with, a copy of each Party's Code of Ethics and will make such reports, and seek prior clearance for such actions and activities, as may be required under the Codes of Ethics;

(ii) be subject to the supervision and oversight of each Party's officers and directors, including without limitation its Chief Compliance Officer ("<u>CCO</u>"), which CCO may be the same Person, with respect to the services provided to that Party or its clients;

(iii) provide services hereunder and take actions hereunder only as approved by the Management Company;

(iv) provide any information requested by a Party, as necessary to comply with applicable disclosure or regulatory obligations;

(v) to the extent authorized to transact on behalf of the Management Company or a CLO or Account, take reasonable steps to ensure that any such transaction is consistent with any policies and procedures that may be established by the Parties and all Applicable Asset Criteria and Concentrations; and

(vi) act, at all times, in a manner consistent with the fiduciary duties and standard of care owed by the Management Company to its members and direct or indirect investors or to a CLO or Account as well as clients of Staff and Services Provider by seeking to ensure that, among other things, information about any investment advisory or trading activity applicable to a particular client or group of clients is not used to benefit the Shared Employee, any Party or any other client or group of clients in contravention of such fiduciary duties or standard of care.

(k) Unless specifically authorized to do so, or appointed as an officer or authorized person of the Management Company with such authority, no Shared Employee may contract on behalf or in the name of the Management Company, acting as principal.

Section 2.04 <u>Applicable Asset Criteria and Concentrations</u>. The Management Company will promptly inform the Staff and Services Provider in writing of any Applicable Asset Criteria and Concentrations to which it agrees from time to time and the Staff and Services Provider shall take such Applicable Asset Criteria and Concentrations into account when providing assistance and advice in accordance with <u>Section 2.2</u> above and any other assistance or advice provided in accordance with this Agreement.

Section 2.05 <u>Compliance with Management Company Policies and Procedures</u>. The Management Company will from time to time provide the Staff and Services Provider and the Shared Employees with any policy and procedure documentation which it establishes internally and to which it is bound to adhere in conducting its business pursuant to regulation, contract or otherwise. Subject to any other limitations in this Agreement, the Staff and Services Provider will use reasonable efforts to ensure any services it and the Shared Employees provide pursuant to this Agreement complies with or takes account of such internal policies and procedures.

Section 2.06 <u>Authority</u>. The Staff and Services Provider's scope of assistance and advice hereunder is limited to the services specifically provided for in this Agreement. The Staff and Services Provider shall not assume or be deemed to assume any rights or obligations of the Management Company under any other document or agreement to which the Management Company is a party. Notwithstanding any other express or implied provision to the contrary in this Agreement, the activities of the Staff and Services Provider pursuant to this Agreement shall be subject to the overall policies of the Management Company, as notified to the Staff and Services Provider from time to time. The Staff and Services Provider shall not have any duties or obligations to the Management Company unless those duties and obligations are specifically provided for in this Agreement (or in any amendment, modification or novation hereto or hereof to which the Staff and Services Provider is a party).

#### Section 2.07 <u>Third Parties</u>.

(a) The Staff and Services Provider may employ third parties, including its affiliates, to render advice, provide assistance and to perform any of its duties under this Agreement; *provided* that notwithstanding the employment of third parties for any such purpose, the Staff and Services Provider shall not be relieved of any of its obligations or liabilities under this Agreement.

(b) In providing services hereunder, the Staff and Services Provider may rely in good faith upon and will incur no liability for relying upon advice of nationally recognized counsel (which may be counsel for the Management Company, a CLO or Account or any Affiliate of the foregoing), accountants or other advisers as the Staff and Services Provider determines, in its sole discretion, is reasonably appropriate in connection with the services provided by the Staff and Services Provider under this Agreement.

Section 2.08 <u>Management Company to Cooperate with the Staff and Services Provider</u>. In furtherance of the Staff and Services Provider's obligations under this Agreement the Management Company shall cooperate with, provide to, and fully inform the Staff and Services Provider of, any and all documents and information the Staff and Services Provider reasonably requires to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

Section 2.09 <u>Power of Attorney</u>. If the Management Company considers it necessary for the provision by the Staff and Services Provider of the assistance and advice under this Agreement (after consultation with the Staff and Services Provider), it may appoint the Staff and Services Provider as its true and lawful agent and attorney, with full power and authority in its name to sign, execute, certify, swear to, acknowledge, deliver, file, receive and record any and all documents that the Staff and Services Provider reasonably deems appropriate or necessary in connection with the execution and settlement of acquisitions of assets as directed by the Management Company and the Staff and Services Provider's powers and duties hereunder (which for the avoidance of doubt shall in no way involve the discretion and/or authority of the Management Company with respect to investments). Any such power shall be revocable in the sole discretion of the Management Company.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **CONSIDERATION AND EXPENSES**

Section 3.01 <u>Consideration</u>. As compensation for its performance of its obligations as Staff and Services Provider under this Agreement, the Staff and Services Provider will be entitled to receive the Staff and Services Fee payable thereto. The "<u>Staff and Services Fee</u>" shall be payable in accordance with <u>Appendix A</u> attached hereto, as such appendix may be amended by the Parties from time to time.

From time to time, the Management Company may enter into shared services agreements with certain management companies on similar terms to this Agreement. Promptly following the receipt of any fees pursuant to such shared services agreements, the Management Company shall pay 100% of such fees to the Staff and Services Provider.

Section 3.03 <u>Costs and Expenses</u>. Each party shall bear its own expenses; *provided* that the Management Company shall reimburse the Staff and Services Provider for any and all costs and expenses that may be borne properly by the Management Company.

Section 3.04 <u>Deferral</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, if on any date the Management Company determines that it would not have sufficient funds available to it to make a payment of Indebtedness, it shall have the right to defer any all and amounts payable to the Staff and Services Provider pursuant to this Agreement, including any fees and expenses; *provided* that the Management Company shall promptly pay all such amounts on the first date thereafter that sufficient amounts exist to make payment thereof.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

### **REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS**

Section 4.01 <u>Representations</u>. Each of the Parties hereto represents and warrants that:

(a) It has full power and authority to execute and deliver, and to perform its obligations under, this Agreement;

(b) this Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by it and constitutes its valid and binding, obligation, enforceable in accordance with its terms except as the enforceability hereof may be subject to (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization moratorium, receivership, conservatorship or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect relating to creditors' rights and (ii) general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforcement is considered in a proceeding, in equity or at law);

(c) no consent, approval, authorization or order of or declaration or filing with any Governmental Authority is required for the execution of this Agreement or the performance by it of its duties hereunder, except such as have been duly made or obtained; and

(d) neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement nor the fulfillment of the terms hereof conflicts with or results in a breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitutes a default under, (i) its constituting and organizational documents; or (ii) the terms of any material indenture, contract, lease, mortgage, deed of trust, note, agreement or other evidence of indebtedness or other material agreement, obligation, condition, covenant or instrument to which it is a party or by which it is bound.

### **ARTICLE V**

#### **COVENANTS**

#### Section 5.01 Compliance; Advisory Restrictions.

(a) The Staff and Services Provider shall reasonably cooperate with the Management Company in connection with the Management Company's compliance with its policies and procedures relating to oversight of the Staff and Services Provider. Specifically, the Staff and Services Provider agrees that it will provide the Management Company with reasonable

access to information relating to the performance of Staff and Services Provider's obligations under this Agreement.

(b) This Agreement is not intended to and shall not constitute an assignment, pledge or transfer of any portfolio management agreement or any part thereof. It is the express intention of the parties hereto that this Agreement and all services performed hereunder comply in all respects with all (a) applicable contractual provisions and restrictions contained in each portfolio management agreement, investment management agreement or similar agreement and each document contemplated thereby; and (b) Applicable Laws (collectively, the "<u>Advisory Restrictions</u>"). If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be in violation of any Advisory Restriction, then the services to be provided under this Agreement shall automatically be limited without action by any person or entity, reduced or modified to the extent necessary and appropriate to be enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by such Advisory Restriction.

#### Section 5.02 <u>Records; Confidentiality</u>.

The Staff and Services Provider shall maintain or cause to be maintained appropriate books of account and records relating to its services performed hereunder, and such books of account and records shall be accessible for inspection by representatives of the Management Company and its accountants and other agents at any time during normal business hours and upon not less than three (3) Business Days' prior notice; *provided* that the Staff and Services Provider shall not be obligated to provide access to any non-public information if it in good faith determines that the disclosure of such information would violate any applicable law, regulation or contractual arrangement.

The Staff and Services Provider shall follow its customary procedures to keep confidential any and all information obtained in connection with the services rendered hereunder that is either (a) of a type that would ordinarily be considered proprietary or confidential, such as information concerning the composition of assets, rates of return, credit quality, structure or ownership of securities, or (b) designated as confidential obtained in connection with the services rendered by the Staff and Services Provider hereunder and shall not disclose any such information to non-affiliated third parties, except (i) with the prior written consent of the Management Company, (ii) such information as a rating agency shall reasonably request in connection with its rating of notes issued by a CLO or supplying credit estimates on any obligation included in the Portfolio, (iii) in connection with establishing trading or investment accounts or otherwise in connection with effecting transactions on behalf of the Management Company or any CLO or Account for which the Management Company serves as portfolio manager or investment manager or in a similar capacity, (iv) as required by (A) Applicable Law or (B) the rules or regulations of any self-regulating organization, body or official having jurisdiction over the Staff and Services Provider or any of its Affiliates, (v) to its professional advisors (including, without limitation, legal, tax and accounting advisors), (vi) such information as shall have been publicly disclosed other than in known violation of this Agreement or shall have been obtained by the Staff and Services Provider on a non-confidential basis, (vii) such information as is necessary or appropriate to disclose so that the Staff and Services Provider may perform its duties hereunder, (viii) as expressly permitted in the final offering memorandum or any definitive transaction documents relating to any CLO or Account, (ix) information relating to performance of the Portfolio as may be used by the Staff and Services Provider in the ordinary course of its business or (xx) such

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information as is routinely disclosed to the trustee, custodian or collateral administrator of any CLO or Account in connection with such trustee's, custodian's or collateral administrator's performance of its obligations under the transaction documents related to such CLO or Account. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is agreed that the Staff and Services Provider may disclose without the consent of any Person (1) that it is serving as staff and services provider to the Management Company, (2) the nature, aggregate principal amount and overall performance of the Portfolio, (3) the amount of earnings on the Portfolio, (4) such other information about the Management Company, the Portfolio and the CLOs or Accounts as is customarily disclosed by staff and services providers to management vehicles similar to the Management Company, and (5) the United States federal income tax treatment and United States federal income tax structure of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the related documents and all materials of any kind (including opinions and other tax analyses) that are provided to them relating to such United States federal income tax treatment and United States income tax structure. This authorization to disclose the U.S. tax treatment and tax structure does not permit disclosure of information identifying the Staff and Services Provider, the Management Vehicles, the CLOs or Accounts or any other party to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (except to the extent such information is relevant to U.S. tax structure or tax treatment of such transactions).

#### **ARTICLE VI**

#### **EXCULPATION AND INDEMNIFICATION**

Section 6.01 <u>Standard of Care</u>. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, each Covered Person shall discharge its duties under this Agreement with the care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims. To the extent not inconsistent with the foregoing, each Covered Person shall follow its customary standards, policies and procedures in performing its duties hereunder. No Covered Person shall deal with the income or assets of the Management Company in such Covered Person's own interest or for its own account. Each Covered Person in its respective sole and absolute discretion may separately engage or invest in any other business ventures, including those that may be in competition with the Management Company, and the Management Company will not have any rights in or to such ventures or the income or profits derived therefrom

Section 6.02 Exculpation. To the fullest extent permitted by law, no Covered Person will be liable to the Management Company, any Member, or any shareholder, partner or member thereof, for (i) any acts or omissions by such Covered Person arising out of or in connection with the conduct of the business of the Management Company or its General Partner, or any investment made or held by the Management Company or its General Partner, unless such act or omission was made in bad faith or is determined ultimately by a court of competent jurisdiction, in a final nonappealable judgment, to be the result of gross negligence or to constitute fraud or willful misconduct (as interpreted under the laws of the State of Delaware) (each, a "Disabling Conduct") on the part of such Covered Person, (ii) any act or omission of any Investor, (iii) any mistake, gross negligence, misconduct or bad faith of any employee, broker, administrator or other agent or representative of such Covered Person, *provided* that such employee, broker, administrator or agent was selected, engaged or retained by or on behalf of such Covered Person with reasonable care, or (iv) any consequential (including loss of profit), indirect, special or punitive damages. To

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the extent that, at law or in equity, any Covered Person has duties (including fiduciary duties) and liabilities relating thereto to the Management Company or any Member, no Covered Person acting under this Agreement shall be liable to the Management Company or to any such Member for its good-faith reliance on the provisions of this Agreement.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, no Covered Person shall have any personal liability to the Management Company or any Member solely by reason of any change in U.S. federal, state or local or foreign income tax laws, or in interpretations thereof, as they apply to the Management Company or the Members, whether the change occurs through legislative, judicial or administrative action.

Any Covered Person in its sole and absolute discretion may consult legal counsel, accountants or other advisers selected by it, and any act or omission taken, or made in good faith by such Person on behalf of the Management Company or in furtherance of the business of the Management Company in good-faith reliance on and in accordance with the advice of such counsel, accountants or other advisers shall be full justification for the act or omission, and to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, no Covered Person shall be liable to the Management Company or any Member in so acting or omitting to act if such counsel, accountants or other advisers were selected, engaged or retained with reasonable care.

Section 6.03 Indemnification by the Management Company. The Management Company shall and hereby does, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, indemnify and hold harmless any Covered Person from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, costs, expenses, damages, losses, suits, proceedings, judgments, assessments, actions and other liabilities, whether judicial, administrative, investigative or otherwise, of whatever nature, known or unknown, liquidated or unliquidated ("Claims"), that may accrue to or be incurred by any Covered Person, or in which any Covered Person may become involved, as a party or otherwise, or with which any Covered Person may be threatened, relating to or arising out of the investment or other activities of the Management Company or its General Partner, or activities undertaken in connection with the Management Company or its General Partner, or otherwise relating to or arising out of this Agreement, including amounts paid in satisfaction of judgments, in compromise or as fines or penalties, and attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in connection with the preparation for or defense or disposition of any investigation, action, suit, arbitration or other proceeding (a "Proceeding"), whether civil or criminal (all of such Claims, amounts and expenses referred to therein are referred to collectively as "Damages"), except to the extent that it shall have been determined ultimately by a court of competent jurisdiction, in a final nonappealable judgment, that such Damages arose primarily from Disabling Conduct of such Covered Person. The termination of any Proceeding by settlement, judgment, order, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that any Damages relating to such settlement, judgment, order, conviction or plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent or otherwise relating to such Proceeding arose primarily from Disabling Conduct of any Covered Persons.

Expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by a Covered Person in defense or settlement of any Claim that may be subject to a right of indemnification hereunder may be advanced by the Management Company prior to the final disposition thereof upon receipt of a written undertaking by or on behalf of the Covered Person to repay the amount advanced to the extent that it shall be

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determined ultimately by a court of competent jurisdiction that the Covered Person is not entitled to be indemnified hereunder. The right of any Covered Persons to the indemnification provided herein shall be cumulative of, and in addition to, any and all rights to which the Covered Person may otherwise be entitled by contract or as a matter of law or equity and shall be extended to the Covered Person's successors, assigns and legal representatives. Any judgments against the Management Company and/or any Covered Persons in respect of which such Covered Person is entitled to indemnification shall first be satisfied from the assets of the Management Company, including Drawdowns, before such Covered Person is responsible therefor.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the provisions of this <u>Section 6.03</u> shall not be construed so as to provide for the indemnification of any Covered Person for any liability (including liability under Federal securities laws which, under certain circumstances, impose liability even on persons that act in good faith), to the extent (but only to the extent) that such indemnification would be in violation of applicable law, but shall be construed so as to effectuate the provisions of this <u>Section 6.03</u> to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Section 6.04 <u>Other Sources of Recovery etc.</u> The indemnification rights set forth in <u>Section 6.03</u> are in addition to, and shall not exclude, limit or otherwise adversely affect, any other indemnification or similar rights to which any Covered Person may be entitled. If and to the extent that other sources of recovery (including proceeds of any applicable policies of insurance or indemnification from any Person in which any of the CLOs or Accounts has an investment) are available to any Covered Person, such Covered Person shall use reasonable efforts to obtain recovery from such other sources before the Company shall be required to make any payment in respect of its indemnification obligations hereunder; *provided* that, if such other recovery is not available without delay, the Covered Person shall be entitled to such payment by the Management Company and the Management Company shall be entitled to reimbursement out of such other recovery when and if obtained.

Section 6.05 <u>Rights of Heirs, Successors and Assigns</u>. The indemnification rights provided by <u>Section 6.03</u> shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of each Covered Person.

Section 6.06 <u>Reliance</u>. A Covered Person shall incur no liability to the Management Company or any Member in acting upon any signature or writing reasonably believed by him, her or it to be genuine, and may rely in good faith on a certificate signed by an officer of any Person in order to ascertain any fact with respect to such Person or within such Person's knowledge. Each Covered Person may act directly or through his, her or its agents or attorneys.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

#### TERMINATION

Section 7.01 <u>Termination</u>. Either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time upon at least thirty (30) days' written notice to the other.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### MISCELLANEOUS

Section 8.01 <u>Amendments</u>. This Agreement may not be amended or modified except by an instrument in writing signed by each Party.

Section 8.02 Assignment and Delegation.

(a) Neither Party may assign, pledge, grant or otherwise encumber or transfer all or any part of its rights or responsibilities under this Agreement, in whole or in part, except (i) as provided in clauses (b) and (c) of this <u>Section 8.02</u>, without the prior written consent of the other Party and (ii) in accordance with Applicable Law.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this <u>Section 8.02</u>, the Staff and Services Provider may not assign its rights or responsibilities under this Agreement unless (i) the Management Company consents in writing thereto and (ii) such assignment is made in accordance with Applicable Law.

The Staff and Services Provider may, without satisfying any of the (c) conditions of Section 8.02(a) other than clause (ii) thereof, (1) assign any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement to an Affiliate; provided that such Affiliate (i) has demonstrated ability, whether as an entity or by its principals and employees, to professionally and competently perform duties similar to those imposed upon the Staff and Services Provider pursuant to this Agreement and (ii) has the legal right and capacity to act as Staff and Services Provider under this Agreement, or (2) enter into (or have its parent enter into) any consolidation or amalgamation with, or merger with or into, or transfer of all or substantially all of its assets to, another entity; provided that, at the time of such consolidation, merger, amalgamation or transfer the resulting, surviving or transferee entity assumes all the obligations of the Staff and Services Provider under this Agreement generally (whether by operation of law or by contract) and the other entity is a continuation of the Staff and Services Provider in another corporate or similar form and has substantially the same staff; *provided further* that the Staff and Services Provider shall deliver ten (10) Business Days' prior notice to the Management Company of any assignment or combination made pursuant to this sentence. Upon the execution and delivery of any such assignment by the assignee, the Staff and Services Provider will be released from further obligations pursuant to this Agreement except to the extent expressly provided herein.

### Section 8.03 <u>Non-Recourse; Non-Petition</u>.

(a) The Staff and Services Provider agrees that the payment of all amounts to which it is entitled pursuant to this Agreement shall be payable by the Management Company only to the extent of assets held in the Portfolio.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the liability of the Management Company to the Staff and Services Provider hereunder is limited in recourse to the Portfolio, and if the proceeds of the Portfolio following the liquidation thereof are insufficient to meet the obligations of the Management Company hereunder in full, the Management Company shall have no further liability in respect of any such outstanding obligations, and such obligations

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and all claims of the Staff and Services Provider or any other Person against the Management Company hereunder shall thereupon extinguish and not thereafter revive. The Staff and Services Provider accepts that the obligations of the Management Company hereunder are the corporate obligations of the Management Company and are not the obligations of any employee, member, officer, director or administrator of the Management Company and no action may be taken against any such Person in relation to the obligations of the Management Company hereunder.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, any Staff and Services Provider agrees not to institute against, or join any other Person in instituting against, the Management Company any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency, moratorium or liquidation proceedings, or other proceedings under United States federal or state bankruptcy laws, or similar laws until at least one year and one day (or, if longer, the then applicable preference period plus one day) after the payment in full all amounts payable in respect of any Indebtedness incurred to finance any portion of the Portfolio; *provided* that nothing in this provision shall preclude, or be deemed to stop, the Staff and Services Provider from taking any action prior to the expiration of the aforementioned one year and one day period (or, if longer, the applicable preference period then in effect plus one day) in (i) any case or proceeding voluntarily filed or commenced by the Management Company, or (ii) any involuntary insolvency proceeding filed or commenced against the Management Company by a Person other than the Staff and Services Provider.

(d) The Management Company hereby acknowledges and agrees that the Staff and Services Provider's obligations hereunder shall be solely the corporate obligations of the Staff and Services Provider, and are not the obligations of any employee, member, officer, director or administrator of the Staff and Services Provider and no action may be taken against any such Person in relation to the obligations of the Staff and Services Provider hereunder.

(e) The provisions of this <u>Section 8.03</u> shall survive termination of this Agreement for any reason whatsoever.

### Section 8.04 <u>Governing Law</u>.

(a) This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Texas. The Parties unconditionally and irrevocably consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts located in the State of Texas and waive any objection with respect thereto, for the purpose of any action, suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

(b) The Parties irrevocably agree for the benefit of each other that the courts of the State of Texas and the United States District Court located in the Northern District of Texas in Dallas are to have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any disputes (whether contractual or non-contractual) which may arise out of or in connection with this Agreement and that accordingly any action arising out of or in connection therewith (together referred to as "<u>Proceedings</u>") may be brought in such courts. The Parties irrevocably submit to the jurisdiction of such courts and waive any objection which they may have now or hereafter to the laying of the venue of any Proceedings in any such court and any claim that any Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum

and further irrevocably agree that a judgment in any Proceedings brought in such courts shall be conclusive and binding upon the Parties and may be enforced in the courts of any other jurisdiction.

Section 8.05 <u>WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL</u>. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY AND INTENTIONALLY WAIVES ANY RIGHTS IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY LITIGATION BASED HEREON, OR ARISING OUT OF, UNDER, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THIS AGREEMENT. EACH PARTY HERETO ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT IT HAS RECEIVED FULL AND SUFFICIENT CONSIDERATION FOR THIS PROVISION AND THAT THIS PROVISION IS A MATERIAL INDUCEMENT FOR ITS ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT.

Section 8.06 <u>Severability</u>. The provisions of this Agreement are independent of and severable from each other, and no provision shall be affected or rendered invalid or unenforceable by virtue of the fact that for any reason any other or others of them may be invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the Parties.

Section 8.07 <u>No Waiver</u>. The performance of any condition or obligation imposed upon any Party may be waived only upon the written consent of the Parties. Such waiver shall be limited to the terms thereof and shall not constitute a waiver of any other condition or obligation of the other Party. Any failure by any Party to enforce any provision shall not constitute a waiver of that or any other provision or this Agreement.

Section 8.08 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts by facsimile or other written or electronic form of communication, each of which shall be deemed to be an original as against any Party whose signature appears thereon, and all of which shall together constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement shall become binding when one or more counterparts hereof, individually or taken together, shall bear the signatures of all of the Parties reflected hereon as the signatories.

Section 8.09 <u>Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties hereto and their permitted assigns and nothing herein express or implied shall give or be construed to give to any Person, other than the Parties hereto and such permitted assigns, any legal or equitable rights hereunder. For avoidance of doubt, this Agreement is not for the benefit or and is not enforceable by any Shared Employee, CLO or Account or any investor (directly or indirectly) in the Management Company.

Section 8.10 <u>No Partnership or Joint Venture</u>. Nothing set forth in this Agreement shall constitute, or be construed to create, an employment relationship, a partnership or a joint venture between the Parties. Except as expressly provided herein or in any other written agreement between the Parties, no Party has any authority, express or implied, to bind or to incur liabilities on behalf of, or in the name of, any other Party.

Section 8.11 <u>Independent Contractor</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Staff and Services Provider shall be deemed to be an independent contractor and, except as

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expressly provided or authorized herein, shall have no authority to act for or represent the Management Company or any CLO or Account in which the Management Company acts as portfolio manager or investment manager or in a similar capacity in any manner or otherwise be deemed an agent of the Management Company or any CLO or Account in which the Management Company acts as portfolio manager or investment manager or in a similar capacity.

Section 8.12 <u>Written Disclosure Statement</u>. The Management Company acknowledges receipt of Part 2 of the Staff and Services Provider's Form ADV, as required by Rule 204-3 under the Advisers Act, on or before the date of execution of this Agreement.

Section 8.13 <u>Headings</u>. The descriptive headings contained in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

Section 8.14 <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and undertakings, both written and oral, between the Parties with respect to such subject matter.

Section 8.15 <u>Notices</u>. Any notice or demand to any Party to be given, made or served for any purposes under this Agreement shall be given, made or served by sending the same by overnight mail or email transmission or by delivering it by hand as follows:

(a) If to the Management Company:

Acis Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201

(b) If to the Staff and Services Provider:

Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201

or to such other address or email address as shall have been notified to the other Parties.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., as the Sub-Advisor

By: Strand Advisors, Inc., its General Partner

P D By: Name: James Dondero

Name: James Donderc Title: President

ACIS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., as the Management Company

By: Acis Capital Management GP, LLC, its General Partner

By: -

Name: James Dondero Title: President

#### Appendix A

The Management Company shall pay to the Staff and Services Provider a Staff and Services Fee for the services for the CLOs or Accounts in an amount equal to the aggregate management fees that would be received by the Management Company for such CLOs or Accounts if such management fees were calculated in exact conformity with the calculation of management fees for such CLOs or Accounts, except that the management fee rates applied in such calculation were replaced by the fee rate set forth in the following table. Such fees shall be payable promptly (or at such time as is otherwise agreed by the parties) following the Management Company's receipt of management fees for such CLOs or Accounts, it being understood that none of the foregoing shall prohibit the Management Company from waiving or entering into side letters with respect to management fees for such CLOs or Accounts; provided that any such waived or reduced amounts shall not be recognized for purposes of calculating the fees payable by the Management Company hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties may agree to a different allocation from that set forth during any period in order to reflect the then current fair market value of the Services rendered.

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Issuer / Borrower / Fund / Account	Management Agreement	Related Agreements	Date of Management Agreement	Annualized Staff and Services Fee Rate (bps)
Hewett's Island CLO I-R, Ltd.	Management Agreement	Indenture	November 20, 2007	15
Acis CLO 2013- 1 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture	March 18, 2013	15
Acis CLO 2013- 2 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture	October 3, 2013	15
Acis CLO 2014- 3 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture Collateral Administration Agreement	February 25, 2014	15
Acis CLO 2014- 4 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture Collateral Administration Agreement	June 5, 2014	15
Acis CLO 2014- 5 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture Collateral Administration Agreement	November 18, 2014	15
Acis CLO 2015- 6 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture Collateral Administration Agreement	April 16, 2015	15
BayVK R2 Lux S.A., SICAV- FIS	Agreement for the Outsourcing of the Asset Management	Service Level Agreement	February 27, 2015	15
Acis Loan Funding, Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement		August 10, 2015	0

# **EXHIBIT F**

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# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:	§ Case No. 18-30264-SGJ-11
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ACIS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P. and	ş
ACIS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT GP, LLC,	§ (Jointly Administered Under Case No.
	§ 18-30264-SGJ-11)
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Debtors.	§ Chapter 11

# HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.'s APPLICATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE CLAIM PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)

Highland Capital Management, L.P. ("**Highland**"), hereby files this *Application for Administrative Expense Claim Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)* (the "**Application**") and requests this Court's approval of an administrative expense claim for the actual and necessary costs and expenses for services to Acis Capital Management, LP and Acis Capital Management GP, LLC (the "**Debtors**") rendered post-petition in the current known amount of **\$3,554,224.29**, as well as such other amounts that may arise, as referenced herein, related to Highland's indemnity rights and other potential claims that may be asserted against the estates, as applicable. In support of the Application, Highland respectfully states as follows:

### **JURISDICTION & VENUE**

This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Application pursuant to
28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. The subject matter of this Application is a core proceeding within

the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(A) and (B). Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1409(a).

#### **BACKGROUND**

#### A. The Contracts

2. Debtor Acis Capital Management, L.P. ("Acis LP") was formed in 2011 as an affiliated investment advisor to manage Highland's collateralized loan obligations. Acis LP and Highland are parties to a number of different agreements. Debtor Acis Capital Management GP, LLC ("Acis GP") is the general partner of Acis LP.

#### (a) The PMAs and the CLOs

3. Prior to the Petition Date (defined below), Acis LP had contractual obligations to provide portfolio management services to five collateralized loan obligation entities known as Acis CLO 2013-1 Ltd., Acis CLO 2014-3 Ltd., Acis CLO 2014-4 Ltd., Acis CLO 2014-5 Ltd., and Acis CLO 2015-6 Ltd. (the "CLOs") through certain portfolio management agreements (the "PMAs") with the CLOs. For those services, Acis LP was entitled to certain portfolio management fees pursuant to the PMAs.

4. Each CLO holds a portfolio of diversified syndicated leveraged commercial loans through the private placement of rated secured notes (the "Secured Notes") and unsecured subordinated securities (the "Equity Notes," together with the Secured Notes, the "Notes"). Highland CLO Funding, Ltd. ("HCLOF") is the holder of the Equity Notes. Each Note is subject to an indenture (the "Indenture") that establishes the rights of the noteholders and indenture trustee investment criteria. Neither of the Debtors are a party to any of the Indentures. Rather, the Indentures are between each CLO entity, as issuer, and U.S. Bank, N.A. as indenture trustee (the "Indenture Trustee").

5. Pursuant to the Indentures, the CLOs can redeem the Secured Notes under certain conditions, including at the written direction of 66 2/3% of the aggregate outstanding amount of the Equity Notes. Through this right of redemption, the Equity Noteholders can restructure the CLOs when they no longer meet their investment objectives. Because changes in interest rates affect the return on the CLOs' investments, HCLOF has the contractual right to "reset" the CLOs, which is a process of refinancing the existing collateral loan obligations.

#### (b) The Outsourcing Agreement

6. Also prior to the Petition Date, Acis LP was party to an Agreement for the Outsourcing of the Asset Management (the "**Outsourcing Agreement**") with Universal-Investment-Luxembourg S.A. ("**Universal**") whereby Universal outsourced to Acis LP the asset management of an entity called BAYVK R2 Lux S.A., SICAV-FS – Highland (the "**Sub-Fund**"), which is a sub-fund of an entity called BAYVK R2 Lux S.A., SICAV-FIS. A copy of the Outsourcing Agreement is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>. In return for Acis LP's management services, Universal paid Acis LP management fees, which were ultimately charged to the Sub-Fund, as provided by section 5.3 of the Outsourcing Agreement. Section 2.6 of the Outsourcing Agreement provided that, subject to the prior consent of Universal, Acis LP was permitted to utilize the asset management services of third parties. Pursuant to that provision, Acis LP engaged Highland to provide sub-advisory services with respect to the management of the Sub-Fund.<sup>1</sup>

7. Acis LP does not have, nor has it ever had, any employees. All employees who have ever provided services to Acis LP were Highland employees, which were provided to Acis LP through shared and sub-advisory services agreements. Acis LP has always essentially

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Sub-Fund is funded indirectly by an entity called Bayerische Versogungskammer ("**BVK**"). In the case, the term "BVK" has been used by the parties as shorthand to refer to the Sub-Fund arrangement under the Outsourcing Agreement.

subcontracted its CLO managerial function out to Highland. As a result, independently, Acis LP was not able to provide the services necessary to fulfill the contractual obligations under the PMAs or the Outsourcing Agreement. Since the inception of Acis LP until August 2, 2018, Highland provided all front, middle, and back-office services to Acis LP through sub-advisory and shared services agreements.

#### (c) The Shared Services Agreement

8. Prior to being replaced on August 2, 2018 (as described below), Highland provided back- and middle-office services to Acis LP pursuant to the Fourth Amended and Restated Shared Services Agreement, executed on March 17, 2017, (as amended and restated from time to time, the "**Shared Services Agreement**"). A copy of the Shared Services Agreement is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u> and incorporated herein by reference. The multitude of services provided by Highland are set forth in Article II of the Shared Services Agreement.

9. Highland provided these shared services in exchange for management fees, currently averaging 15 basis points ("**bps**") of the total balances of the CLO accounts. *See* Exhibit 1 at Section 3.01 and Appendix A. The management fees were due to be paid to Highland approximately every quarter.

#### (d) The Sub-Advisory Agreement

10. Highland also provided front-office services to Acis LP pursuant to the Third Amended and Restated Sub-Advisory Agreement, executed March 17, 2017 (as amended and restated from time to time, the "Sub-Advisory Agreement," collectively with the Shared Services Agreement, the "Contracts"). A copy of the Sub-Advisory Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by reference.
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11. The Sub-Advisory Agreement appointed Highland "as Sub-Advisor to the Management Company [Acis LP] for the purpose of assisting the Management Company [Acis LP] in managing the Portfolios of each Account . . . ." *See* Sub-Advisory Agreement at Section 1(a)). The Sub-Advisory Agreement directs Highland to perform a multitude of investment advisory services set forth in Section 1(b) of the agreement.

12. Highland was the sole provider of these services to Acis LP. *See id* at § 5(6) ("So long as this [Sub-Advisory] Agreement or any extension, renewal or amendment of this [Sub-Advisory] Agreement remains in effect, the Sub-Advisor shall be the only portfolio management sub-advisor for the Management Company."). Given that Acis LP has no employees, Highland therefore was the sole provider of these services to the CLOs and the BVK Sub-Fund.

13. For these investment advisory services, Highland received a sub-advisory fee that averaged 20 bps of the total average 40 bps Acis LP received as portfolio manager. *See id.* at § 2(a) and Appendix A. The sub-advisory fees were due to be paid to Highland approximately every quarter. Acis LP has not made a payment to Highland for sub-advisory services since November of 2017.

#### **B.** The Bankruptcy Cases

14. On January 30, 2018 (the "**Petition Date**"), Joshua N. Terry ("**Terry**") filed involuntary petitions (the "**Involuntary Petitions**") for relief under Chapter 7, Title 11 of the United States Code (the "**Bankruptcy Code**") against Acis LP and Acis Capital Management GP, LLC (the "**Debtors**").

15. The Debtors filed answers to the Involuntary Petitions and moved to dismiss the petitions, asserting among other defenses that the Court lacked subject matter jurisdiction.

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16. A five-day contested trial on the Involuntary Petitions was held in late March 2018. On April 13, 2018, the Court entered orders for relief (the "**Orders for Relief**"). Diane Reed was thereafter appointed as the Chapter 7 trustee (the "**Chapter 7 Trustee**").

17. On April 17, 2018, the Chapter 7 Trustee filed her Expedited Motion to Operate the Debtors' Business in Chapter 7 [Doc. No. 127] (the "**Motion to Operate**"). By the Motion to Operate, the Chapter 7 Trustee determined there was "an immediate need to obtain authorization to continue the business operations of the Debtors by the [Chapter 7] Trustee continuing Acis LP's performance of the Sub-Advisory Agreement and the Shared Services Agreement." Motion to Operate at ¶ 5.

18. During this time period, HCLOF evaluated the situation and determined that having a bankrupt portfolio manager was an untenable situation. HCLOF therefore decided to take action related to redeeming the CLOs. Accordingly, on April 30, 2018, HCLOF instructed the Indenture Trustee and Acis LP to initiate an optional redemption (the "**Optional Redemption Notices**"). Pursuant to the terms of the Indentures, there was a 45-day notice period prior to the occurrence of the redemption. Thus, the redemption was scheduled to occur on June 14, 2018.

19. Highland, which had related responsibilities as sub-manager, was well-aware of the timeline related to the Optional Redemption Notices and was operating under the assumption that the Debtors would no longer be operating as of June 14, 2018. As such, on May 3, 2018, Highland filed its *Motion of Highland Capital Management, L.P. for Order Compelling Chapter* 7 *Trustee to Reject Certain Executory Contracts* [Doc. No. 169] ("**Motion to Reject**"). By the Motion to Reject, Highland sought an order compelling the Debtors to reject the Contracts. Highland's intention was to file the Motion to Reject on a timeline such that any order granting

the Motion to Reject would be on or about the same time as the optional redemption on June 14, 2018.

20. On May 4, 2018, the Chapter 7 trustee filed an *Expedited Motion to Convert Cases to Chapter 11* [Doc. No. 171] (the "**Motion to Convert**"). Also on May 4, 2018, Terry filed an *Emergency Motion for an Order Appointing Trustee for the Chapter 11 Estates of Acis Capital Management, L.P. and Acis Capital Management GP, LLC Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Section 1104(a)* [Doc. No. 173] (the "**Motion to Appoint Chapter 11 Trustee**").

21. On May 6, 2018, following an expedited hearing on the matter, the Court entered an order granting the Motion to Operate [Doc. No. 178] (the "**Operation Order**").<sup>2</sup> The Operation Order authorized the Chapter 7 Trustee to operate the Debtors, explicitly pursuant to the terms of the Contracts with Highland. The Operations Order did not contemplate long-term operations of the Debtors as illustrated by the fact that the Court set a further status conference for June 25, 2018 to "consider the status of the cases and any modifications to the relief granted" in the Operations Order. *See* Operations Order at p. 3.

22. Thereafter, on May 11, 2018, after a hearing on the matter, the Court entered orders granting the Motion to Convert [Doc. No. 205] and the Motion to Appoint Chapter 11 Trustee [Doc. No. 206]. On May 17, 2018, the Court entered an order granting appointment of Robin Phelan as Chapter 11 Trustee (the "**Chapter 11 Trustee**").

23. The Chapter 11 Trustee refused to authorize the process to allow Highland, as sub-manager, to take the actions necessary to effectuate the noticed optional redemptions. The Chapter 11 Trustee, Highland, and HCLOF exchanged a number of letters related to that issue in late May 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Operations Order was preceded by an interim order entered by the Court on April 18, 2018 [Doc. No. 130] pending a hearing on the Motion to Operate.

24. On May 24, 2018, the Chapter 11 Trustee filed his *Objection to the Motion of Highland Capital Management, L.P. for Order Compelling Chapter 7 Trustee to Reject Certain Executory Contracts and Request for Expedited Hearing* [Doc. 237] ("**Trustee's Objection**"). By the Trustee's Objection, the Chapter 11 Trustee argued that rejection of the Contracts was premature, given the conversion of the cases to Chapter 11. The Chapter 11 Trustee made clear his intention to continue to bind Highland to the terms of the Contracts, and to enjoy the services provided by Highland that made Acis LP's operations possible.

25. On May 31, 2018, the Court held a status conference and entered a *sua sponte* temporary restraining order (the "**TRO**") staying the optional redemption process. In recognition of this fact, HCLOF subsequently withdrew the Optional Redemption Notices.

26. On June 11, 2018, Highland filed a withdrawal [Doc. No. 273] of its Motion to Reject. The conversion of the case and the entry of the TRO made it perfectly clear that the Debtors' business would continue to operate past the late June time period Highland originally contemplated when it filed the Motion to Reject. Thus, Highland continued to perform the sub-advisory and shared services it provided the Debtors pre-petition, throughout the involuntary, and post-petition pursuant to the terms of the Contracts.

27. On July 30, 2018, less than a month after the Chapter 11 Trustee complained about Highland's attempts to free itself of the obligations under the Contracts, the Chapter 11 Trustee filed his *Emergency Motion to Approve Replacement Sub-Advisory and Shared Services Providers, Brigade Capital Management, LP and Cortland Capital Markets Services LLC* [Doc. No. 448] (the "**Replacement Motion**"). By the Replacement Motion, the Chapter 11 Trustee sought to replace Highland with Brigade Capital Management, LP ("**Brigade**") based on vague

allegations by the Chapter 11 Trustee that Highland was "mismanaging" and "overcharging" the Debtors.

28. The Court held a hearing on the Replacement Motion on August 1, 2018. At the hearing, counsel for the Chapter 11 Trustee stated that the issue of mismanagement was "not the issue" for the hearing and reserved rights.<sup>3</sup> Rather, the issue related solely to whether the Chapter 11 Trustee's business judgment supported the relief sought in the Replacement Motion. As such, the Court never took up the mismanagement issue.

29. On August 1, 2018, the Court entered an order [Doc. 464] granting the Chapter 11 Trustee's Replacement Motion, thereby replacing Highland with Brigade Capital Management, LP as service provider to Acis LP. Highland provided transitional services through August 2, 2018.

#### C. Highland's Post-Petition Services Under the Contracts

30. Highland provided Acis LP with uninterrupted services during three legallydistinct time periods: (i) the period prior to the filing of the Involuntary Petitions; (ii) the "gap" period between the filing of Involuntary Petitions and the entry of the Orders for Relief; and (iii) the post-petition period following the entry of the Orders for Relief until Highland's replacement on August 2, 2018 (the "**Post-Petition Period**"). Highland has filed a proof of claim asserting its pre-petition unsecured claim and its priority gap claim pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 507(a)(3).<sup>4</sup> This Application seeks an administrative expense claim relating solely to the Post-Petition Period and Highland reserves all rights related to any other period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Hr'g Tr (Aug. 1, 2018) at 154:17-24 (MS. PATEL: "And with respect to these – to issues surrounding mismanagement, et cetera, as I said sort of at the opportunity to cross-examine Mr. Covitz, it's just not an issue today. That's why we would want to reserve our rights at a later date to the extent that that is an actual material issue in dispute. That's when that needs to be brought up, but that's it. We reserve our rights, Your Honor. It's just not an issue for today. Thank you."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Proof of Claim [No. 27] filed on August 1, 2018 (the "**Proof of Claim**") whereby Highland asserts an unsecured claim in the amount of \$4,672,140.38, constituting \$2,622,576.03 for the pre-petition period and

#### **RELIEF REQUESTED**

31. By this Application, Highland seeks allowance of an administrative expense claim for services rendered under the Contracts during the Post-Petition Period. The total accrued amount for such services is \$3,554,224.29, as set forth in the summary attached hereto as **Exhibit D**, composed of \$3,007,678.41 for sub-servicing and sub-advisory fees and \$543,545.88 for expenses.

32. Section 503(b) provides for an administrative expense claim for "the actual, necessary costs and expenses of preserving the estate" as well as "the actual, necessary expenses" incurred by a creditor "in making a substantial contribution" in a Chapter 11 case. *See* 11 U.S.C. §§ 503(b)(1); *see also In re ASARCO, LLC*, 650 F.3d 593, 601 (5th Cir. 2011) (providing that administrative expense claims under 503 "generally stem from voluntary transactions with third parties who lend goods or services necessary to the successful reorganization of the debtor's estate.") (internal citation omitted). "A prima facie case under section 503(b)(1) may be established by evidence that (1) the claim arises from a transaction with the [debtor]; and (2) the goods or services supplied enhanced the ability of the [debtor's] business to function as a going concern." *Matter of TransAmerican Natural Gas Corp.*, 978 F.2d 1409, 1416 (5th Cir. 1992). The burden then shifts to the objector to put on sufficient evidence to rebut the movant's prima facie case. *Id.* 

33. It is undisputed that Highland provided services under the Contracts during the Post-Petition Period and that Highland has not been paid for such services. Because Acis LP has

<sup>\$2,049,564.35</sup> for the gap period. In the Proof of Claim, Highland specifically reserves its right to seek an administrative expense claim, and also related to contingent claims for indemnification pursuant to Section 6.03 of the Shared Services Agreement and Section 4(c) of the Sub-Advisory Agreement. *See id.* at Proof of Claim Exhibit A.

no employees, it is self-evident that Highland's services benefited the estates because, absent such services, Acis LP would have been completely incapable of operating. In addition, while the Chapter 11 Trustee apparently has furthered a theory that Highland overcharged the Debtors (despite the fact that the terms of the Contracts are not in dispute), the Chapter 11 Trustee is required to provide evidence, not simply allegations, to rebut the prima facie case that Highland is entitled to an administrative expense claim. To date, the Chapter 11 Trustee has provided no such evidence. Rather, the Contracts speak for themselves and are the best evidence of the validity of the claim asserted by Highland.

34. In addition, Highland reserves all indemnity rights against the Debtors pursuant to section 6.03 of the Shared Services Agreement and section 4(c) of the Sub-Advisory Agreement. This includes, but is not limited to, in relation to the thirty-for (34) causes of action (the "**Causes of Action**") asserted against Highland by the Chapter 11 Trustee in the *Amended Answer, Counterclaims (Including Claims Objections) and Third Party Claims* filed by the Chapter 11 Trustee on November 13, 2018 in Adversary Proceeding No. 18-03078 [Adv. Proc. Doc. No. 84]. Many – if not all – of such Causes of Action appear to arguably fall within the coverage of the applicable indemnity provisions of the Contracts.

WHEREFORE, Highland respectfully requests that the Court enter an order: (i) awarding it an administrative expense claim at least in the amount of \$3,554,224.29; (ii) awarding an administrative expense for any indemnity claims payable to Highland under the Contracts; and (iii) providing any such other relief the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: December 11, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on December 11, 2018, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served electronically via the Court's ECF system on those parties registered to receive such service.

/s/ Jason B. Binford

Jason B. Binford

# **EXHIBIT** A

## Agreement for the Outsourcing of the Asset Management (the "Agreement") of

## BayVK R2 Lux S.A., SICAV-FIS (the "Fund")

entered into between

Universal-Investment-Luxembourg S.A.,

with registered office at 15, rue de Flaxweiler, L-6776 Grevenmacher and registered with the Luxembourg Trade and Companies Register under number B75014

(hereinafter referred to as "Management Company")

and

Acis Capital Management, L.P.

with its principal office at 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas, 75201

(hereinafter referred to as "Acis" or "Asset Manager")

- referred to individually as the "Party" and jointly as the "Parties" -

#### RECITALS

- (1) Universal-Investment-Luxembourg S.A. is a management company within the meaning of Chapter 15 of the Luxembourg Law of 17 December 2010 on undertakings for collective investment, as amended (hereinafter the "Law of 2010") which manages, amongst others, investment funds according to part I and part II of the Law of 2010 and specialised investment funds according to the Luxembourg law of 13 February 2007 on specialised investment funds (hereinafter the "Law of 2007") as last amended by the Law of 12 July 2013 on alternative investment fund managers.
- (2) Acis is an investment advisor registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.



- (3) Under an agreement dated 8 October 2014 (the "Fund Management Agreement"), the Fund has appointed the Management Company as its management company in accordance with the Law of 2010 and the Law of 2007. Under the Fund Management Agreement, the Management Company is, among other things, responsible for the asset management of the Fund. Under the Fund Management Agreement, the Management Company may, under its own responsibility and supervision, delegate its functions to third parties.
- (4) By virtue of this Agreement, the asset management of the sub-Fund(s) specified in <u>ANNEX A</u> (hereinafter referred to as the "Sub-Funds") is to be outsourced by the Management Company to Acis in accordance with Luxembourg legislation, the issuing document of the Fund, as amended from time to time (the "Issuing Document"), the articles of association of the Fund, as amended from time to time (the "Articles"), attached hereto as <u>ANNEX B1</u>, as well as directions by the regulatory authority in Luxembourg, the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (hereinafter referred to as "CSSF"). Additional Sub-Funds may be included herein provided that the attached ANNEXES (if and to the extent necessary) are amended and signed by both parties and <u>ANNEX A</u> is supplemented accordingly.
- (5) In view of the Asset Manager's skills and abilities in asset management and the representations made and obligations assumed by it hereunder, the Management Company intends to engage the Asset Manager for the management of the Sub-Funds listed in <u>ANNEX A</u>.
- (6) Therefore, the Parties agree to the following:

#### Section 1 Appointment of the Asset Manager

- 1. The Management Company hereby appoints the Asset Manager to perform the asset management of the Sub-Funds upon the terms hereinafter contained and in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations, the Articles, the Issuing Document or as otherwise determined by the Management Company in accordance with Article 42ter lit. g) of the Law of 2007 from time to time. The Asset Manager hereby accepts its appointment and agrees to assume the obligations set forth herein.
- 2. The Asset Manager represents and warrants that it is duly authorised to carry out the activities stipulated in this Agreement and that due to its professional infrastructure and human resources it is capable of providing its services on a secure and permanent basis. Furthermore it represents and warrants that it is familiar with the statutory investment restrictions as well as any other requirements relating to the management of funds in general and in particular with the requirements of the Luxembourg Law of 2007, the relevant circulars issued by the CSSF and all other applicable Luxembourg legislation. The Asset Manager represents and warrants that adequate risk management procedures have been put in place for the management of the relevant Sub-Funds. The Asset Manager will keep itself continuously informed about any amendments or changes in the statutory investment restrictions or other requirements. In particular, the Asset Manager will ensure sufficient professional competence of those employees who are entrusted with the performance of the Asset Manager's duties according to this Agreement, as well as establish and continuously maintain, at



least for the term of this Agreement, the necessary infrastructure, especially for the purpose of monitoring compliance with investment restrictions.

- Neither the regulatory and supervisory responsibility of the Management Company nor the liability of the Management Company under civil law towards the shareholders of the respective Sub-Funds will be affected by the appointment of the Asset Manager.
- 4. This Agreement shall not confer any right on the part of the Asset Manager to conduct advertising or distribution activities of any kind.
- 5. The appointment of the Asset Manager does not create any legal relationship between the Asset Manager and the shareholders of the Fund, but between the Parties only.
- 6. The Asset Manager may provide similar asset management services to other clients and may execute transactions which differ from the transactions executed hereunder.

#### Section 2 Duties of the Asset Manager

- The Asset Manager will make all asset management decisions on behalf of the Sub-Funds. The Asset Manager shall be entitled and obligated to perform the asset management services of the respective Sub-Funds listed in <u>ANNEX A</u> (subject to the approval and supervision of the Management Company).
- Management tasks include, where applicable, purchasing and selling of assets, securities transactions, futures transactions, entering into and closing out of derivative positions both for investment and hedging purposes, managing cash and implementing corporate actions in accordance with the Issuing Document and the Articles and as applicable to one or more Sub-Funds (please refer to <u>ANNEX B1</u>).

However, these tasks do not include the exercise of any proxy voting rights attached to securities contained in the Sub-Funds, which is reserved to the Management Company itself. Business days in the sense of this Agreement are defined as stock exchange days on which banks would be open for general business in Luxembourg and Frankfurt am Main.

3. When performing its management tasks, the Asset Manager will duly observe the provisions of the Law of 2007, the Issuing Document and the Articles, as well as specific instructions/investment guidelines of the Management Company, if any, attached hereto in <u>ANNEX B2</u>. The Management Company is obligated to inform the Asset Manager of changes in the investment limits and rules as contained in the <u>ANNEX B1 and ANNEX B2</u>.

When rendering management services, the Asset Manager will observe the principle of risk spreading as defined by the Law of 2007, the statutory investment restrictions, the provisions of the code of conduct, conflict of interest, organisational measures and the prohibition of insider trading according to the applicable law, the administrative customs of relevant supervisory authorities and their directives and circulars, as set out in the valid version of the Issuing Document and the Articles as attached hereto as **ANNEX B1**.



The Management Company reserves the right to give comprehensive instructions to the Asset Manager and any sub-manager, if applicable, in connection with the management of the Sub-Funds, as far as legally required.

- 4. Brokers and counterparties will be selected by the Asset Manager at its sole discretion, taking into account all laws and regulations applicable to the Asset Manager and always in accordance with the Asset Manager's best execution policy, which has been communicated to, and is hereby approved by, the Management Company and which is attached hereto as <u>ANNEX H</u>. However, the Asset Manager's right to select brokers and counterparties at its sole discretion is limited to the list of brokers and the list of counterparties respectively attached hereto as <u>ANNEX C</u>. The Management Company's prior consent has to be obtained for the selection of brokers or counterparties not included in <u>ANNEX C</u>. The Asset Manager will issue at all times prompt and complete instructions to the Fund's custodian bank (hereinafter referred to as "Custodian Bank") to enable the Custodian Bank to settle transactions with brokers and counterparties. In this regard the Asset Manager is responsible for the careful choice, instruction and monitoring of the brokers or other counterparties.
- 5. The Asset Manager may provide similar asset management services to other customers and may effect transactions which differ from the transactions executed hereunder. Furthermore the Asset Manager may consolidate portfolio management measures hereunder with asset or portfolio management measures to be taken on behalf of other customers and aggregate customer orders without prior communication with the Management Company if and to the extent that this is consistent with the fiduciary duties imposed upon it under applicable law and this Agreement as well as the Asset Manager's conflicts of interests policy (the "Conflicts of Interest Policy"), which has been communicated to, and is hereby approved by, the Management Company and which is attached hereto as ANNEX G.
- 6. When fulfilling its obligations hereunder, the Asset Manager may contract the services of third parties if and to the extent that this is permitted under applicable law, particularly in accordance with the Law of 2007. Principally the Asset Manager is entitled to sub-delegate portions of its asset management function to an affiliate of the Asset Manager which consent shall also extend specifically to the modalities of the sub-delegation as defined in a separate sub-delegation agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, the Management Company's prior consent must be obtained for the sub-delegation of asset management services, which will not be unreasonably withheld. The Asset Manager will ensure that any sub-delegation will be in accordance with this Agreement and in particular with Law of 2007. In any case of sub-delegation to third parties the Asset Manager remains the sole party responsible to the Management Company for compliance with the duties pursuant to this Agreement.
- 7. The Asset Manager does not guarantee and the Management Company acknowledges and agrees that the Asset Manager does not guarantee, the future performance or any specific level of performance for the Sub-Funds, the success of any investment decision or strategy that the Asset Manager may use, or the success of the Asset Manager's overall management of the Sub-Funds. The Management Company understands that investment decisions made for the Sub-Funds by the Asset Manager are subject to various risks, including but not limited to, market, interest rate, foreign currency, equity, credit, counterparty, economic, political, legal and operational risks and that investment decisions will not always be profitable and may result in significant loss or depreciation in the value of the Sub-Funds.
- 8. The Asset Manager shall provide for adequate arrangements for the handling of both avoidable and unavoidable conflicts of interest. The Asset Manager shall be obliged to



identify conflicts of interest in conjunction with the asset management services and to establish, respect and maintain a conflict of interest policy. This policy has to take into consideration conflicts of interest which may arise between the Asset Manager, including its employees and the Management Company and the persons who are directly or indirectly linked with the Asset Manager and its clients or between its clients. The Asset Manager further undertakes to make its conflict of interest policy available to the Management Company. The Asset Manager shall review its conflict of interest policy on an on-going basis, however at least in yearly intervals, and inform the Management Company of material changes to the policy as soon as reasonably practicable.

To the extent that the organisational arrangements of the Asset Manager are not suitable for the prevention of conflicts of interest, the Asset Manager shall be obliged to document the general nature and source of the remaining conflicts of interest, to promptly disclose these conflicts of interest to the Management Company and to initiate corrective measures in consultation with the Management Company.

- 9. The Asset Manager has, as of the date hereof, and shall maintain for the term of this Agreement, insurance; the relevant documents have been provided to the Management Company within the due-diligence process.
- 10. The Asset Manager shall at all times observe and comply with the applicable laws and regulations, the Articles and with the applicable provisions of the Issuing Document or any such document relating to the Fund and its Sub-Funds distributed from time to time on behalf of the Fund and all lawful resolutions of the Management Company and other lawful orders and directions given to it from time to time by the Management Company. All activities engaged in by the Asset Manager shall at all times be subject to the control, approval and review by the Management Company.

#### Section 3

#### Own dispositions of the Management Company, Authorisations

- 1. To avoid contradicting dispositions with respect to the Sub-Funds' assets, the Management Company will refrain from any direct dispositions of the Sub-Funds' assets without prior consultation with the Asset Manager. This applies in particular to the cash management required to meet liabilities incurred by the Asset Manager on behalf of the Management Company for the account of the respective Sub-Funds. However, if it is deemed imperative by the Management Company, in its sole discretion and under own responsibility, to take its own management measures to protect the shareholders of the Sub-Funds, the Management Company reserves the right to immediately implement its own measures without prior notification of the Asset Manager. In this case the Management Company has to fully inform the Asset Manager either in advance or, as soon as reasonably possible after execution of the relevant management measure.
- 2. For the purpose of the asset management of the Sub-Funds, the Management Company will grant the Asset Manager all authorisations as required, in particular, the power to instruct the respective Custodian Bank to settle and accept settlement of transactions for the respective Sub-Fund. These authorisations are restricted to the accounts opened for the respective Sub-Fund. They do not include the Asset Manager's right to debit its remuneration or eventual expenses directly to the Sub-Fund concerned.



#### Section 4 Reporting

- The Asset Manager will report to the Management Company each transaction concluded by the Asset Manager on the trading day or in the case of transactions executed after the Management Company's business hours on the following business day to enable the Management Company to duly include the relevant transaction in its Fund accounts.
- 2. The Asset Manager will ensure that the Custodian Bank will receive settlement instructions for all transactions according to the Custodian Bank's deadlines. The Asset Manager will also ensure that the Custodian Bank for the relevant Sub-Fund is informed of trades in financial instruments not being settled through a stock exchange or a recognised organised market.
- 3. The Asset Manager will inform the Management Company as soon as reasonably practicable after becoming aware of any determined breaches of investment restrictions, whether caused actively or passively, and communicate all essential information and data relating thereto to the Management Company.

#### Section 5 Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses

- The Asset Manager is entitled to receive a fee for its services rendered under this Agreement which is set out in the fee schedule attached as <u>ANNEX D</u>. The Asset Manager's fee is understood as inclusive any statutory VAT or other duties and taxes where applicable.
- 2. The Asset Manager is not entitled to reimbursement of any expenses incurred in connection with the performance of its obligations hereunder unless any such reimbursement of expenses has been agreed upon with the Management Company in advance in writing or is stated in the Issuing Document of the Fund.
- 3. The Asset Manager's fees will be paid by the Management Company and ultimately charged to the respective Sub-Fund.

#### Section 6 Liability and Risk Considerations

1. The Asset Manager shall act in compliance with the duties stated in this Agreement and in the relevant Service Level Agreement attached hereto as <u>ANNEX I</u> and shall be liable for the violation of investment restrictions and the conduct of unpermitted transactions caused by wilful misconduct, bad faith or negligence of the Asset Manager and shall compensate the Management Company for any losses or damages accordingly. The Asset Manager will not be liable for any action taken, omitted or suffered to be taken by it in its reasonable judgment, in good faith and believed by it to be authorised or within the discretion or rights or powers conferred upon it by this Agreement, or in accordance with (or in the absence of) specific directions or instructions from the Management Company. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary



contained herein, the Asset Manager shall not be liable to the Management Company, the Sub-Fund or any other party for any losses due to the performance of the Sub-Fund's investments so long as the Asset Manager acted in accordance with the investment guidelines contained in Annex B2.

The Asset Manager is liable in the same manner for its agents of vicarious liability including commissioned third parties. If a transaction executed by the Asset Manager is, at the time of that transaction, in conflict with the provisions hereof, the Asset Manager will, upon the Management Company's request, arrange for the Management Company or the relevant Sub-Fund or the shareholder to be in a position as if, on demand of the Management Company, the transaction had not been executed for the relevant Sub-Fund or alternatively been concluded in accordance with this Agreement.

- 2. The Asset Manager shall not be liable for losses and/or financial damages arising from transactions initiated by the Management Company (in particular pursuant to Section 3.1) with regard to the assets of the Sub-Funds and/or from transactions executed in accordance with instructions of the Management Company except in case (and to the extent) the Asset Manager materially breached this Agreement and (i) the transactions so initiated and/or instructions given by the Management Company were required and suitable to correct such material breach, and (ii) the Management Company acted with due care and diligence when initiating such transactions and/or giving or implementing such instructions.
- 3. The Management Company shall indemnify the Asset Manager against any loss sustained or incurred by the Asset Manager in connection with the performance of its duties under this Agreement except to the extent that such losses are due to the wilful misconduct, bad faith or negligence of the Asset Manager.
- 4. The Asset Manager is expressly authorized to rely upon any and all instructions, approvals and notices given on behalf of the Management Company by any one or more of those persons designated as representatives of the Management Company whose names, titles and specimen signatures appear in ANNEX E attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
- 5. It is mutually understood and agreed that in providing services pursuant to this Agreement, the Asset Manager is at all times performing services as an independent contractor and its employees are at all times performing services as independent contractors and not as agents or employees of Management Company. Nothing contained in this Agreement is intended nor shall be construed to create an employer/employee relationship or to allow Management Company to exercise control or direction over the manner or method by which the Asset Manager performs services which are the subject matter of this Agreement; provided, however that the services to be rendered hereunder shall be rendered in a manner consistent with the standards governing such services, the provisions of this Agreement and all applicable provisions of law and other rules and regulations of any and all governmental authorities relating thereto.
- 6. Statutory or contractual examination duties of the Management Company or the Custodian Bank do not diminish the Asset Manager's duties of due care.



7. Force majeure, as such term is interpreted by Luxembourg courts, which seriously impedes or renders temporarily impossible delivery or performance for one of the parties prolongs the time for fulfilment of the duties by the duration of the impediment and the time necessary to restore normal working conditions. Force majeure is among others defined as lawful labour dispute measures, emergency measures taken by the state or other circumstances for which the affected party is not responsible.

#### Section 7 Confidentiality

- 1. It is understood by the parties that except as otherwise provided in this Section 7 the conditions hereof must neither be disclosed nor notified to any third parties. For the avoidance of doubt, the Fund shall not be considered as being a third party. This Section 7 does not apply to any legally required disclosure of information or the disclosure of information to shareholder(s) of the Fund, relevant governmental or regulatory authorities, the employees of the parties (on a need-to-know-basis), independent auditors and independent legal advisors. Entities and persons that are affiliated with or a contractual partner of the Asset Manager in accordance with this Agreement for the purpose of performing its obligations hereunder, are not deemed to be third parties within the meaning of this Section 7.
- 2. In the event that submission of any information relating to this Agreement, including its ANNEXES, is requested by a supervisory authority or other governmental or regulatory authority, the party to which the respective request is addressed shall, to the extent practicable, notify the other party thereof prior to submitting any such information unless the party to which the request is addressed is prohibited to notify the other party thereof under any applicable statutory or administrative regulations or in accordance with any instructions contained in the request of the respective supervisory authority.
- 3. Each party undertakes to keep confidential any and all information in its possession which relates to data processing systems and know-how of the other party as well as any and all general information relating to the affairs of the other party and its clients which is not publicly known; in addition, each party agrees to neither use nor disclose any such data except for the purposes hereof, subject to the prior written consent of the other party, or if and to the extent that it is subject to a statutory, regulatory or legal disclosure obligation.
- 4. The Asset Manager undertakes to observe the confidentiality rules owed by the Management Company with regard to all data relating to customers of the Management Company; the Management Company will inform the Asset Manager of such confidentiality rules in advance and the Management Company undertakes to only convey data to the Asset Manager which it may lawfully convey under such confidentiality rules; moreover, the Asset Manager agrees to make available any such data in connection herewith only to those employees of the Asset Manager or a submanager who are subject to comparable rules of confidentiality owed by the Management Company or any data protection obligations, and to do so only to the extent as is absolutely necessary to perform the management tasks in accordance herewith.



5. The Asset Manager will take technical, personnel-related and organisational measures so as to ensure that the confidentiality of all confidential information of the Management Company and the Fund is maintained as provided in Section 7 hereof not only towards any third parties, but also between various other outsourcing institutions on behalf of which the Asset Manager is acting as a service provider and other clients of the Asset Manager.

#### Section 8 Notices and Instructions

- All notices and instructions are only binding upon the receiving party if given by representatives of the performing units, whose names and specimen signatures are listed in the attached <u>ANNEX E</u> hereto. The parties will inform the respective other party immediately of any changes in the list. Each party shall appoint a head coordinator for all service areas.
- 2. Notices and instructions given by telephone must be confirmed in writing or by fax as soon as practical.
- The parties may record all telephone calls between the Asset Manager and the Management Company. Both parties hereby agree to the recording and storage of such conversations and will inform their employees hereof.

## Section 9 Duration

- This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period of time. It may be terminated (i) by the Management Company – in respect of one or more of the Sub-Funds – at any time upon providing written notice to the Asset Manager whereupon notwithstanding Section 10 (3) the asset management authorisation is immediately revoked for the relevant Sub-Fund(s) or (ii) by the Asset Manager upon providing 30 (thirty) calendar days' notice to expire at the end of a calendar quarter.
- 2. The right to terminate this Agreement immediately for cause is given if
  - a) the other party seriously violates its duties pursuant hereto and such a violation insofar as it can be remedied or reversed – is not remedied or reversed within 10 (ten) calendar days following receipt of written notice hereof from the respective other party;
  - b) the other party has become the subject of insolvency proceedings opened against it, or said party has applied for insolvency or composition proceedings, or if the opening of insolvency proceedings is refused due to lack of assets sufficient to cover the costs of such proceedings;
  - c) the CSSF orders or demands the ending of this Agreement;
  - the other party discontinues its main business operation, pursues liquidation or is dissolved;
  - e) the CSSF or a court of law orders the appointment of an administrator or liquidator or a supervisor for a party;



- f) a significant change of the participation or control circumstances occurs at the other party (except as a result of restructuring for economic reasons within the corporate group and which does not foresee distribution or other pay-outs of the company capital to shareholders, unit holders, partners, creditors, or a capital decrease).
- In case of a notice of termination of this Agreement (a "Termination Notice") being 3. served for whatever reason, all acts, deeds and dealings carried out or instructed prior to the date of receipt of the Termination Notice (the "Notice Date") shall be valid and legally binding upon the parties. Transactions instructed by the Asset Manager after the Notice Date must be settled according to the instructions of the Management Company. The parties will co-operate to ensure an orderly transition to another asset manager or to enable the Management Company to take over the asset management itself. The Asset Manager will continue to perform the asset management tasks until the transition is completed regardless of termination of this Agreement. Such a transition must be accomplished within an appropriate timeframe and may not be impeded or postponed without cause. So long as the Asset Manager conducts asset management activities it is entitled to the fee according to this Agreement. This notwithstanding, the Management Company is entitled at any time to terminate the Asset Manager's assignment with immediate effect and without awaiting conclusion of the transition.
- 4. If a Sub-Fund under this Agreement is transferred to another management company or is dissolved, the Management Company's contractual relationship under this Agreement in respect of this relevant Sub-Fund shall terminate as per the date of the transfer or dissolution of this Sub-Fund. There is no requirement for a separate notice of termination, but the Management Company is obliged to inform the Asset Manager within a reasonable time frame before such transfer or dissolution of a Sub-Fund.
- 5. Section 6 and Section 7 shall survive termination hereof.

## Section 10 Miscellaneous

- 1. This Agreement shall be governed by Luxembourg law. Exclusive place of jurisdiction for any disputes arising from or in connection with this Agreement shall be Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.
- 2. No rights under this Agreement shall be assigned by either party to any third parties in whole or in part without the prior written consent of the other party.
- 3. In the event that, for whatever reason, any provision hereof is ineffective, unlawful or impracticable, any such ineffectiveness, unlawfulness or impracticability shall not affect the remaining provisions hereof. Any such ineffective, unlawful or impracticable provision shall be replaced by an effective, lawful and practicable provision corresponding to the economic interests of the parties. The same shall apply for any gaps in this Agreement.



- 4. The **ANNEXES** in their current versions are each an integral part of this Agreement. These contain any and all agreements between the parties concerning the services to be performed according to this Agreement.
- 5. Any amendment hereto, including to this Section 10 (5), must be made in writing.
- 6. Executed in duplicate. This Agreement will come into effect on 27 February 2015.

(Signature page follows)



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Grevenmacher, 26 Tebruary 2015 Dallas, 3 March 2015

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Title: Senior Manager Authorized Signatory

Acis Capital Management, L.P.

By: Multipy Name: Joshua W Terry Title: Portfolio Manoger



## ANNEXES

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# **EXHIBIT B**

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## FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT

by and between

## ACIS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

and

## HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

Dated March 17, 2017

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## FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Fourth Amended and Restated Shared Services Agreement (as amended, modified, waived, supplemented or restated from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof, this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of March 17, 2017, is entered into by and between Acis Capital Management, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, as the management company hereunder (in such capacity, the "<u>Management Company</u>"), and Highland Capital Management, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership as the staff and services provider hereunder (in such capacity, the "<u>Staff and Services Provider</u>" and together with the Management Company, the "<u>Parties</u>").

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WHEREAS, the Parties entered into that certain Third Amended and Restated Shared Services Agreement dated effective January 1, 2016 (the "Existing Agreement");

WHEREAS, the Staff and Services Provider is a registered investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the "<u>Advisers Act</u>");

WHEREAS, the Staff and Services Provider and the Management Company are engaged in the business of providing investment management services;

WHEREAS, the Staff and Services Provider is hereby being retained to provide certain back- and middle-office services and administrative, infrastructure and other services to assist the Management Company in conducting its business, and the Staff and Services Provider is willing to make such services available to the Management Company on the terms and conditions hereof;

WHEREAS, the Management Company may employ certain individuals to perform portfolio selection and asset management functions for the Management Company, and certain of these individuals may also be employed simultaneously by the Staff and Services Provider during their employment with the Management Company;

WHEREAS, each Person employed by both the Management Company and the Staff and Services Provider as described above (each, a "<u>Shared Employee</u>") is and shall be identified on the books and records of each of the Management Company and the Staff and Services Provider (as amended, modified, supplemented or restated from time to time); and

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to amend and restate the Existing Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree that the Existing Agreement is hereby amended, restated and replaced in its entirety as follows.

## **ARTICLE I**

## DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01 <u>Certain Defined Terms</u>. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"<u>Advisers Act</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals to this Agreement.

"<u>Advisory Restriction</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in <u>Section 5.01(b)</u>.

"<u>Affiliate</u>" shall mean with respect to a Person, any other Person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the first Person. The term "control" means (i) the legal or beneficial ownership of securities representing a majority of the voting power of any person or (ii) the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a person, whether by contract or otherwise.

"<u>Agreement</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in the Preamble to this Agreement.

"<u>Applicable Asset Criteria and Concentrations</u>" means any applicable eligibility criteria, portfolio concentration limits and other similar criteria or limits which the Management Company instructs in writing to the Staff and Services Provider in respect of the Portfolio or one or more CLOs or Accounts, as such criteria or limits may be modified, amended or supplemented from time to time in writing by the Management Company;

"<u>Applicable Law</u>" shall mean, with respect to any Person or property of such Person, any action, code, consent decree, constitution, decree, directive, enactment, finding, guideline, law, injunction, interpretation, judgment, order, ordinance, policy statement, proclamation, formal guidance, promulgation, regulation, requirement, rule, rule of law, rule of public policy, settlement agreement, statute, writ, or any particular section, part or provision thereof, including the Risk Retention Rules, of any Governmental Authority to which the Person in question is subject or by which it or any of its property is bound.

"<u>CLO or Account</u>" shall mean a collateralized loan obligation transaction, including any type of short-term or long-term warehouse or repurchase facility in connection therewith, or a fund or account advised by the Management Company, as applicable.

"<u>Covered Person</u>" shall mean the Staff and Services Provider, any of its Affiliates, and any of their respective managers, members, principals, partners, directors, officers, shareholders, employees and agents (but shall not include the Management Company, its subsidiaries or member(s) and any managers, members, principals, partners, directors, officers, shareholders, employees and agents of the Management Company or its subsidiaries or member(s) (in their capacity as such)).

"<u>Governmental Authority</u>" shall mean (i) any government or quasi-governmental authority or political subdivision thereof, whether national, state, county, municipal or regional, whether U.S. or non-U.S.; (ii) any agency, regulator, arbitrator, board, body, branch, bureau, commission,

corporation, department, master, mediator, panel, referee, system or instrumentality of any such government, political subdivision or other government or quasi-government entity, whether non-U.S. or U.S.; and (iii) any court, whether U.S. or non-U.S.

"<u>Highland</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"Indebtedness" shall mean: (a) all indebtedness for borrowed money and all other obligations, contingent or otherwise, with respect to surety bonds, guarantees of borrowed money, letters of credit and bankers' acceptances whether or not matured, and hedges and other derivative contracts and financial instruments; (b) all obligations evidenced by notes, bonds, debentures, or similar instruments, or incurred under bank guaranty or letter of credit facilities or credit agreements; (c) all indebtedness created or arising under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement with respect to any property of the Management Company or any subsidiary; (d) with respect to the Management Company, all indebtedness relating to the acquisition by the EU Originator Series of a collateral obligation that failed to settle (including any ineligible or defaulted collateral obligation) into a CLO; (e) all capital lease obligations; (f) all indebtedness guaranteed by such Person or any of its subsidiaries; (g) all capital lease obligations; (h) all indebtedness guaranteed by such Person or any of its subsidiaries.

"Management Company" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"<u>Operating Guidelines</u>" means any operating guidelines attached to any portfolio management agreement, investment management agreement or similar agreement entered into between the Management Company and a CLO or Account.

"<u>Parties</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in the <u>preamble</u> to this Agreement.

"<u>Portfolio</u>" means the Management Company's portfolio of collateral loan obligations, debt securities (including equity investments or subordinated securities in a CLO such as a Retention Interest), other similar obligations, preferred return notes, financial instruments, securities or other assets held directly or indirectly by, or on behalf of, the Management Company from time to time;

"Securities Act" shall mean the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"Staff and Services Fee" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.01 of this Agreement.

"Staff and Services Provider" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"Shared Employee" shall have the meaning set forth in the <u>Recitals</u> to this Agreement.

Section 1.02 <u>Interpretation</u>. The following rules apply to the use of defined terms and the interpretation of this Agreement: (i) the singular includes the plural and the plural includes the singular; (ii) "or" is not exclusive (unless preceded by "either") and "include" and "including" are

not limiting; (iii) unless the context otherwise requires, references to agreements shall be deemed to mean and include such agreements as the same may be amended, supplemented, waived and otherwise modified from time to time; (iv) a reference to a law includes any amendment or modification to such law and any rules or regulations issued thereunder or any law enacted in substitution or replacement therefor; (v) a reference to a Person includes its successors and assigns; (vi) a reference to a Section without further reference is to the relevant Section of this Agreement; (vii) the headings of the Sections and subsections are for convenience and shall not affect the meaning of this Agreement; (viii) "writing", "written" and comparable terms refer to printing, typing, lithography and other shall mean of reproducing words in a visible form (including telefacsimile and electronic mail); (ix) "hereof", "herein", "hereunder" and comparable terms refer to the entire instrument in which such terms are used and not to any particular article, section or other subdivision thereof or attachment thereto; and (x) references to any gender include any other gender, masculine, feminine or neuter, as the context requires.

## **ARTICLE II**

## SERVICES

Section 2.01 <u>General Authority</u>. Highland is hereby appointed as Staff and Services Provider for the purpose of providing such services and assistance as the Management Company may request from time to time to, and to make available the Shared Employees to, the Management Company in accordance with and subject to the provisions of this Agreement and the Staff and Services Provider hereby accepts such appointment. The Staff and Services Provider hereby agrees to such engagement during the term hereof and to render the services described herein for the compensation provided herein, subject to the limitations contained herein.

Section 2.02 <u>Provision of Services</u>. Without limiting the generality of Section 2.1 and subject to Section 2.4 (Applicable Asset Criteria and Concentrations) below, the Staff and Services Provider hereby agrees, from the date hereof, to provide the following back- and middle-office services and administrative, infrastructure and other services to the Management Company.

(a) *Back- and Middle-Office*: Assistance and advice with respect to back- and middle-office functions including, but not limited to, accounting, payments, operations, technology and finance;

(b) *Legal/Compliance/Risk Analysis*. Assistance and advice with respect to legal issues, compliance support and implementation and general risk analysis;

(c) *Management of Collateral Obligations and CLOs and Accounts.* Assistance and advice with respect to (i) the adherence to Operating Guidelines by the Management Company, and (ii) performing any obligations of the Management Company under or in connection with any back- and middle-office function set forth in any portfolio management agreement, investment management agreement or similar agreement in effect between the Management Company and any CLO or Account from time to time.

(d) *Valuation*. Advice relating to the appointment of suitable third parties to provide valuations on assets comprising the Portfolio and including, but not limited to, such

valuations required to facilitate the preparation of financial statements by the Management Company or the provision of valuations in connection with, or preparation of reports otherwise relating to, a CLO or Account for which the Management Company serves as portfolio manager or investment manager or in a similar capacity;

(e) *Execution and Documentation*. Assistance relating to the negotiation of the terms of, and the execution and delivery by the Management Company of, any and all documents which the Management Company considers to be necessary in connection with the acquisition and disposition of an asset in the Portfolio by the Management Company or a CLO or Account managed by the Management Company, CLO transactions involving the Management Company, and any other rights and obligations of the Management Company;

(f) *Marketing*. Provide access to marketing team representatives to assist with the marketing of the Management Company and any specified CLOs or Accounts managed by the Management Company conditional on the Management Company's agreement that any incentive compensation related to such marketing shall be borne by the Management Company;

(g) *Reporting*. Assistance relating to any reporting the Management Company is required to make in relation to the Portfolio or any CLO or Account, including reports relating to (i) purchases, sales, liquidations, acquisitions, disposals, substitutions and exchanges of assets in the Portfolio, (ii) the requirements of an applicable regulator, or (iii) other type of reporting which the Management Company and Staff and Services Provider may agree from time to time;

(h) *Administrative Services*. The provision of office space, information technology services and equipment, infrastructure and other related services requested or utilized by the Management Company from time to time;

(i) *Shared Employees*. The provision of Shared Employees and such additional human capital as may be mutually agreed by the Management Company and the Staff and Services Provider in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 2.03</u> hereof;

(j) Ancillary Services. Assistance and advice on all things ancillary or incidental to the foregoing; and

(k) *Other*. Assistance and advice relating to such other back- and middle-office services in connection with the day-to-day business of the Management Company as the Management Company and the Staff and Services Provider may from time to time agree.

For the avoidance of doubt, none of the services contemplated hereunder shall constitute investment advisory services, and the Staff & Services Provider shall not provide any advice to the Management Company or perform any duties on behalf of the Management Company, other than the back- and middle-office services contemplated herein, with respect to (a) the general management of the Management Company, its business or activities, (b) the initiation or structuring of any CLO or Account or similar securitization, (c) the substantive investment management decisions with respect to any CLO or Account or any related collateral obligations or securitization, (d) the actual selection of any collateral obligation or assets by the Management Company, (e) binding recommendations as to any disposal of or amendment to any Collateral Obligation or (f) any similar functions.

Section 2.03 Shared Employees.

The Staff and Services Provider hereby agrees and consents that each (a) Shared Employee shall be employed by the Management Company, and the Management Company hereby agrees and consents that each Shared Employee shall be employed by the Staff and Services Provider. The name, location and such other matters as the Parties desire to reflect with respect to each Shared Employee shall be identified on the books and records of each of the Management Company and the Staff and Services Provider, which may be amended in writing from time to time by the Parties to add or remove any Shared Employee to reflect the employment (or lack thereof) of such employee. Except as may otherwise separately be agreed in writing between the applicable Shared Employee and the Management Company and/or the Staff and Services Provider, in each of their discretion, each Shared Employee is an at-will employee and no guaranteed employment or other employment arrangement is agreed or implied by this Agreement with respect to any Shared Employee, and for avoidance of doubt this Agreement shall not amend, limit, constrain or modify in any way the employment arrangements as between any Shared Employee and the Staff and Services Provider or as between any Shared Employee and the Management Company, it being understood that the Management Company may enter into a shortform employment agreement with any Shared Employee memorializing such Shared Employee's status as an employee of the Management Company. If at any time any Shared Employee (or any other person employed by the Staff and Services provider who also provides services to the Management Company) shall be terminated from employment with the Staff and Services Provider or otherwise resigns or is removed from employment with the Staff and Services Provider, then such person may only serve as a separate direct employee of the Management Company upon the approval of the Management Company. The Staff and Services Provider shall ensure that the Management Company has sufficient access to the Shared Employees so that the Shared Employees spend adequate time to provide the services required hereunder. The Staff and Services Provider may also employ the services of persons other than the Specified Persons as it deems fit in its sole discretion

(b) Notwithstanding that the Shared Employees shall be employed by both the Staff and Services Provider and the Management Company, the Parties acknowledge and agree that any and all salary and benefits of each Shared Employee shall be paid exclusively by the Staff and Services Provider and shall not be paid or borne by the Management Company and no additional amounts in connection therewith shall be due from the Management Company to the Staff and Services Provider.

(c) To the extent that a Shared Employee participates in the rendering of services to the Management Company's clients, the Shared Employee shall be subject to the oversight and control of the Management Company and such services shall be provided by the Shared Employee exclusively in his or her capacity as a "supervised person" of, or "person associated with", the Management Company (as such terms are defined in Sections 202(a)(25) and 202(a)(17), respectively, of the Advisers Act).

(d) Each Party may continue to oversee, supervise and manage the services of each Shared Employee in order to (1) ensure compliance with the Party's compliance policies and procedures, (2) ensure compliance with regulations applicable to the Party and (3) protect the interests of the Party and its clients; *provided* that Staff and Services Provider shall (A) cooperate

with the Management Company's supervisory efforts and (B) make periodic reports to the Management Company regarding the adherence of Shared Employees to Applicable Law, including but not limited to the 1940 Act, the Advisers Act and the United States Commodity Exchange Act of 1936, as amended, in performing the services hereunder.

(e) Where a Shared Employee provides services hereunder through both Parties, the Parties shall cooperate to ensure that all such services are performed consistently with Applicable Law and relevant compliance controls and procedures designed to prevent, among other things, breaches in information security or the communication of confidential, proprietary or material non-public information.

(f) The Staff and Services Provider shall ensure that each Shared Employee has any registrations, qualifications and/or licenses necessary to provide the services hereunder.

(g) The Parties will cooperate to ensure that information about the Shared Employees is adequately and appropriately disclosed to clients, investors (and potential investors), investment banks operating as initial purchaser or placement agent with respect to any CLO or Account, and regulators, as applicable. To facilitate such disclosure, the Staff and Services Provider agrees to provide, or cause to be provided, to the Management Company such information as is deemed by the Management Company to be necessary or appropriate with respect to the Staff and Services Provider and the Shared Employees (including, but not limited to, biographical information about each Shared Employee).

(h) The Parties shall cooperate to ensure that, when so required, each has adopted a Code of Ethics meeting the requirements of the Advisers Act ("<u>Code of Ethics</u>") that is consistent with applicable law and which is substantially similar to the other Party's Code of Ethics.

(i) The Staff and Services Provider shall make reasonably available for use by the Management Company, including through Shared Employees providing services pursuant to this Agreement, any relevant intellectual property and systems necessary for the provision of the services hereunder.

(j) The Staff and Services Provider shall require that each Shared Employee:

(i) certify that he or she is subject to, and has been provided with, a copy of each Party's Code of Ethics and will make such reports, and seek prior clearance for such actions and activities, as may be required under the Codes of Ethics;

(ii) be subject to the supervision and oversight of each Party's officers and directors, including without limitation its Chief Compliance Officer ("<u>CCO</u>"), which CCO may be the same Person, with respect to the services provided to that Party or its clients;

(iii) provide services hereunder and take actions hereunder only as approved by the Management Company;

(iv) provide any information requested by a Party, as necessary to comply with applicable disclosure or regulatory obligations;

(v) to the extent authorized to transact on behalf of the Management Company or a CLO or Account, take reasonable steps to ensure that any such transaction is consistent with any policies and procedures that may be established by the Parties and all Applicable Asset Criteria and Concentrations; and

(vi) act, at all times, in a manner consistent with the fiduciary duties and standard of care owed by the Management Company to its members and direct or indirect investors or to a CLO or Account as well as clients of Staff and Services Provider by seeking to ensure that, among other things, information about any investment advisory or trading activity applicable to a particular client or group of clients is not used to benefit the Shared Employee, any Party or any other client or group of clients in contravention of such fiduciary duties or standard of care.

(k) Unless specifically authorized to do so, or appointed as an officer or authorized person of the Management Company with such authority, no Shared Employee may contract on behalf or in the name of the Management Company, acting as principal.

Section 2.04 <u>Applicable Asset Criteria and Concentrations</u>. The Management Company will promptly inform the Staff and Services Provider in writing of any Applicable Asset Criteria and Concentrations to which it agrees from time to time and the Staff and Services Provider shall take such Applicable Asset Criteria and Concentrations into account when providing assistance and advice in accordance with <u>Section 2.2</u> above and any other assistance or advice provided in accordance with this Agreement.

Section 2.05 <u>Compliance with Management Company Policies and Procedures</u>. The Management Company will from time to time provide the Staff and Services Provider and the Shared Employees with any policy and procedure documentation which it establishes internally and to which it is bound to adhere in conducting its business pursuant to regulation, contract or otherwise. Subject to any other limitations in this Agreement, the Staff and Services Provider will use reasonable efforts to ensure any services it and the Shared Employees provide pursuant to this Agreement complies with or takes account of such internal policies and procedures.

Section 2.06 <u>Authority</u>. The Staff and Services Provider's scope of assistance and advice hereunder is limited to the services specifically provided for in this Agreement. The Staff and Services Provider shall not assume or be deemed to assume any rights or obligations of the Management Company under any other document or agreement to which the Management Company is a party. Notwithstanding any other express or implied provision to the contrary in this Agreement, the activities of the Staff and Services Provider pursuant to this Agreement shall be subject to the overall policies of the Management Company, as notified to the Staff and Services Provider from time to time. The Staff and Services Provider shall not have any duties or obligations to the Management Company unless those duties and obligations are specifically provided for in this Agreement (or in any amendment, modification or novation hereto or hereof to which the Staff and Services Provider is a party).

## Section 2.07 <u>Third Parties</u>.

(a) The Staff and Services Provider may employ third parties, including its affiliates, to render advice, provide assistance and to perform any of its duties under this Agreement; *provided* that notwithstanding the employment of third parties for any such purpose, the Staff and Services Provider shall not be relieved of any of its obligations or liabilities under this Agreement.

(b) In providing services hereunder, the Staff and Services Provider may rely in good faith upon and will incur no liability for relying upon advice of nationally recognized counsel (which may be counsel for the Management Company, a CLO or Account or any Affiliate of the foregoing), accountants or other advisers as the Staff and Services Provider determines, in its sole discretion, is reasonably appropriate in connection with the services provided by the Staff and Services Provider under this Agreement.

Section 2.08 <u>Management Company to Cooperate with the Staff and Services Provider</u>. In furtherance of the Staff and Services Provider's obligations under this Agreement the Management Company shall cooperate with, provide to, and fully inform the Staff and Services Provider of, any and all documents and information the Staff and Services Provider reasonably requires to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

Section 2.09 <u>Power of Attorney</u>. If the Management Company considers it necessary for the provision by the Staff and Services Provider of the assistance and advice under this Agreement (after consultation with the Staff and Services Provider), it may appoint the Staff and Services Provider as its true and lawful agent and attorney, with full power and authority in its name to sign, execute, certify, swear to, acknowledge, deliver, file, receive and record any and all documents that the Staff and Services Provider reasonably deems appropriate or necessary in connection with the execution and settlement of acquisitions of assets as directed by the Management Company and the Staff and Services Provider's powers and duties hereunder (which for the avoidance of doubt shall in no way involve the discretion and/or authority of the Management Company with respect to investments). Any such power shall be revocable in the sole discretion of the Management Company.

## **ARTICLE III**

## CONSIDERATION AND EXPENSES

Section 3.01 <u>Consideration</u>. As compensation for its performance of its obligations as Staff and Services Provider under this Agreement, the Staff and Services Provider will be entitled to receive the Staff and Services Fee payable thereto. The "<u>Staff and Services Fee</u>" shall be payable in accordance with <u>Appendix A</u> attached hereto, as such appendix may be amended by the Parties from time to time.

From time to time, the Management Company may enter into shared services agreements with certain management companies on similar terms to this Agreement. Promptly following the receipt of any fees pursuant to such shared services agreements, the Management Company shall pay 100% of such fees to the Staff and Services Provider.

Section 3.03 <u>Costs and Expenses</u>. Each party shall bear its own expenses; *provided* that the Management Company shall reimburse the Staff and Services Provider for any and all costs and expenses that may be borne properly by the Management Company.

Section 3.04 <u>Deferral</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, if on any date the Management Company determines that it would not have sufficient funds available to it to make a payment of Indebtedness, it shall have the right to defer any all and amounts payable to the Staff and Services Provider pursuant to this Agreement, including any fees and expenses; *provided* that the Management Company shall promptly pay all such amounts on the first date thereafter that sufficient amounts exist to make payment thereof.

## **ARTICLE IV**

## **REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS**

Section 4.01 <u>Representations</u>. Each of the Parties hereto represents and warrants that:

(a) It has full power and authority to execute and deliver, and to perform its obligations under, this Agreement;

(b) this Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by it and constitutes its valid and binding, obligation, enforceable in accordance with its terms except as the enforceability hereof may be subject to (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization moratorium, receivership, conservatorship or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect relating to creditors' rights and (ii) general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforcement is considered in a proceeding, in equity or at law);

(c) no consent, approval, authorization or order of or declaration or filing with any Governmental Authority is required for the execution of this Agreement or the performance by it of its duties hereunder, except such as have been duly made or obtained; and

(d) neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement nor the fulfillment of the terms hereof conflicts with or results in a breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitutes a default under, (i) its constituting and organizational documents; or (ii) the terms of any material indenture, contract, lease, mortgage, deed of trust, note, agreement or other evidence of indebtedness or other material agreement, obligation, condition, covenant or instrument to which it is a party or by which it is bound.

## **ARTICLE V**

## **COVENANTS**

## Section 5.01 Compliance; Advisory Restrictions.

(a) The Staff and Services Provider shall reasonably cooperate with the Management Company in connection with the Management Company's compliance with its policies and procedures relating to oversight of the Staff and Services Provider. Specifically, the Staff and Services Provider agrees that it will provide the Management Company with reasonable
access to information relating to the performance of Staff and Services Provider's obligations under this Agreement.

(b) This Agreement is not intended to and shall not constitute an assignment, pledge or transfer of any portfolio management agreement or any part thereof. It is the express intention of the parties hereto that this Agreement and all services performed hereunder comply in all respects with all (a) applicable contractual provisions and restrictions contained in each portfolio management agreement, investment management agreement or similar agreement and each document contemplated thereby; and (b) Applicable Laws (collectively, the "<u>Advisory Restrictions</u>"). If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be in violation of any Advisory Restriction, then the services to be provided under this Agreement shall automatically be limited without action by any person or entity, reduced or modified to the extent necessary and appropriate to be enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by such Advisory Restriction.

#### Section 5.02 <u>Records; Confidentiality</u>.

The Staff and Services Provider shall maintain or cause to be maintained appropriate books of account and records relating to its services performed hereunder, and such books of account and records shall be accessible for inspection by representatives of the Management Company and its accountants and other agents at any time during normal business hours and upon not less than three (3) Business Days' prior notice; *provided* that the Staff and Services Provider shall not be obligated to provide access to any non-public information if it in good faith determines that the disclosure of such information would violate any applicable law, regulation or contractual arrangement.

The Staff and Services Provider shall follow its customary procedures to keep confidential any and all information obtained in connection with the services rendered hereunder that is either (a) of a type that would ordinarily be considered proprietary or confidential, such as information concerning the composition of assets, rates of return, credit quality, structure or ownership of securities, or (b) designated as confidential obtained in connection with the services rendered by the Staff and Services Provider hereunder and shall not disclose any such information to non-affiliated third parties, except (i) with the prior written consent of the Management Company, (ii) such information as a rating agency shall reasonably request in connection with its rating of notes issued by a CLO or supplying credit estimates on any obligation included in the Portfolio, (iii) in connection with establishing trading or investment accounts or otherwise in connection with effecting transactions on behalf of the Management Company or any CLO or Account for which the Management Company serves as portfolio manager or investment manager or in a similar capacity, (iv) as required by (A) Applicable Law or (B) the rules or regulations of any self-regulating organization, body or official having jurisdiction over the Staff and Services Provider or any of its Affiliates, (v) to its professional advisors (including, without limitation, legal, tax and accounting advisors), (vi) such information as shall have been publicly disclosed other than in known violation of this Agreement or shall have been obtained by the Staff and Services Provider on a non-confidential basis, (vii) such information as is necessary or appropriate to disclose so that the Staff and Services Provider may perform its duties hereunder, (viii) as expressly permitted in the final offering memorandum or any definitive transaction documents relating to any CLO or Account, (ix) information relating to performance of the Portfolio as may be used by the Staff and Services Provider in the ordinary course of its business or (xx) such

information as is routinely disclosed to the trustee, custodian or collateral administrator of any CLO or Account in connection with such trustee's, custodian's or collateral administrator's performance of its obligations under the transaction documents related to such CLO or Account. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is agreed that the Staff and Services Provider may disclose without the consent of any Person (1) that it is serving as staff and services provider to the Management Company, (2) the nature, aggregate principal amount and overall performance of the Portfolio, (3) the amount of earnings on the Portfolio, (4) such other information about the Management Company, the Portfolio and the CLOs or Accounts as is customarily disclosed by staff and services providers to management vehicles similar to the Management Company, and (5) the United States federal income tax treatment and United States federal income tax structure of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the related documents and all materials of any kind (including opinions and other tax analyses) that are provided to them relating to such United States federal income tax treatment and United States income tax structure. This authorization to disclose the U.S. tax treatment and tax structure does not permit disclosure of information identifying the Staff and Services Provider, the Management Vehicles, the CLOs or Accounts or any other party to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (except to the extent such information is relevant to U.S. tax structure or tax treatment of such transactions).

#### **ARTICLE VI**

#### **EXCULPATION AND INDEMNIFICATION**

Section 6.01 <u>Standard of Care</u>. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, each Covered Person shall discharge its duties under this Agreement with the care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims. To the extent not inconsistent with the foregoing, each Covered Person shall follow its customary standards, policies and procedures in performing its duties hereunder. No Covered Person shall deal with the income or assets of the Management Company in such Covered Person's own interest or for its own account. Each Covered Person in its respective sole and absolute discretion may separately engage or invest in any other business ventures, including those that may be in competition with the Management Company, and the Management Company will not have any rights in or to such ventures or the income or profits derived therefrom

Section 6.02 <u>Exculpation</u>. To the fullest extent permitted by law, no Covered Person will be liable to the Management Company, any Member, or any shareholder, partner or member thereof, for (i) any acts or omissions by such Covered Person arising out of or in connection with the conduct of the business of the Management Company or its General Partner, or any investment made or held by the Management Company or its General Partner, unless such act or omission was made in bad faith or is determined ultimately by a court of competent jurisdiction, in a final nonappealable judgment, to be the result of gross negligence or to constitute fraud or willful misconduct (as interpreted under the laws of the State of Delaware) (each, a "<u>Disabling Conduct</u>") on the part of such Covered Person, (ii) any act or omission of any Investor, (iii) any mistake, gross negligence, misconduct or bad faith of any employee, broker, administrator or other agent or representative of such Covered Person, *provided* that such employee, broker, administrator or agent was selected, engaged or retained by or on behalf of such Covered Person with reasonable care, or (iv) any consequential (including loss of profit), indirect, special or punitive damages. To

the extent that, at law or in equity, any Covered Person has duties (including fiduciary duties) and liabilities relating thereto to the Management Company or any Member, no Covered Person acting under this Agreement shall be liable to the Management Company or to any such Member for its good-faith reliance on the provisions of this Agreement.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, no Covered Person shall have any personal liability to the Management Company or any Member solely by reason of any change in U.S. federal, state or local or foreign income tax laws, or in interpretations thereof, as they apply to the Management Company or the Members, whether the change occurs through legislative, judicial or administrative action.

Any Covered Person in its sole and absolute discretion may consult legal counsel, accountants or other advisers selected by it, and any act or omission taken, or made in good faith by such Person on behalf of the Management Company or in furtherance of the business of the Management Company in good-faith reliance on and in accordance with the advice of such counsel, accountants or other advisers shall be full justification for the act or omission, and to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, no Covered Person shall be liable to the Management Company or any Member in so acting or omitting to act if such counsel, accountants or other advisers were selected, engaged or retained with reasonable care.

Section 6.03 Indemnification by the Management Company. The Management Company shall and hereby does, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, indemnify and hold harmless any Covered Person from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, costs, expenses, damages, losses, suits, proceedings, judgments, assessments, actions and other liabilities, whether judicial, administrative, investigative or otherwise, of whatever nature, known or unknown, liquidated or unliquidated ("Claims"), that may accrue to or be incurred by any Covered Person, or in which any Covered Person may become involved, as a party or otherwise, or with which any Covered Person may be threatened, relating to or arising out of the investment or other activities of the Management Company or its General Partner, or activities undertaken in connection with the Management Company or its General Partner, or otherwise relating to or arising out of this Agreement, including amounts paid in satisfaction of judgments, in compromise or as fines or penalties, and attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in connection with the preparation for or defense or disposition of any investigation, action, suit, arbitration or other proceeding (a "Proceeding"), whether civil or criminal (all of such Claims, amounts and expenses referred to therein are referred to collectively as "Damages"), except to the extent that it shall have been determined ultimately by a court of competent jurisdiction, in a final nonappealable judgment, that such Damages arose primarily from Disabling Conduct of such Covered Person. The termination of any Proceeding by settlement, judgment, order, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that any Damages relating to such settlement, judgment, order, conviction or plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent or otherwise relating to such Proceeding arose primarily from Disabling Conduct of any Covered Persons.

Expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by a Covered Person in defense or settlement of any Claim that may be subject to a right of indemnification hereunder may be advanced by the Management Company prior to the final disposition thereof upon receipt of a written undertaking by or on behalf of the Covered Person to repay the amount advanced to the extent that it shall be determined ultimately by a court of competent jurisdiction that the Covered Person is not entitled to be indemnified hereunder. The right of any Covered Persons to the indemnification provided herein shall be cumulative of, and in addition to, any and all rights to which the Covered Person may otherwise be entitled by contract or as a matter of law or equity and shall be extended to the Covered Person's successors, assigns and legal representatives. Any judgments against the Management Company and/or any Covered Persons in respect of which such Covered Person is entitled to indemnification shall first be satisfied from the assets of the Management Company, including Drawdowns, before such Covered Person is responsible therefor.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the provisions of this <u>Section 6.03</u> shall not be construed so as to provide for the indemnification of any Covered Person for any liability (including liability under Federal securities laws which, under certain circumstances, impose liability even on persons that act in good faith), to the extent (but only to the extent) that such indemnification would be in violation of applicable law, but shall be construed so as to effectuate the provisions of this <u>Section 6.03</u> to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Section 6.04 <u>Other Sources of Recovery etc.</u> The indemnification rights set forth in <u>Section 6.03</u> are in addition to, and shall not exclude, limit or otherwise adversely affect, any other indemnification or similar rights to which any Covered Person may be entitled. If and to the extent that other sources of recovery (including proceeds of any applicable policies of insurance or indemnification from any Person in which any of the CLOs or Accounts has an investment) are available to any Covered Person, such Covered Person shall use reasonable efforts to obtain recovery from such other sources before the Company shall be required to make any payment in respect of its indemnification obligations hereunder; *provided* that, if such other recovery is not available without delay, the Covered Person shall be entitled to such payment by the Management Company and the Management Company shall be entitled to reimbursement out of such other recovery when and if obtained.

Section 6.05 <u>Rights of Heirs, Successors and Assigns</u>. The indemnification rights provided by <u>Section 6.03</u> shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of each Covered Person.

Section 6.06 <u>Reliance</u>. A Covered Person shall incur no liability to the Management Company or any Member in acting upon any signature or writing reasonably believed by him, her or it to be genuine, and may rely in good faith on a certificate signed by an officer of any Person in order to ascertain any fact with respect to such Person or within such Person's knowledge. Each Covered Person may act directly or through his, her or its agents or attorneys.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

#### TERMINATION

Section 7.01 <u>Termination</u>. Either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time upon at least thirty (30) days' written notice to the other.

# **ARTICLE VIII**

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Section 8.01 <u>Amendments</u>. This Agreement may not be amended or modified except by an instrument in writing signed by each Party.

Section 8.02 Assignment and Delegation.

(a) Neither Party may assign, pledge, grant or otherwise encumber or transfer all or any part of its rights or responsibilities under this Agreement, in whole or in part, except (i) as provided in clauses (b) and (c) of this <u>Section 8.02</u>, without the prior written consent of the other Party and (ii) in accordance with Applicable Law.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this <u>Section 8.02</u>, the Staff and Services Provider may not assign its rights or responsibilities under this Agreement unless (i) the Management Company consents in writing thereto and (ii) such assignment is made in accordance with Applicable Law.

The Staff and Services Provider may, without satisfying any of the (c) conditions of Section 8.02(a) other than clause (ii) thereof, (1) assign any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement to an Affiliate; provided that such Affiliate (i) has demonstrated ability, whether as an entity or by its principals and employees, to professionally and competently perform duties similar to those imposed upon the Staff and Services Provider pursuant to this Agreement and (ii) has the legal right and capacity to act as Staff and Services Provider under this Agreement, or (2) enter into (or have its parent enter into) any consolidation or amalgamation with, or merger with or into, or transfer of all or substantially all of its assets to, another entity; provided that, at the time of such consolidation, merger, amalgamation or transfer the resulting, surviving or transferee entity assumes all the obligations of the Staff and Services Provider under this Agreement generally (whether by operation of law or by contract) and the other entity is a continuation of the Staff and Services Provider in another corporate or similar form and has substantially the same staff; *provided further* that the Staff and Services Provider shall deliver ten (10) Business Days' prior notice to the Management Company of any assignment or combination made pursuant to this sentence. Upon the execution and delivery of any such assignment by the assignee, the Staff and Services Provider will be released from further obligations pursuant to this Agreement except to the extent expressly provided herein.

#### Section 8.03 <u>Non-Recourse; Non-Petition</u>.

(a) The Staff and Services Provider agrees that the payment of all amounts to which it is entitled pursuant to this Agreement shall be payable by the Management Company only to the extent of assets held in the Portfolio.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the liability of the Management Company to the Staff and Services Provider hereunder is limited in recourse to the Portfolio, and if the proceeds of the Portfolio following the liquidation thereof are insufficient to meet the obligations of the Management Company hereunder in full, the Management Company shall have no further liability in respect of any such outstanding obligations, and such obligations

and all claims of the Staff and Services Provider or any other Person against the Management Company hereunder shall thereupon extinguish and not thereafter revive. The Staff and Services Provider accepts that the obligations of the Management Company hereunder are the corporate obligations of the Management Company and are not the obligations of any employee, member, officer, director or administrator of the Management Company and no action may be taken against any such Person in relation to the obligations of the Management Company hereunder.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, any Staff and Services Provider agrees not to institute against, or join any other Person in instituting against, the Management Company any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency, moratorium or liquidation proceedings, or other proceedings under United States federal or state bankruptcy laws, or similar laws until at least one year and one day (or, if longer, the then applicable preference period plus one day) after the payment in full all amounts payable in respect of any Indebtedness incurred to finance any portion of the Portfolio; *provided* that nothing in this provision shall preclude, or be deemed to stop, the Staff and Services Provider from taking any action prior to the expiration of the aforementioned one year and one day period (or, if longer, the applicable preference period then in effect plus one day) in (i) any case or proceeding voluntarily filed or commenced by the Management Company, or (ii) any involuntary insolvency proceeding filed or commenced against the Management Company by a Person other than the Staff and Services Provider.

(d) The Management Company hereby acknowledges and agrees that the Staff and Services Provider's obligations hereunder shall be solely the corporate obligations of the Staff and Services Provider, and are not the obligations of any employee, member, officer, director or administrator of the Staff and Services Provider and no action may be taken against any such Person in relation to the obligations of the Staff and Services Provider hereunder.

(e) The provisions of this <u>Section 8.03</u> shall survive termination of this Agreement for any reason whatsoever.

#### Section 8.04 <u>Governing Law</u>.

(a) This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Texas. The Parties unconditionally and irrevocably consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts located in the State of Texas and waive any objection with respect thereto, for the purpose of any action, suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

(b) The Parties irrevocably agree for the benefit of each other that the courts of the State of Texas and the United States District Court located in the Northern District of Texas in Dallas are to have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any disputes (whether contractual or non-contractual) which may arise out of or in connection with this Agreement and that accordingly any action arising out of or in connection therewith (together referred to as "<u>Proceedings</u>") may be brought in such courts. The Parties irrevocably submit to the jurisdiction of such courts and waive any objection which they may have now or hereafter to the laying of the venue of any Proceedings in any such court and any claim that any Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum

and further irrevocably agree that a judgment in any Proceedings brought in such courts shall be conclusive and binding upon the Parties and may be enforced in the courts of any other jurisdiction.

Section 8.05 <u>WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL</u>. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY AND INTENTIONALLY WAIVES ANY RIGHTS IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY LITIGATION BASED HEREON, OR ARISING OUT OF, UNDER, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THIS AGREEMENT. EACH PARTY HERETO ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT IT HAS RECEIVED FULL AND SUFFICIENT CONSIDERATION FOR THIS PROVISION AND THAT THIS PROVISION IS A MATERIAL INDUCEMENT FOR ITS ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT.

Section 8.06 <u>Severability</u>. The provisions of this Agreement are independent of and severable from each other, and no provision shall be affected or rendered invalid or unenforceable by virtue of the fact that for any reason any other or others of them may be invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the Parties.

Section 8.07 <u>No Waiver</u>. The performance of any condition or obligation imposed upon any Party may be waived only upon the written consent of the Parties. Such waiver shall be limited to the terms thereof and shall not constitute a waiver of any other condition or obligation of the other Party. Any failure by any Party to enforce any provision shall not constitute a waiver of that or any other provision or this Agreement.

Section 8.08 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts by facsimile or other written or electronic form of communication, each of which shall be deemed to be an original as against any Party whose signature appears thereon, and all of which shall together constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement shall become binding when one or more counterparts hereof, individually or taken together, shall bear the signatures of all of the Parties reflected hereon as the signatories.

Section 8.09 <u>Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties hereto and their permitted assigns and nothing herein express or implied shall give or be construed to give to any Person, other than the Parties hereto and such permitted assigns, any legal or equitable rights hereunder. For avoidance of doubt, this Agreement is not for the benefit or and is not enforceable by any Shared Employee, CLO or Account or any investor (directly or indirectly) in the Management Company.

Section 8.10 <u>No Partnership or Joint Venture</u>. Nothing set forth in this Agreement shall constitute, or be construed to create, an employment relationship, a partnership or a joint venture between the Parties. Except as expressly provided herein or in any other written agreement between the Parties, no Party has any authority, express or implied, to bind or to incur liabilities on behalf of, or in the name of, any other Party.

Section 8.11 <u>Independent Contractor</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Staff and Services Provider shall be deemed to be an independent contractor and, except as

expressly provided or authorized herein, shall have no authority to act for or represent the Management Company or any CLO or Account in which the Management Company acts as portfolio manager or investment manager or in a similar capacity in any manner or otherwise be deemed an agent of the Management Company or any CLO or Account in which the Management Company acts as portfolio manager or investment manager or in a similar capacity.

Section 8.12 <u>Written Disclosure Statement</u>. The Management Company acknowledges receipt of Part 2 of the Staff and Services Provider's Form ADV, as required by Rule 204-3 under the Advisers Act, on or before the date of execution of this Agreement.

Section 8.13 <u>Headings</u>. The descriptive headings contained in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

Section 8.14 <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and undertakings, both written and oral, between the Parties with respect to such subject matter.

Section 8.15 <u>Notices</u>. Any notice or demand to any Party to be given, made or served for any purposes under this Agreement shall be given, made or served by sending the same by overnight mail or email transmission or by delivering it by hand as follows:

(a) If to the Management Company:

Acis Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201

(b) If to the Staff and Services Provider:

Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201

or to such other address or email address as shall have been notified to the other Parties.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., as the Sub-Advisor

By: Strand Advisors, Inc., its General Partner

e D By: Name: James Dondero

Name: James Dondero Title: President

ACIS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., as the Management Company

By: Acis Capital Management GP, LLC, its General Partner

By: -

Name: James Dondero Title: President

#### Appendix A

The Management Company shall pay to the Staff and Services Provider a Staff and Services Fee for the services for the CLOs or Accounts in an amount equal to the aggregate management fees that would be received by the Management Company for such CLOs or Accounts if such management fees were calculated in exact conformity with the calculation of management fees for such CLOs or Accounts, except that the management fee rates applied in such calculation were replaced by the fee rate set forth in the following table. Such fees shall be payable promptly (or at such time as is otherwise agreed by the parties) following the Management Company's receipt of management fees for such CLOs or Accounts, it being understood that none of the foregoing shall prohibit the Management Company from waiving or entering into side letters with respect to management fees for such CLOs or Accounts; provided that any such waived or reduced amounts shall not be recognized for purposes of calculating the fees payable by the Management Company hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties may agree to a different allocation from that set forth during any period in order to reflect the then current fair market value of the Services rendered.

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Issuer / Borrower / Fund / Account	Management Agreement	Related Agreements	Date of Management Agreement	Annualized Staff and Services Fee Rate (bps)
Hewett's Island CLO I-R, Ltd.	Management Agreement	Indenture	November 20, 2007	15
Acis CLO 2013- 1 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture	March 18, 2013	15
Acis CLO 2013- 2 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture	October 3, 2013	15
Acis CLO 2014- 3 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture Collateral Administration Agreement	February 25, 2014	15
Acis CLO 2014- 4 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture Collateral Administration Agreement	June 5, 2014	15
Acis CLO 2014- 5 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture Collateral Administration Agreement	November 18, 2014	15
Acis CLO 2015- 6 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture Collateral Administration Agreement	April 16, 2015	15
BayVK R2 Lux S.A., SICAV- FIS	Agreement for the Outsourcing of the Asset Management	Service Level Agreement	February 27, 2015	15
Acis Loan Funding, Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement		August 10, 2015	0

# **EXHIBIT C**

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# THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED SUB-ADVISORY AGREEMENT

by and between

# ACIS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

and

# HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

Dated March 17, 2017

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#### THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED SUB-ADVISORY AGREEMENT

This Third Amended and Restated Sub-Advisory Agreement (as amended, modified, waived, supplemented or restated from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof, this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of March 17, 2017, is entered into by and between Acis Capital Management, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, as the management company hereunder (in such capacity, the "<u>Management Company</u>"), and Highland Capital Management, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (<u>Highland</u>"), as the sub-advisor hereunder (in such capacity, the "<u>Sub-Advisor</u>" and together with the Management Company, the "<u>Parties</u>").

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WHEREAS, the Parties entered into that certain Second Amended and Restated Sub-Advisory Agreement dated July 29, 2016 to be effective January 1, 2016 (the "Existing Agreement");

WHEREAS, the Management Company from time to time has entered and will enter into portfolio management agreements, investment management agreements and/or similar agreements (each such agreement as amended, modified, waived, supplemented or restated, subject in each case to the requirements of <u>Section 8</u>, a "<u>Management Agreement</u>") and related indentures, credit agreements, collateral administration agreements, service agreements or other agreements (each such agreement as amended, modified, waived, supplemented or restated, subject in each case to the requirements of <u>Section 8</u>, a "<u>Related Agreement</u>"), in each case as set forth on <u>Appendix A</u> hereto, as amended from time to time, pursuant to which the Management Company has agreed to provide portfolio and/or investment management services to certain funds and accounts and to certain collateralized loan obligation issuers and to borrowers in certain short-term or long-term warehouse or repurchase facilities in connection therewith (any such transaction, a "<u>Transaction</u>", any fund, account, issuer, warehouse borrower or repurchase agreement seller in respect of any such Transaction, an "<u>Account</u>", and the assets collateralizing each such Transaction and/or comprising the portfolio of such Account, a "<u>Portfolio</u>");

WHEREAS, the Management Company and the Sub-Advisor desire to enter into this Agreement in order to permit the Sub-Advisor to provide certain limited services to assist the Management Company in performing certain obligations under the Management Agreements and Related Agreements;

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to amend and restate the Existing Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, and the receipt of good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree that the Existing Agreement is hereby amended, restated and replaced in its entirety as follows.

1. <u>Appointment; Limited Scope of Services</u>.

(a) Highland is hereby appointed as Sub-Advisor to the Management Company for the purpose of assisting the Management Company in managing the Portfolios of each Account

pursuant to the related Management Agreement and Related Agreements, in each case that have been included in the scope of this Agreement pursuant to the provisions of <u>Section 8</u>, subject to the terms set forth herein and subject to the supervision of the Management Company, and Highland hereby accepts such appointment.

(b) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Sub-Advisor shall, during the term and subject to the provisions of this Agreement:

(i) make recommendations to the Management Company in its capacity as portfolio manager, investment manager or any similar capacity for any applicable Account as to the general composition and allocation of the Portfolio with respect to such Account among various types of securities, the nature and timing of the changes therein and the manner of implementing such changes, including recommendations as to the specific loans and other assets to be purchased, retained or sold by any such Account;

(ii) place orders with respect to, and arrange for, any investment by or on behalf of such Account (including executing and delivering all documents relating to such Account's investments on behalf of such Account or the Management Company, as applicable), upon receiving a proper instruction from the Management Company;

(iii) identify, evaluate, recommend to the Management Company, in its capacity as portfolio manager for such Account, and, if applicable, negotiate the structure and/or terms of investment opportunities within the specific investment strategy of the Management Company for such Account;

(iv) assist the Management Company in its capacity as portfolio manager for such Account in performing due diligence on prospective Portfolio investments by such Account;

(v) provide information to the Management Company in its capacity as portfolio manager for such Account regarding any investments to facilitate the monitoring and servicing of such investments and, if requested by the Management Company, provide information to assist in monitoring and servicing other investments by such Account

(vi) assist and advise the Management Company in its capacity as portfolio manager for such Account with respect to credit functions including, but not limited to, credit analysis and market research and analysis; and

(vii) assist the Management Company in performing any of its other obligations or duties as portfolio manager for such Account.

The foregoing responsibilities and obligations are collectively referred to herein as the "Services."

Notwithstanding the foregoing, all investment decisions will ultimately be the responsibility of, and will be made by and at the sole discretion of, the Management Company. Furthermore, the

parties acknowledge and agree that the Sub-Advisor shall be required to provide only the services expressly described in this Section 1(b), and shall have no responsibility hereunder to provide any other services to the Management Company or any Transaction, including, but not limited to, administrative, management or similar services.

(c) The Sub-Advisor agrees during the term hereof to furnish the Services on the terms and conditions set forth herein and subject to the limitations contained herein. The Sub-Advisor agrees that, in performing the Services, it will comply with all applicable obligations of the Management Company set forth in the Management Agreements and the Related Agreements. In addition, with respect to any obligation that would be part of the Services but for the fact that the relevant Management Agreement or Related Agreement does not permit such obligation to be delegated by the Management Company to the Sub-Advisor, the Sub-Advisor, upon request in writing by the Management Company, shall work in good faith with the Management Company and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to assist the Management Company in satisfying all such obligations.

# 2. <u>Compensation</u>.

(a) As compensation for its performance of its obligations as Sub-Advisor under this Agreement in respect of any Transaction, the Sub-Advisor will be entitled to receive the Sub-Advisory Fee payable thereto. The "<u>Sub-Advisory Fee</u>" shall be payable in accordance with <u>Appendix A</u> attached hereto, as such appendix may be amended by the Parties from time to time.

(b) Each party shall bear its own expenses; *provided* that the Management Company shall reimburse the Sub-Advisor for any and all costs and expenses that are properly Company Expenses or that may be borne by the Management Company under the Management Company LLC Agreement.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, if on any date the Management Company determines that it would not have sufficient funds available to it to make a payment of Indebtedness, it shall have the right to defer any and all amounts payable to the Sub-Advisor pursuant to this Agreement, including any fees and expenses; *provided* that the Management Company shall promptly pay all such amounts on the first date thereafter that sufficient amounts exist to make payment thereof.

(d) From time to time, the Management Company may enter into sub-advisory agreements with certain management companies on similar terms to this Agreement. Promptly following the receipt of any fees pursuant to such sub-advisory agreements, the Management Company shall pay 100% of such fees to the Sub-Advisor.

3. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>.

(a) Each of the Management Company and the Sub-Advisor represents and warrants, as to itself only, that:

(i) it has full power and authority to execute and deliver, and to perform its obligations under, this Agreement;

(ii) this Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by it and constitutes its valid and binding, obligation, enforceable in accordance with its terms except as the enforceability hereof may be subject to (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization moratorium, receivership, conservatorship or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect relating to creditors' rights and (ii) general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforcement is considered in a proceeding, in equity or at law);

(iii) no consent, approval, authorization or order of or declaration or filing with any government, governmental instrumentality or court or other person or entity is required for the execution of this Agreement or the performance by it of its duties hereunder, except such as have been duly made or obtained; and

(iv) neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement nor the fulfillment of the terms hereof conflicts with or results in a breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitutes a default under, (A) its constituting and organizational documents; (B) the terms of any material indenture, contract, lease, mortgage, deed of trust, note, agreement or other evidence of indebtedness or other material agreement, obligation, condition, covenant or instrument to which it is a party or by which it is bound; (C) any statute applicable to it; or (D) any law, decree, order, rule or regulation applicable to it of any court or regulatory, administrative or governmental agency, body of authority or arbitration having or asserting jurisdiction over it or its properties, which, in the case of clauses (B) through (D) above, would have a material adverse effect upon the performance of its duties hereunder.

(b) The Sub-Advisor represents and warrants to the Management Company that it is a registered investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the "<u>Advisers Act</u>").

(c) The Management Company acknowledges that it has received Part 2 of Highland Capital Management, L.P.'s Form ADV filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Sub-Advisor will provide to the Management Company an updated copy of Part 2 of its Form ADV promptly upon any amendment to such Form ADV being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

4. <u>Standard of Care; Liability; Indemnification</u>.

(a) <u>Sub-Advisor Standard of Care</u>. Subject to the terms and provisions of this Agreement, the Management Agreements and/or the Related Agreements, as applicable, the Sub-Advisor will perform its obligations hereunder and under the Management Agreements and/or the Related Agreements in good faith with reasonable care using a degree of skill and attention no less than that which the Sub-Advisor uses with respect to comparable assets that it manages for others and, without limiting the foregoing, in a manner which the Sub-Advisor reasonably believes to be consistent with the practices and procedures followed by institutional managers of national standing relating to assets of the nature and character of the Portfolios, in each case except as expressly provided otherwise under this Agreement, the Management Agreements and/or the Related Agreements. To the extent not inconsistent with the foregoing, the Sub-Advisor will follow its customary standards, policies and procedures in performing its duties hereunder, under the Management Agreements and/or under the Related Agreements.

Exculpation. To the fullest extent permitted by law, none of the Sub-(b) Advisor, any of its affiliates, and any of their respective managers, members, principals, partners, directors, officers, shareholders, employees and agents (but shall not include the Management Company, its subsidiaries or member(s) and any managers, members, principals, partners, directors, officers, shareholders, employees and agents of the Management Company or its subsidiaries or member(s) (in their capacity as such)) (each a "Covered Person") will be liable to the Management Company, any Member, any shareholder, partner or member thereof, any Account (or any other adviser, agent or representative thereof), or to any holder of notes, securities or other indebtedness issued by any Account (collectively, the "Management Company Related Parties"), for (i) any acts or omissions by such Covered Person arising out of or in connection with the provision of the Services hereunder, for any losses that may be sustained in the purchase, holding or sale of any security or debt obligation by any Account, or as a result of any activities of the Sub-Advisor, the Management Company or any other adviser to or agent of the Account or any other sub-advisor appointed by the Management Company to provide portfolio management services to any other delegatee of the Management Company or any other person or entity, unless such act or omission was made in bad faith or is determined ultimately by a court of competent jurisdiction, in a final nonappealable judgment, to be the result of gross negligence or to constitute fraud or willful misconduct (as interpreted under the laws of the State of Delaware) (each, a "Disabling Conduct") on the part of such Covered Person, (ii) any mistake, gross negligence, misconduct or bad faith of any employee, broker, administrator or other agent or representative of the Sub-Advisor, provided that such employee, broker, administrator or agent was selected, engaged or retained by or on behalf of the Sub-Advisor with reasonable care, or (iii) any consequential (including loss of profit), indirect, special or punitive damages. To the extent that, at law or in equity, any Covered Person has duties (including fiduciary duties) and liabilities relating thereto to any Management Company Related Party, no Covered Person acting under this Agreement shall be liable to such Management Company Related Party for its good-faith reliance on the provisions of this Agreement.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, no Covered Person shall have any personal liability to any Management Company Related Party solely by reason of any change in U.S. federal, state or local or foreign income tax laws, or in interpretations thereof, as they apply to any such Management Company Related Party, whether the change occurs through legislative, judicial or administrative action.

Any Covered Person in its sole and absolute discretion may consult legal counsel, accountants or other advisers selected by it, and any act or omission taken, or made in good faith by such Person on behalf of the Management Company or in furtherance of the business of the Management Company in good-faith reliance on and in accordance with the advice of such counsel, accountants or other advisers shall be full justification for the act or omission, and to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, no Covered Person shall be liable to any Management Company Related Party in so acting or omitting to act if such counsel, accountants or other advisers were selected, engaged or retained with reasonable care

Indemnification. The Management Company shall and hereby does, to the (c)fullest extent permitted by applicable law, indemnify and hold harmless any Covered Person from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, costs, expenses, damages, losses, suits, proceedings, judgments, assessments, actions and other liabilities, whether judicial, administrative, investigative or otherwise, of whatever nature, known or unknown, liquidated or unliquidated ("Claims"), that may accrue to or be incurred by any Covered Person, or in which any Covered Person may become involved, as a party or otherwise, or with which any Covered Person may be threatened, relating to or arising out of the Services, the activities of the Management Company Related Parties, or activities undertaken in connection with the Management Company Related Parties, or otherwise relating to or arising out of this Agreement, any Management Agreement and/or the Related Documents, including amounts paid in satisfaction of judgments, in compromise or as fines or penalties, and attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in connection with the preparation for or defense or disposition of any investigation, action, suit, arbitration or other proceeding (a "Proceeding"), whether civil or criminal (all of such Claims, amounts and expenses referred to therein are referred to collectively as "Damages"), except to the extent that it shall have been determined ultimately by a court of competent jurisdiction, in a final nonappealable judgment, that such Damages arose primarily from Disabling Conduct of such Covered Person. The termination of any Proceeding by settlement, judgment, order, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that any Damages relating to such settlement, judgment, order, conviction or plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent or otherwise relating to such Proceeding arose primarily from Disabling Conduct of any Covered Persons.

Expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by a Covered Person in defense or settlement of any Claim that may be subject to a right of indemnification hereunder may be advanced by the Management Company prior to the final disposition thereof upon receipt of a written undertaking by or on behalf of the Covered Person to repay the amount advanced to the extent that it shall be determined ultimately by a court of competent jurisdiction that the Covered Person is not entitled to be indemnified hereunder. The right of any Covered Persons to the indemnification provided herein shall be cumulative of, and in addition to, any and all rights to which the Covered Person may otherwise be entitled by contract or as a matter of law or equity and shall be extended to the Covered Person's successors, assigns and legal representatives. Any judgments against the Management Company and/or any Covered Persons in respect of which such Covered Person is entitled to indemnification shall first be satisfied from the assets of the Management Company, including Drawdowns, before such Covered Person is responsible therefor.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the provisions of this <u>Section 4(c)</u> shall not be construed so as to provide for the indemnification of any Covered Person for any liability (including liability under Federal securities laws which, under certain circumstances, impose liability even on persons that act in good faith), to the extent (but only to the extent) that such indemnification would be in violation of applicable law, but shall be construed so as to effectuate the provisions of this <u>Section 4(c)</u> to the fullest extent permitted by law

(d) <u>Other Sources of Recovery etc.</u> The indemnification rights set forth in <u>Section 4(c)</u> are in addition to, and shall not exclude, limit or otherwise adversely affect, any other indemnification or similar rights to which any Covered Person may be entitled. If and to the extent that other sources of recovery (including proceeds of any applicable policies of insurance or

indemnification from any Person in which any of the Transactions has an investment) are available to any Covered Person, such Covered Person shall use reasonable efforts to obtain recovery from such other sources before the Company shall be required to make any payment in respect of its indemnification obligations hereunder; *provided* that, if such other recovery is not available without delay, the Covered Person shall be entitled to such payment by the Management Company and the Management Company shall be entitled to reimbursement out of such other recovery when and if obtained

(e) <u>Rights of Heirs, Successors and Assigns</u>. The indemnification rights provided by <u>Section 4(c)</u> shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of each Covered Person

(f) <u>Reliance</u>. A Covered Person shall incur no liability to any Management Company Related Party in acting upon any signature or writing reasonably believed by him, her or it to be genuine, and may rely in good faith on a certificate signed by an officer of any Person in order to ascertain any fact with respect to such Person or within such Person's knowledge. Each Covered Person may act directly or through his, her or its agents or attorneys.

(g) <u>Rights Under Management Agreements and Related Agreements</u>. The Management Company will ensure that the Sub-Advisor is provided substantially similar indemnification and exculpation rights as are afforded to the Management Company in its role as portfolio manager under any future Management Agreement or Related Agreement encompassed within the Services hereunder, and it is expressly acknowledged by the Parties that the Sub-Advisor may not consent to including a Management Agreement and the related Transaction and Related Agreements within the scope of this Agreement pursuant to <u>Section 8</u> if such indemnification and exculpation rights are not reasonably acceptable to it.

# 5. <u>Limitations on Employment of the Sub-Advisor; Conflicts of Interest</u>.

(a) The services of the Sub-Advisor to the Management Company are not exclusive, and the Sub-Advisor may engage in any other business or render similar or different services to others including, without limitation, the direct or indirect sponsorship or management of other Transactions, investment-based accounts or commingled pools of capital, however structured, having investment objectives similar to those of the Management Company or the Accounts. Moreover, nothing in this Agreement shall limit or restrict the right of any manager, partner, officer or employee of the Sub-Advisor to engage in any other business or to devote his or her time and attention in part to any other business, whether of a similar or dissimilar nature to the Management Company or any Account, or to receive any fees or compensation in connection therewith.

(b) So long as this Agreement or any extension, renewal or amendment of this Agreement remains in effect, the Sub-Advisor shall be the only portfolio management sub-advisor for the Management Company. The Sub-Advisor assumes no responsibility under this Agreement other than to render the services called for hereunder. It is understood that directors, officers, employees, members and managers of the Management Company are or may become interested in the Sub-Advisor and its Affiliates as directors, officers, employees, partners, stockholders, members, managers or otherwise, and that the Sub-Advisor and directors, officers, employees,

partners, stockholders, members and managers of the Sub-Advisor and its Affiliates are or may become similarly interested in the Management Company as members or otherwise.

(c) The Management Company acknowledges that various potential and actual conflicts of interest may exist with respect to the Sub-Advisor as described in the Sub-Advisor's Form ADV Part 2A and as described in <u>Appendix B</u> hereto, and the Management Company expressly acknowledges and agrees to the provisions contained in such <u>Appendix B</u>, as amended from time to time with mutual consent of the Parties.

#### 6. <u>Termination; Survival</u>.

(a) This Agreement may be terminated, in its entirety or with respect to any Management Agreement, at any time without payment of penalty, by the Management Company upon 30 days' prior written notice to the Sub-Advisor.

(b) This Agreement shall terminate automatically with respect to any Management Agreement on the date on which (i) such Management Agreement has been terminated (and, if required thereunder, a successor portfolio manager has been appointed and accepted) or discharged; or (ii) the Management Company is no longer acting as portfolio manager, investment manager or in a similar capacity (whether due to removal, resignation or assignment) under such Management Agreement and the Related Agreements. Upon the termination of this Agreement with respect to any Management Agreement the Management Company shall provide prompt notice thereof to the Sub-Advisor, and <u>Appendix A</u> hereto shall be deemed to be amended by deleting such Management Agreement and the Related Agreements related thereto.

(c) All accrued and unpaid financial and indemnification obligations with respect to any conduct or events occurring prior to the effective date of the termination of this Agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

7. <u>Cooperation with Management Company</u>. The Sub-Advisor shall reasonably cooperate with the Management Company in connection with the Management Company's compliance with its policies and procedures relating to oversight of the Sub-Advisor. Specifically, the Sub-Advisor agrees that it will provide the Management Company with reasonable access to information relating to the performance of Sub-Advisor's obligations under this Agreement.

8. <u>Management Agreements and Related Agreements</u>. The Sub-Advisor's duty to provide Services in connection with any Management Agreement shall not commence until (a) Appendix A to this Agreement has been amended by mutual agreement of the Parties to include such Management Agreement and the related Account, fund and/or account and Related Agreements and (b) the Sub-Advisor acknowledges receipt of such Management Agreement and each Related Agreement. The Sub-Advisor shall not be bound to comply with any amendment, modification, supplement or waiver to any Management Agreement or any Related Agreement until it has received a copy thereof from the Management Company. No amendment, modification, supplement or waiver to any Management or Related Agreement that, when applied to the obligations and rights of the Management Company under such Management Agreement or Related Agreement, affects (i) the obligations or rights of the Sub-Advisor hereunder; (ii) the amount of priority of any fees or other amounts payable to the Sub-Advisor hereunder; or (iii) any definitions relating to the matters covered in clause (i) or (ii) above, will apply to the Sub-Advisor under this Agreement unless in each such case the Sub-Advisor has consented thereto in writing (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed unless the Sub-Advisor determines in its reasonable judgment that such amendment, modification, supplement or waiver could have a material adverse effect on the Sub-Advisor).

### 9. <u>Amendments; Assignments</u>.

(a) Neither Party may assign, pledge, grant or otherwise encumber or transfer all or any part of its rights or responsibilities under this Agreement, in whole or in part, except (i) as provided in <u>clauses (b)</u> and (c) of this <u>Section 9</u>, without the prior written consent of the other Party and (ii) in accordance with the Advisers Act and other applicable law.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this <u>Section 9</u>, the Sub-Advisor may not assign its rights or responsibilities under this Agreement unless (i) the Management Company consents in writing thereto and (ii) such assignment is made in accordance with the Advisers Act and other applicable law.

(c) The Sub-Advisor may, without satisfying any of the conditions of Section 9(a) other than clause (ii) thereof (so long as such assignment does not constitute an assignment within the meaning of Section 202(a)(1) of the Advisers Act), (1) assign any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement to an affiliate; provided that such affiliate (i) has demonstrated ability, whether as an entity or by its principals and employees, to professionally and competently perform duties similar to those imposed upon the Sub-Advisor pursuant to this Agreement and (ii) has the legal right and capacity to act as Sub-Advisor under this Agreement, or (2) enter into (or have its parent enter into) any consolidation or amalgamation with, or merger with or into, or transfer of all or substantially all of its assets to, another entity; provided that, at the time of such consolidation, merger, amalgamation or transfer the resulting, surviving or transferee entity assumes all the obligations of the Sub-Advisor under this Agreement generally (whether by operation of law or by contract) and the other entity is a continuation of the Sub-Advisor in another corporate or similar form and has substantially the same staff; provided, further, that the Sub-Advisor shall deliver ten (10) Business Days' prior notice to the Management Company of any assignment or combination made pursuant to this sentence. Upon the execution and delivery of any such assignment by the assignee, the Sub-Advisor will be released from further obligations pursuant to this Agreement except to the extent expressly provided herein.

10. <u>Advisory Restrictions</u>. This Agreement is not intended to and shall not constitute an assignment, pledge or transfer of any Management Agreement or any part thereof. It is the express intention of the parties hereto that (i) the Services are limited in scope; and (ii) this Agreement complies in all respects with all applicable (A) contractual provisions and restrictions contained in each Management Agreement and each Related Agreement and (B) laws, rules and regulations (collectively, the "<u>Advisory Restrictions</u>"). If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be in violation of any Advisory Restriction, then the Services to be provided under this Agreement shall automatically without action by any person or entity be limited, reduced or modified to the extent necessary and appropriate to be enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by such Advisory Restriction.

#### 11. <u>Records; Confidentiality</u>.

(a) The Sub-Advisor shall maintain or cause to be maintained appropriate books of account and records relating to its services performed hereunder, and such books of account and records shall be accessible for inspection by representatives of the Management Company and its accountants and other agents at any time during normal business hours and upon not less than three (3) Business Days' prior notice; provided, that the Sub-Advisor shall not be obligated to provide access to any non-public information if it in good faith determines that the disclosure of such information would violate any applicable law, regulation or contractual arrangement.

The Sub-Advisor shall follow its customary procedures to keep confidential (b) any and all information obtained in connection with the services rendered hereunder that is either (a) of a type that would ordinarily be considered proprietary or confidential, such as information concerning the composition of assets, rates of return, credit quality, structure or ownership of securities, or (b) designated as confidential obtained in connection with the services rendered by the Sub-Advisor hereunder and shall not disclose any such information to non-affiliated third parties except (i) with the prior written consent of the Management Company, (ii) such information as a rating agency shall reasonably request in connection with its rating of notes issued in connection with a Transaction or supplying credit estimates on any obligation included in the Portfolios, (iii) in connection with establishing trading or investment accounts or otherwise in connection with effecting transactions on behalf of the Management Company or any Account for which the Management Company serves as portfolio manager, (iv) as required by (A) applicable law or (B) the rules or regulations of any self-regulating organization, body or official having jurisdiction over the Sub-Advisor or any of its affiliates, (v) to its professional advisors (including, without limitation, legal, tax and accounting advisors), (vi) such information as shall have been publicly disclosed other than in known violation of this Agreement or shall have been obtained by the Sub-Advisor on a non-confidential basis, (vii) such information as is necessary or appropriate to disclose so that the Sub-Advisor may perform its duties hereunder, (viii) as expressly permitted in the final offering memorandum or any definitive transaction documents relating to any Transaction, or (ix) information relating to performance of the Portfolios as may be used by the Sub-Advisor in the ordinary course of its business. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is agreed that the Sub-Advisor may disclose without the consent of any Person (1) that it is serving as Sub-Advisor to the Management Company and each Account, (2) the nature, aggregate principal amount and overall performance of the Portfolios, (3) the amount of earnings on the Portfolios, (4) such other information about the Management Company, the Portfolios and the Transactions as is customarily disclosed by Sub-Advisors to management vehicles similar to the Management Company, and (5) the United States federal income tax treatment and United States federal income tax structure of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the related documents and all materials of any kind (including opinions and other tax analyses) that are provided to them relating to such United States federal income tax treatment and United States income tax structure. This authorization to disclose the U.S. tax treatment and tax structure does not permit disclosure of information identifying the Sub-Advisor, the Management Company, the Accounts or any other party to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (except to the extent such information is relevant to U.S. tax structure or tax treatment of such transactions).

12. <u>Notice</u>. Any notice or demand to any party to this Agreement to be given, made or served for any purposes under this Agreement shall be given, made or served by sending the same by overnight mail, facsimile or email transmission or by delivering it by hand as follows (or to such other address, email address or facsimile number as shall have been notified to the other parties hereto):

(a) If to the Management Company:

Acis Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201

(b) If to the Sub-Advisor:

Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201

13. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Texas. The parties unconditionally and irrevocably consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts located in the State of Texas and waive any objection with respect thereto, for the purpose of any action, suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

14. <u>WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL</u>. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY AND INTENTIONALLY WAIVES ANY RIGHTS IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY WITH RESPECT TO ANY LITIGATION BASED HEREON, OR ARISING OUT OF, UNDER, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THIS AGREEMENT. EACH PARTY HERETO ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT IT HAS RECEIVED FULL AND SUFFICIENT CONSIDERATION FOR THIS PROVISION AND THAT THIS PROVISION IS A MATERIAL INDUCEMENT FOR ITS ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT.

15. <u>Severability</u>. The provisions of this Agreement are independent of and severable from each other, and no provision shall be affected or rendered invalid or unenforceable by virtue of the fact that for any reason any other or others of them may be invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the parties.

16. <u>No Waiver</u>. The performance of any condition or obligation imposed upon any party hereunder may be waived only upon the written consent of the parties hereto. Such waiver shall be limited to the terms thereof and shall not constitute a waiver of any other condition or obligation of the other party under this Agreement. Any failure by any party to this Agreement to enforce any provision shall not constitute a waiver of that or any other provision or this Agreement.

17. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts by facsimile or other written form of communication, each of which shall be deemed to be an original as against any party whose signature appears thereon, and all of which shall together constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement shall become binding when one or more counterparts hereof, individually or taken together, shall bear the signatures of all of the parties reflected hereon as the signatories.

18. <u>Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. Nothing in this Agreement will be construed to give any person or entity other than the parties to this Agreement, the Accounts and any person or entity with indemnification rights hereunder any legal or equitable right, remedy, or claim under or with respect to this Agreement or any provision of this Agreement. Except as provided in the foregoing sentence, this Agreement and all of its provisions and conditions are for the sole and exclusive benefit of the parties to this Agreement and their successors and assigns.

19. <u>No Partnership or Joint Venture</u>. Nothing set forth in this Agreement shall constitute, or be construed to create, an employment relationship, a partnership or a joint venture between the parties. Except as expressly provided herein or in any other written agreement between the parties, no party has any authority, express or implied, to bind or to incur liabilities on behalf of, or in the name of, any other party.

20. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement, together with each Management Agreement and Related Agreement, constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and undertakings, both written and oral, between the parties with respect to such subject matter.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., as the Sub-Advisor

By: Strand Advisors, Inc., its General Partner

By:

Name: James Dondero Title: President

ACIS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., as the Management Company

By: Acis Capital Management GP, LLC, its General Partner

By:

Name: James Dondero Title: President

#### Appendix A

The Management Company shall pay to the Sub-Advisor a Sub-Advisory Fee for the Services for the Accounts in an amount equal to the aggregate management fees that would be received by the Management Company for such Accounts if such management fees were calculated in exact conformity with the calculation of management fees for such Accounts, except that the management fee rates applied in such calculation were replaced by the fee rate set forth in the following table. Such fees shall be payable promptly (or at such time as is otherwise agreed by the parties) following the Management Company's receipt of management fees for such Accounts, it being understood that none of the foregoing shall prohibit the Management Company from waiving or entering into side letters with respect to management fees for such Accounts; provided that any such waived or reduced amounts shall not be recognized for purposes of calculating the fees payable by the Management Company hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties may agree to a different allocation from that set forth during any period in order to reflect the then current fair market value of the Services rendered.

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Issuer / Borrower / Fund / Account	Management Agreement	Related Agreements	Date of Management Agreement	Annualized Sub-Advisory Fee Rate (bps)
Hewett's Island CLO I-R, Ltd.	Management Agreement	Indenture	November 20, 2007	20
Acis CLO 2013-1 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture	March 18, 2013	20
Acis CLO 2013-2 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture	October 3, 2013	20
Acis CLO 2014-3 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture Collateral Administration Agreement	February 25, 2014	20
Acis CLO 2014-4 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture Collateral Administration Agreement	June 5, 2014	20
Acis CLO 2014-5 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture Collateral Administration Agreement	November 18, 2014	20
Acis CLO 2015-6 Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement	Indenture Collateral Administration Agreement	April 16, 2015	20
BayVK R2 Lux S.A., SICAV-FIS	Agreement for the Outsourcing of the Asset Management	Service Level Agreement	February 27, 2015	20
Acis Loan Funding, Ltd.	Portfolio Management Agreement		August 10, 2015	0

# APPENDIX B

#### Purchase and Sale Transactions; Brokerage

The Management Company acknowledges and agrees that the Sub-Advisor or any of its affiliates may acquire or sell obligations or securities, for its own account or for the accounts of its customers, without either requiring or precluding the acquisition or sale of such obligations or securities for the account of any Account. Such investments may be the same or different from those made by or on behalf of the Management Company or the Accounts.

#### Additional Activities of the Sub-Advisor

Nothing herein shall prevent the Sub-Advisor or any of its clients, its partners, its members, funds or other investment accounts managed by it or any of its affiliates, or their employees and their affiliates (collectively, the "<u>Related Entities</u>"), from engaging in other businesses, or from rendering services of any kind to the Management Company, its affiliates, any Account or any other Person or entity regardless of whether such business is in competition with the Management Company, its affiliates, such Account or otherwise. Without limiting the generality of the Sub-Advisor and its Related Entities may:

(a) serve as managers or directors (whether supervisory or managing), officers, employees, partners, agents, nominees or signatories for the Management Company or any affiliate thereof, or for any obligor or issuer in respect of any of the Portfolio Assets or any affiliate thereof, to the extent permitted by their respective organizational documents and underlying instruments, as from time to time amended, or by any resolutions duly adopted by the Management Company, any Account, their respective affiliates or any obligor or issuer in respect of any of the Portfolio Assets (or any affiliate thereof) pursuant to their respective organizational documents;

(b) receive fees for services of whatever nature rendered to the obligor or issuer in respect of any of the Portfolio Assets or any affiliate thereof;

(c) be retained to provide services unrelated to this Agreement to the Management Company, any Account or their respective affiliates and be paid therefor, on an arm's-length basis;

(d) be a secured or unsecured creditor of, or hold a debt obligation of or equity interest in, the Management Company, any Account or any affiliate thereof or any obligor or issuer of any Portfolio Asset or any affiliate thereof;

(e) sell any Portfolio Asset to, or purchase or acquire any Portfolio Asset from, any Account while acting in the capacity of principal or agent; *provided, however*, that any such sale or purchase effected by the Sub-Advisor shall be subject to applicable law and any applicable provisions of this Agreement, the related Management Agreement and Related Agreements, as applicable;

(f) underwrite, arrange, structure, originate, syndicate, act as a distributor of or make a market in any Portfolio Asset;

(g) serve as a member of any "creditors' board", "creditors' committee" or similar creditor group with respect to any Portfolio Asset; or

(h) act as portfolio manager, portfolio manager, investment manager and/or investment adviser or sub-advisor in collateralized bond obligation vehicles, collateralized loan obligation vehicles and other similar warehousing, financing or other investment vehicles.

As a result, such individuals may possess information relating to obligors and issuers of Portfolio Assets that is (a) not known to or (b) known but restricted as to its use by the individuals at the Sub-Advisor responsible for monitoring the Portfolio Assets and performing the Services under this Agreement. Each of such ownership and other relationships may result in securities laws restrictions on transactions in such securities by the Management Company and/or any Account and otherwise create conflicts of interest for the Management Company and/or any Account. The Management Company acknowledges and agrees that, in all such instances, the Sub-Advisor and its affiliates may in their discretion make investment recommendations and decisions that may be the same as or different from those made by the Management Company with respect to the investments of any Account and they have no duty, in making or managing such investments, to act in a way that is favorable to any Account.

The Management Company acknowledges that there are generally no ethical screens or information barriers between the Sub-Advisor and certain of its affiliates of the type that many firms implement to separate Persons who make investment decisions from others who might possess applicable material, non-public information that could influence such decisions. The officers or affiliates of the Sub-Advisor may possess information relating to obligors or issuers of Portfolio Assets that is not known to the individuals at the Sub-Advisor may from time to time come into possession of material nonpublic information that limits the ability of the Sub-Advisor to effect a transaction for the Management Company and/or any Account, and the Management Company and/or such Account's investments may be constrained as a consequence of the Sub-Advisor's inability to use such information for advisory purposes or otherwise to effect transactions that otherwise may have been initiated on behalf of its clients, including the Management Company and/or such Account.

Unless the Sub-Advisor determines in its sole discretion that such Transaction complies with the conflicts of interest provisions set forth in the applicable Management Agreement and Related Agreements, he Sub-Advisor will not direct any Account to acquire or sell loans or securities entered into or issued by (i) Persons of which the Sub-Advisor, any of its affiliates or any of its officers, directors or employees are directors or officers, (ii) Persons of which the Sub-Advisor or any of its respective affiliates act as principal or (iii) Persons about which the Sub-Advisor or any of its affiliates have material non-public information which the Sub-Advisor deems would prohibit it from advising as to the trading of such securities in accordance with applicable law.

It is understood that the Sub-Advisor and any of its affiliates may engage in any other business and furnish investment management and advisory services to others, including Persons which may have investment policies similar to those followed by the Management Company with respect to the Portfolio Assets and which may own securities or obligations of the same class, or which are of the same type, as the Portfolio Assets or other securities or obligations of the obligors or issuers of the Portfolio Assets. The Sub-Advisor and its affiliates will be free, in their sole discretion, to

make recommendations to others, or effect transactions on behalf of themselves or for others, which may be the same as or different from those effected with respect to the Collateral. Nothing in this Agreement, in the Management Agreements or in the Related Agreements shall prevent the Sub-Advisor or any of its affiliates, acting either as principal or agent on behalf of others, from buying or selling, or from recommending to or directing any other account to buy or sell, at any time, securities or obligations of the same kind or class, or securities or obligations of a different kind or class of the same obligor or issuer, as those directed by the Sub-Advisor to be purchased or sold on behalf of an Account. It is understood that, to the extent permitted by applicable law, the Sub-Advisor, its Related Entities, or any of their owners, directors, managers, officers, stockholders, members, partners, partnership committee members, employees, agents or affiliates or the other Covered Persons or any member of their families or a Person or entity advised by the Sub-Advisor may have an interest in a particular transaction or in securities or obligations of the same kind or class, or securities or obligations of a different kind or class of the same issuer, as those that may be owned or acquired by an Account. The Management Company agrees that, in the course of providing the Services, the Sub-Advisor may consider its relationships with other clients (including obligors and issuers) and its affiliates.

The Management Company agrees that neither the Sub-Advisor nor any of its affiliates is under any obligation to offer any investment opportunity of which they become aware to the Management Company or any Account or to account to the Management Company or any Account for (or share with the Management Company or any Account or inform the Management Company or any Account of) any such transaction or any benefit received by them from any such transaction. The Management Company understands that the Sub-Advisor and/or its affiliates may have, for their own accounts or for the accounts of others, portfolios with substantially the same portfolio criteria as are applicable to the Accounts. Furthermore, the Sub-Advisor and/or its affiliates may make an investment on behalf of any client or on their own behalf without offering the investment opportunity or making any investment on behalf of the Management Company or any Account and, accordingly, investment opportunities may not be allocated among all such clients. The Management Company acknowledges that affirmative obligations may arise in the future, whereby the Sub-Advisor and/or its affiliates are obligated to offer certain investments to clients before or without the Sub-Advisor offering those investments to the Management Company or any Account.

The Management Company acknowledges that the Sub-Advisor and its affiliates may make and/or hold investments in an obligor's or issuer's obligations or securities that may be *pari passu*, senior or junior in ranking to an investment in such obligor's or issuer's obligations or securities made and/or held by the Management Company or any Account, or in which partners, security holders, members, officers, directors, agents or employees of the Sub-Advisor and its affiliates serve on boards of directors, or otherwise have ongoing relationships or otherwise have interests different from or adverse to those of the Management Company and the Accounts.

#### **Defined** Terms

For purposes of this <u>Appendix B</u>, the following defined terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

"<u>Portfolio</u>" shall mean, with respect to any Account and/or Transaction, the assets held by or in the name of the Account or any subsidiary of the Account in respect of such Transaction,

whether or not for the benefit of the related secured parties, securing the obligations of such Account.

"<u>Portfolio Asset</u>" shall mean any loan, eligible investment or other asset contained in the Portfolio.

"<u>Transaction</u>" shall mean any action taken by the Sub-Advisor on behalf of any Account with respect to the Portfolio, including, without limitation, (i) selecting the Portfolio Assets to be acquired by the Account, (ii) investing and reinvesting the Portfolio, (iii) amending, waiving and/or taking any other action commensurate with managing the Portfolio and (iv) instructing the Account with respect to any acquisition, disposition or tender of a Portfolio Asset or other assets received in respect thereof in the open market or otherwise by the Account.

# **EXHIBIT D**

#### HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LP POST-PETITION FEE ACCRUAL UNDER THE <u>SUB-ADVISORY AND SHARED SERVCIES AGREEMENTS</u>

Period: April 13, 2018 to August 2, 2018

Management	Sub-Advisory	Shared Services	Expense	Subtotal
Contact	Agreement	Agreement	Reimbursement	
Acis CLO	\$196,144.32	\$147,108.24	\$62,252.97	\$405,505.53
2013-1, Ltd.				
Acis CLO	\$238,710.43	\$179,032.82	\$81,545.25	\$499,288.50
2014-3, Ltd.				
Acis CLO	\$290,184.32	\$217,638.24	\$101,087.78	\$608,910.34
2014-4, Ltd.				
Acis CLO	\$299,518.82	\$224,639.11	\$107,246.57	\$631,404.50
2014-5, Ltd.				
Acis CLO	\$340,546.52	\$255,409.89	\$125,264.41	\$721,220.82
2015-6, Ltd.				
BVK	353,568.97	\$265,176.73	\$66,148.90	\$684,894.60
TOTAL				\$3,551,224.29

# **EXHIBIT G**
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Debtor Acis Capital Management, L.P.

Case number (if known) 18-30264

3. Certain payments or transfers to creditors within 90 days before filing this case List payments or transfers--including expense reimbursements--to any creditor, other than regular employee compensation, within 90 days before filing this case unless the aggregate value of all property transferred to that creditor is less than \$6,425. (This amount may be adjusted on 4/01/19 and every 3 years after that with respect to cases filed on or after the date of adjustment.)

D None.

Creditor's Name and Address		Dates	Total amount of value	Reasons for payment or transfer Check all that apply	
3.1.	Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75208	11/2/2017	<mark>\$234,013.63</mark>	Secured debt Unsecured loan repayments Suppliers or vendors Services Other	
3.2.	Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75208	11/3/2017	<mark>\$941,958.5</mark> 7	Secured debt Unsecured loan repayments Suppliers or vendors Services Other	
3.3.	Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75208	12/8/2017	\$89,655.14	Secured debt Unsecured loan repayments Suppliers or vendors Services Other	
3.4.	David Simek 31 Woodacres Road Brookville, NY 11545	11/15/2017	\$2,068.13	<ul> <li>Secured debt</li> <li>Unsecured loan repayments</li> <li>Suppliers or vendors</li> <li>Services</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>	
3.5.	David Simek 31 Woodacres Road Brookville, NY 11545	11/30/2017	\$24,266.71	Secured debt Unsecured loan repayments Suppliers or vendors Services Other	
3.6.	David Simek 31 Woodacres Road Brookville, NY 11545	12/12/2017	\$1,718.79	<ul> <li>Secured debt</li> <li>Unsecured loan repayments</li> <li>Suppliers or vendors</li> <li>Services</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>	
3.7.	David Simek 31 Woodacres Road Brookville, NY 11545	12/29/2017	\$25,000.00	Secured debt Unsecured loan repayments Suppliers or vendors Services Other	

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	ditor's Name and Address	Dates	Total amount of value	Reasons for payment or transfer Check all that apply	
3.8.	FINRA	11/22/2017	\$70.00	Secured debt	
	1735 K Street, NW			Unsecured loan repayments	
	Washington, DC 20006			Suppliers or vendors	
				Other	
3.9.	Highland CLO Management, Ltd.	12/19/2017	\$2,830,459.22	Secured debt	
	PO Box 309, Ugland House		0.48	Unsecured loan repayments	
	Grand Cayman, KY1-1104, Cayman			Suppliers or vendors	
	Islands			Services	
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4.1.	Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court	2/1/2017	\$976,688.47	Contractual payment	
	Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201				
4.2.		2/1/2017	\$1,096,033.37	Services	
	Dallas, TX 75201 Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201 Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700	2/1/2017 2/2/2017	\$1,096,033.37 \$3,574.80	Services Expense reimbursement	
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	itionship to debtor	Dates	Total amount of value	Reasons for payment or transfer
4.8.	Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201	4/19/2017	\$330,249.69	Services
4.9.	H <mark>ighland Capital Management, L.P.</mark> 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201	5/1/2017	\$974,426.41	Services
4.10	Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201	5/1/2017	\$974,426.41	Contractual Payment
4.11 ·	Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201	5/31/2017	\$2,809,518.47	Unsecured loan repayments incl interest
4.12	Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201	5/31/2017	\$581,036.15	Services
4. <b>1</b> 3	Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201	7/18/2017	\$ <mark>373,167.08</mark>	Contractual payment
4.14	Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201	8/1/2017	\$971,603.02	Contractual payment
4.15	Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201	8/7/2017	\$1,339,422.12	Services
4.16	Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201	8/16/2017	\$53.41	Expense reimbursement
4.17	Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201	10/18/2017	\$372,872.82	Contractual payment
4.18	Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201	10/18/2017	\$728,702.2 <b>%</b>	Services
4.19	Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Grescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201	10/24/2017	\$501,979.18	Unsecured loan repayments including interest

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D	Debtor Acis Capital Management, L.P.		Case number (if known) 18-30264		
		der's name and address ationship to debtor	Dates	Total amount of value	Reasons for payment or transfer
	4.20	Highland Capital Management, I 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201	P. 10/25/2017	\$46,648.82	Expense reimbursement
	4.21	Highland Capital Management, I 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201	P. 10/25/2017	\$67,966.85	Expense reimbursement
	4.22	Highland Capital Management, I 300 Crescent Court Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75201	P. <u>11/1/2017</u>	\$967,223.91	Contractual payment
	List all a forec	losure sale, transferred by a deed in lieu	by a creditor within 1 year of foreclosure, or returned	before filing this case, including protection to the seller. Do not include prope	roperty repossessed by a creditor, sold at arty listed in line 6.
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	7.1.	Joshua N. Terry v. Acis Capital Management, L.P. and Acis Capital Management GP, LLC DC-17-15244	Petition to confirm arbitration award	44th District Court Hon. Bonnie Lee Goldsteir Presiding George L. Allen, Sr. Courts Building 600 Commerce Street, 5th Floor New Tower	

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# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

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In re:

ACIS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., and ACIS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT GP, LLC, Debtors. Case No. 18-30264-SGJ-11 Case No. 18-30265-SGJ-11

(Jointly administered under Case No. 18-30264-SGJ-11)

Chapter 11

# STATEMENT OF ISSUES BY APPELLANT HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

Appellant Highland Capital Management, L.P. states the following issues for the appeal of the Order (I) Approving the Application to Employ Winstead PC as Special Counsel to the Chapter 11 Trustee and (II) Denying the Motion to Disqualify Winstead PC as Proposed Special Counsel to Robin Phelan, Chapter 11 Trustee [Doc. No. 313]; Order Approving in Part and Denying in Part the Supplemental Application Regarding the Scope of Winstead PC's Retention as Special Counsel to the Chapter 11 Trustee

[Doc. No. 703]; and Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order Granting Winstead PC's Fee Application for Compensation and for Reimbursement of Expenses

[Doc. No. 999]:

- 1. Did the bankruptcy court commit any error or any abuse of discretion in granting Winstead PC's appointment as special counsel, given that Winstead represents interests adverse to the estates and is not "disinterested," as required by the Bankruptcy Code?
- 2. Did the bankruptcy court commit any error or any abuse of discretion in granting Winstead PC's appointment as special counsel, given that Winstead PC has an actual conflict of interest?
- 3. Did the bankruptcy court commit any error or any abuse of discretion in granting Winstead PC's appointment as special counsel, given the broad scope of Winstead PC's actual representation in the case?
- 4. Did the bankruptcy court commit any error or any abuse of discretion in granting Winstead PC's expanded scope of representation as special counsel?
- 5. Did the bankruptcy court commit any error or any abuse of discretion in granting Winstead PC's final fee application given the impropriety of its appointment as special counsel?
- 6. Did the bankruptcy court commit any error or any abuse of discretion in granting Winstead PC's final fee application given the lack of benefit to the estates?
- 7. Did the bankruptcy court commit any error or any abuse of discretion in granting Winstead PC's final fee application given the duplication of effort between Winstead PC and Forshey & Prostok LLP?
- 8. Did the bankruptcy court commit any error or any abuse of discretion in granting the amount of fees as reasonable in Winstead PC's final fee application given that the fees were disproportionate to the size of the bankruptcy case?
- 9. Did the bankruptcy court commit any error or any abuse of discretion in granting Winstead PC's final fee application, even if retention of Winstead PC was otherwise proper?
- 10. Were fact findings supporting these rulings clearly erroneous?

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jason B. Binford

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on July 1, 2019, a copy of this document was served through the court's ECF system on all counsel and on all others who registered for electronic notice.

<u>/s/ Jason B. Binford</u> Jason B. Binford

# **EXHIBIT I**

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#### PROPOSED SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR ROBIN PHELAN, CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:

#### ACIS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., ACIS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT GP, LLC,

Case No. 18-30264-SGJ-11 Case No. 18-30265-SGJ-11

(Jointly Administered Under Case No. 18-30264-SGJ-11)

**Debtors.** 

Chapter 11

#### APPLICATION TO EMPLOY WINSTEAD PC AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE

# TO THE HONORABLE STACEY G. C. JERNIGAN, U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

Robin Phelan (the "Trustee"), the Chapter 11 trustee of Acis Capital Management, L.P.

("Acis LP") and Acis Capital Management GP, LLC ("Acis GP," and together with Acis LP, the

"Debtors" or "Acis"), the debtors in the above styled and numbered bankruptcy cases (the

"Cases"), files this his Application to Employ Winstead PC as Special Counsel to the Chapter 11

*Trustee* (the "<u>Application</u>"), and in support thereof, respectfully states as follows:

#### I. JURISDICTION, VENUE, AND STATUTORY PREDICATE

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this case pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This Application constitutes a "core" proceeding within the meaning of the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2). Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. The statutory predicates for the relief sought herein are §§ 105, 327, and 328 of title 11 of the United States Code, § 101 *et seq.* (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rule 2014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure ("Bankruptcy Rules"), as well as Rule 2014-1 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure for the Northern District of Texas ("Local Rules").

#### II. <u>RELEVANT PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND</u>

2. On January 30, 2018 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), Joshua N. Terry ("<u>Mr. Terry</u>"), as petitioning creditor, filed the *Involuntary Petition Against a Non-Individual* [Case No. 18-30264, Docket No. 1] (the "<u>Acis LP Petition</u>"), thereby initiating the Acis LP bankruptcy case.

3. On the Petition Date, Mr. Terry, as petitioning creditor, also filed the *Involuntary Petition Against a Non-Individual* [Case No. 18-30265, Docket No. 1] (the "<u>Acis GP Petition</u>," together with the Acis LP Petition, the "<u>Involuntary Petitions</u>"), thereby initiating the Acis GP bankruptcy case.

4. On April 13, 2018, after six days of testimony and argument, this Court entered its *Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in Support of Orders for Relief Issued After Trial on Involuntary Bankruptcy Petition* [Case No. 18-30264, Docket No. 118 & Case No. 18-30265, Docket No. 113] and the *Order for Relief in an Involuntary Case* [Case No. 18-30264, Docket No. 119 & Case No. 18-30265, Docket No. 114] (the "<u>Order for Relief</u>").

5. Also on April 13, 2018, Diane Reed was appointed as interim Chapter 7 trustee (the "<u>Chapter 7 Trustee</u>") for the Debtors' bankruptcy estates (the "<u>Estates</u>"). *See* Case No. 18-30264, Docket No. 120 & Case No. 18-30265, Docket No. 115.

6. On April 18, 2018, this Court entered its *Order Directing Joint Administration* [Docket No. 137],<sup>1</sup> ordering that the Cases be jointly administered under Case No. 18-30264.

7. On May 4, 2018, the Chapter 7 Trustee filed the *Trustee's Expedited Motion to Convert Cases to Chapter 11* [Docket No. 171].

8. Also on May 4, 2018, Mr. Terry filed his *Emergency Motion for an Order Appointing a Trustee for the Chapter 11 Estates of Acis Capital Management, L.P. and Acis Capital Management GP, LLC Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Section 1104(a)* [Docket No. 173] (the "<u>Trustee Motion</u>").

9. On May 11, 2018, this Court entered the *Order Granting Trustee's Expedited Motion to Convert* Cases *to Chapter 11* [Docket No. 205] (the "<u>Conversion Order</u>"), which converted these Cases to Cases under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

10. Also on May 11, 2018, this Court entered the Order Granting the Emergency Motion for an Order Appointing a Trustee for the Chapter 11 Estates of Acis Capital Management, L.P. and Acis Capital Management GP, LLC Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Section 1104(a) [Docket No. 206] (the "Trustee Order").

11. On May 14, 2018, the United States Trustee filed the *Chapter 11 Notice of Appointment of Trustee and of Amount of Bond* [Docket No. 213] (the "<u>Trustee Notice</u>"), which provided notice to the Trustee of his appointment as Chapter 11 Trustee of Acis LP.

12. On May 16, 2018, this Court entered the Order Supplementing Order Granting the Emergency Motion for an Order Appointing a Trustee for the Chapter 11 Estates of Acis Capital Management, L.P. and Acis Capital Management GP, LLC Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Section 1104(a) [Docket No. 219] (the "Supplemental Trustee Order"), by which the Court

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Hereinafter, unless otherwise specified, any docket numbers referenced are under Case No. 18-30264.

directed that the United States Trustee "appoint only one Chapter 11 Trustee for the Debtors' estates[.]"

13. Also on May 16, 2018, the United States Trustee filed the *Application of the United States Trustee to Approve the Appointment of Trustee* [Docket No. 220] (the "<u>Trustee</u> <u>Application</u>"), requesting the Court's approval of the Trustee's appointment as Chapter 11 Trustee of Acis LP.

14. On May 17, 2018, this Court entered its *Order Approving Appointment of Chapter 11 Trustee* [Docket No. 221], thereby approving of the Trustee's appointment as Chapter 11 Trustee of Acis LP.

15. Also on May 17, 2018, the Trustee filed his *Application for Order Authorizing the Employment and Retention of Forshey & Prostok, LLP as Counsel to the Chapter 11 Trustee* [Docket No. 222] (the "<u>F&P Application</u>"), requesting authority to retain Forshey & Prostok, LLP ("<u>Forshey & Prostok</u>") as general counsel to the Trustee.

16. On May 29, 2018, the United States Trustee filed the *Chapter 11 Notice of Appointment of Trustee and of Amount of Bond* [Case No. 18-30265, Docket No. 182] (the "<u>Second Trustee Notice</u>"), which provided notice to the Trustee of his appointment as Chapter 11 Trustee of Acis GP.

17. On May 30, 2018, the United States Trustee filed the *Application of the United States Trustee to Approve the Appointment of Trustee* [Case No. 18-30265, Docket No. 183] (the "<u>Second Trustee Application</u>"), requesting the Court's approval of the Trustee's appointment as Chapter 11 Trustee of Acis GP.

#### III. <u>RELIEF REQUESTED</u>

18. By this Application, the Trustee seeks to employ and retain Winstead PC ("<u>Winstead</u>") as his special counsel to perform certain legal services during the course of the

Cases. Accordingly, the Trustee requests the entry of an order, pursuant to § 327(a) and (c) of the Bankruptcy Code and Rule 2014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, permitting him to employ and retain Winstead as his special counsel for the limited purposed described below.<sup>2</sup>

#### A. <u>Basis for Selection of Counsel</u>

19. As the Court knows, Winstead represented Mr. Terry in connection with the trial on the Involuntary Petitions. Indeed, the Trustee's selection of Winstead is based, in part, upon the fact that Winstead has gained significant familiarity with, and considerable knowledge of, the unique factual circumstances and complex legal issues in the Cases through its representation of Mr. Terry. In addition, due to the need for the Trustee to take immediate action on a variety of fronts after his appointment, as well as the substantial fees that new counsel would incur to familiarize itself with the intricate and impending legal issues in the Cases, the Trustee believes that his engagement of Winstead for the limited purposes described below would lead to efficiencies that would be lost if the Trustee were forced to employ different counsel.

20. The Trustee has also selected Winstead as special counsel because of Winstead's extensive experience and knowledge in the field of debtor and creditor rights and business reorganizations under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, as well as Winstead's experience and expertise in providing legal services related to all aspects of the investment management and private funds industry, including formation, advisor/manager mergers and acquisitions, portfolio transactions, and regulatory and compliance matters. Accordingly, the Trustee believes that his retention of Winstead as special counsel for the limited purposes described below is in the best interests of the Estates and their creditors.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  To the extent, however, that the Court finds Winstead's proposed retention more appropriate under section 327(e) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Trustee reserves its rights to seek approval for such retention under section 327(e).

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21. Importantly, upon the Trustee's retention of Winstead as set forth in this Application, Winstead has advised Mr. Terry that Winstead may represent Mr. Terry only in connection with the pending appeals related to the Involuntary Petitions (the "<u>Appeals</u>") and that Mr. Terry would have to retain new counsel for representation in these Cases.<sup>3</sup> Mr. Terry has consented to such limited representation by Winstead. Further, both the Trustee and Winstead believe that such limited representation of Mr. Terry by Winstead in these Cases—only in connection with the pending Appeals—is entirely consistent with the Trustee's interests and would eliminate potential conflicts of interest presented by the Trustee's retention of Winstead as special counsel.

22. The Trustee believes the employment of Winstead is appropriate and necessary to enable the Trustee to execute faithfully his duties under the Bankruptcy Code, and the Trustee further believes that Winstead and its attorneys are fully qualified to perform the specified legal services referenced below.

23. Winstead maintains its principal offices at 2728 N. Harwood Street, Suite 500, Dallas, Texas 75201; Telephone: (214) 745-5400; Facsimile: (214) 745-5390. The Trustee and Winstead have designated Rakhee Patel, a shareholder of Winstead who offices in Winstead's Dallas office, to serve as the attorney in charge with respect to the representation.

24. In support of this Application, the Declaration of Rakhee V. Patel (the "<u>Declaration</u>") is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and is incorporated herein for all purposes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Trustee has been advised that Brian Shaw of Rogge Dunn Group, PC will represent Mr. Terry in these Cases. Also disclosed later in this Application, Winstead continues to represent Mr. Terry in connection with governmental investigations of certain non-debtor parties-in-interest; however, such representation is not adverse to the Debtors or their Estates.

#### B. <u>Services to be Rendered</u>

25. The Trustee has requested that Winstead provide legal services to the Trustee for

matters specifically involving the:

- a) management, liquidation, disposition, and monetization of the CLO assets;
- b) Investment Advisers Act;
- c) operation of the portfolio management agreements and the indentures, issues arising therefrom, and, specifically including, litigation related thereto or arising therefrom; and
- d) certain other litigation matters related to or arising in these Cases, as requested by the Trustee.

26. Subject to this Court's approval of the Application, Winstead is willing to serve as

the Trustee's special counsel in the Cases to perform the services described above.

27. Further, Winstead will confer with the Trustee and Forshey & Prostok on a regular basis to ensure that the services provided by Winstead do not overlap with, and are not otherwise duplicative of, services provided by Forshey & Prostok, as proposed general counsel, to the Trustee.

# C. <u>Compensation and Reimbursement</u>

28. The Trustee proposes to retain Winstead on a customary hourly rate basis, subject in all respects to this Court's authorization for payment. Winstead's customary hourly rates of attorneys and paralegals for a representation of this nature are presently in a range up to: \$785 for shareholders, \$485 for associates, and \$290 for paralegals.

29. Winstead's rates are adjusted on a periodic basis. Winstead will not charge the Trustee at a rate for its services greater than the standard rates Winstead charges to its clients, generally, for similar engagements.

30. Winstead's billing rates are consistent with rates charged by other professionals in the Northern District of Texas with similar experience. These rates are set at a level designed to compensate Winstead for the work of its attorneys and paralegals and to cover fixed and routine overhead expenses. Winstead's hourly rates for the attorneys who it anticipates will most likely be working on the Cases are:

	\$585.00 per hour \$655.00 per hour
Joseph Wielebinski, Shareholder	\$655.00 per hour
	\$550.00 per hour \$585.00 per hour
Annmarie Chiarello, Associate	\$380.00 per hour
	\$390.00 per hour
	\$485.00 per hour \$385.00 per hour

31. The attorneys who will provide services to the Trustee are duly licensed to practice in the State of Texas and are admitted to practice law in the Northern District of Texas. As necessary, certain other attorneys and/or paraprofessionals may provide services in connection with the engagement.

32. Subject to this Court's approval, the Trustee has also agreed to the reimbursement of Winstead for all out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Winstead. These expenses include, but are not limited to, costs for long-distance telephone charges, facsimile charges, photocopying, travel, parking, business meals, computerized research, UCC searches, messengers, couriers, postage, filing fees and other fees related to trials and hearings. Winstead will charge for all such actual and necessary expenses in a manner and at rates consistent with charges made generally to Winstead's other clients and consistent with the applicable Local Rules of the Court. 33. Winstead will apply to the Court for compensation and reimbursement of expenses in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and the Local Rules of this District and Court.

34. As set forth in the Declaration: (i) Winstead has no agreement with any other entity to share any compensation received and no such agreement will be made, except as permitted under section 504(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code; and (ii) no attorney at Winstead is related to any United States Bankruptcy Judge or United States District Court Judge for the Northern District of Texas or to the United States Trustee. Winstead has received no prior consideration to act as special counsel for the Trustee.

35. Winstead has not received a retainer in connection with this engagement.

# D. Disinterestedness of Winstead

36. To the best of Winstead's knowledge, other than as set out below, the shareholders and associates of Winstead: (i) do not have any connection with the Trustee, the Debtors, their creditors, or any other party-in-interest or their respective attorneys and accountants; (ii) do not have any connection with the United States Trustee or any person employed in the Office of the United States Trustee; (iii) are "disinterested persons," pursuant to §§ 101(14) and 327(c) of the Bankruptcy Code; and (iv) do not hold or represent any interest adverse to the Estates:

Party-In-Interest	Relationship to Debtors	Relationship to Winstead
Joshua N. Terry	Creditor	Winstead previously represented Mr. Terry in connection with the Involuntary Petitions and in connection with governmental investigations of certain non-debtor parties; as of May 14, 2018, Winstead represents Mr. Terry in connection with only the appeals related to the Involuntary Petitions and, as necessary, in connection with governmental investigations of certain non-debtor

Party-In-Interest	Relationship to Debtors	Relationship to Winstead
		parties-in-interest; such current representations are not adverse to the Debtors or their Estates. <sup>4</sup>
U.S. Bank National Association	Counter-party to executory contract	Winstead represents this entity in matters unrelated to the Debtors.
BNP Paribas	Affiliate of counter-party to executory contract	Winstead represents this entity in matters unrelated to the Debtors.
The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Co., N.A.	Counter-party to executory contract	Winstead previously represented this entity in matters unrelated to the Debtors.
Andrews & Kurth LLP	Creditor	Winstead previously represented this entity in matters unrelated to the Debtors.
Highland Capital Management, L.P.	Creditor/Affiliate	Winstead is a party to certain litigation, which is wholly unrelated to these Cases, styled <i>NexBank SSB and</i> <i>Highland Capital Management, L.P. v.</i> <i>Winstead PC,</i> DC-15-01816, in the 193rd Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas, stemming from Winstead's prior representation of Highland Capital Management, L.P., in connection with a foreclosure.

37. As set forth in the herein, Winstead may have rendered, or may now be rendering, legal services to certain creditors or other parties-in-interest, or may have been, or may now be involved, in projects in which attorneys or accountants for these creditors or parties-in-interest were involved and in matters unrelated to the Debtors and the Trustee. Except as otherwise indicated herein, none of the services provided include any matters related to the Cases and none constitute an interest materially adverse to the Trustee. Accordingly, Winstead does not hold an adverse interest to the Debtors or their Estates. Moreover, as part of its practice, Winstead appears in cases, proceedings, and transactions involving many different attorneys, accountants,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> With respect to Winstead's representation of Mr. Terry in connection with such governmental investigations, Winstead is engaged pursuant to a hybrid fee arrangement.

financial consultants, and investment bankers, some of whom now, or may in the future, represent creditors and parties-in-interest in the Cases. Winstead will not represent any such entities in the Cases.

38. As set forth in the Declaration, Winstead has conducted a comprehensive conflict search regarding the creditors and parties-in-interest as provided by the Debtors on their schedules and disclosures. Winstead will supplement its conflicts check as additional creditors are disclosed and shall promptly disclose to the Court any other connections that Winstead discovers it has or has had with any such creditors of the estate pursuant thereto.

39. Winstead began performing services for the Trustee on May 14, 2018, when he agreed to retain Winstead, subject to the Court's approval, as his special counsel. Accordingly, the Trustee respectfully requests that the approval of this Application be effective as of May 14, 2018. As set forth in Local Rule 2014-1(b)(1), such timing renders this Application contemporaneous with the initiation of services.

# IV. <u>AUTHORITIES</u>

40. Under the Bankruptcy Code, "the trustee with the court's approval, may employ one or more attorneys, accountants, appraisers, auctioneers, or other professional persons, that do not hold or represent an interest adverse to the estate, and that are disinterested persons, to represent or assist the trustee in carrying out the trustee's duties[.]" 11 U.S.C. § 327(a).

41. Further, a "disinterested person" is defined under the Bankruptcy Code as a person who "does not have an interest materially adverse to the interest of the estate or of any class of creditors or equity security holders, by reason of any direct or indirect relationship to, connection with, or interest in, the debtor." *Id.* § 101(14)(C).

42. The Fifth Circuit has commented that the phrases under sections 101(14)(C) and 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, regarding whether a party has an "adverse interest," are "nearly

identical." *I.G. Petroleum, L.L.C. v. Fenasci (In re W. Delta Oil Co.)*, 432 F.3d 347, 356 (5th Cir. 2005). Thus, "with an eye to the specific facts of each case," to determine whether a proposed professional holds an adverse interest under section 327(a), the Fifth Circuit examines whether they:

(1) [] possess or assert any economic interest that would tend to lessen the value of the bankruptcy estate or that would create either an actual or potential dispute in which the estate is a rival claimant; or

(2) [] possess a predisposition under circumstances that render such a bias against the estate.

*Id.*; *accord Waldron v. Adams & Reese, L.L.P. (In re Am. Int'l Refinery, Inc.)*, 676 F.3d 455, 461-62 (5th Cir. 2012).

43. Still, in these Cases, "a person is not disqualified for employment under [section 327] solely because of such person's employment by or representation of a creditor, unless there is objection by another creditor or the United States trustee, in which case the court shall disapprove such employment if there is an *actual conflict of interest*." 11 U.S.C. § 327(c) (emphasis added).

44. To determine whether a proposed professional should be disqualified pursuant to sections 327(a) and (c), courts look to the nature of any purported conflict of interest: (i) if there is an *actual* conflict, the professional is *per se* disqualified; (ii) if there is a *potential* conflict, the court may use its discretion to determine whether the professional should be disqualified; and (iii) if there is only an *appearance* of a conflict, the court may not disqualify the professional. *In re AGE Ref., Inc.,* 447 B.R. 786, 802-06 (Bankr. W.D. Tex. 2011) (citing *In re Marvel Entm't Grp., Inc.,* 140 F.3d 463, 476 (3rd Cir. 1998)).

45. In evaluating whether an "actual conflict" exists, courts examine the specific circumstances of the proposed retention and whether there would be a direct conflict between the interests of estate and the creditor that was previously represented by proposed counsel:

Generally, when an actual conflict exists there is "active competition between two interests, in which one interest can only be served at the expense of another." Actual conflicts arise when (1) the interests of the trustee and the creditor are in direct conflict or (2) the creditor is receiving a preference denied to the other creditors. The conflict must be direct and actual; a court should not disqualify an attorney solely because there is an appearance of a conflict. The burden of proving an actual conflict lies on the objecting party.

*In re Hanckel*, 517 B.R. 609, 614 (Bankr. D.S.C. 2014) (internal citations omitted); *see also In re Humble Place Joint Venture*, 936 F.2d 814, 819 (5th Cir. 1991) (finding an actual conflict when "counsel's loyalty to . . . the debtor's estate would be tested at every turn by the very real, continuing interest of his client [in the prior representation]").

46. Additionally, to determine whether Winstead has an adverse interest under section 327(a), the Court should examine whether Winstead has such an adverse interest "with respect to the specific [services] for which the Trustee seeks to hire the firm." *In re AGE Ref., Inc.*, 447 B.R. at 802; *see also Bank Brussels Lambert v. Coan (In re AroChem Corp.)*, 176 F.3d 610, 621-30 (2d Cir. 1999) (holding that, under sections 327(a) and (c), proposed special counsel was not disqualified from representing the trustee for limited purposes, including to pursue Chapter 5 claims against a certain creditor, when proposed counsel had previously represented another creditor).

47. Here, the issue is whether Winstead's prior representation of Mr. Terry should preclude the Trustee from retaining Winstead as special counsel for the limited purposes set forth herein. With Winstead's ongoing representation of Mr. Terry related to these Cases being limited only to his representation in connection with the Appeals, the Trustee believes Winstead has no *actual* conflict of interest with the Estates as a result of such representation. Further, as a result of Winstead's limited representation of Mr. Terry, the Trustee believes Winstead does not possess any economic interest that would tend to lessen the value of the Estates or that would create either an actual or potential dispute in which either Estate is a rival claimant. *See W. Delta Oil Co.*, 432 F.3d at 356. Moreover, Winstead has no bias against the Estates due to its representation of Mr. Terry. *See id.* Indeed, the Trustee submits that Mr. Terry's interests and the Estate's interests are aligned with the Trustee's goal of maximizing the value of the Estates, which inures to the benefit of all creditors, including Mr. Terry.

48. As set forth above, the Trustee requests to employ Winstead to provide legal services only regarding matters involving the (i) management, liquidation, disposition, and monetization of the CLO assets; (ii) Investment Advisers Act; and (iii) operation of the portfolio management agreement and the indentures, issues arising therefrom, and, specifically including, litigation related thereto or arising therefrom; and (iv) certain other litigation matters related to or arising in these Cases, as requested by the Trustee. With respect to these specified purposes, the Trustee submits that Winstead's representation will not conflict with Forshey & Prostok's role as general counsel to the Trustee in the Cases, and Winstead will confer regularly with the Trustee and Forshey & Prostok to ensure the same. Accordingly, except to the extent necessary to effectuate the specific services outlined above, Winstead will not represent the Trustee with respect to plan negotiations or formulation; business or bankruptcy Code. With respect to the various Appeals, the underlying issues are discrete, and will not affect Winstead's representation of the Trustee in the Cases.

49. In sum, based on Winstead's familiarity with the unique factual circumstances and complex legal issues in the Cases (particularly with respect to the CLO assets, the portfolio management agreement, indentures, and related structures), Winstead's bankruptcy expertise and considerable experience and knowledge in handling such matters, the need for immediate action by the Trustee on a variety of fronts related to these specific matters, as well as the substantial expense the Estates would incur as a result of new counsel needing to familiarize itself with the intricate and impending legal issues in the Cases, the Trustee believes that Winstead's engagement as special counsel for the limited purposes described herein in is in the best interests of the Estates and their creditors.

50. In accordance with section 327(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Trustee submits that Winstead has no actual conflict of interest in these Cases resulting from Winstead's prior representation of Mr. Terry or from Winstead's limited representation of Mr. Terry in connection with the Appeals.

51. Therefore, the Trustee submits that the employment of Winstead as special counsel is permissible under section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, is advisable, and is in the best interests of the Estates and their creditors.

52. In addition, Winstead's fees and expenses incurred as special counsel to the Trustee would be subject to such interim and final fee applications as are otherwise appropriate under sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, and under applicable local rules and standing orders.

# V. <u>PRAYER</u>

WHEREFORE, the Trustee respectfully requests that the Court enter an order: (i) approving this Application; (ii) authorizing the Trustee's retention of Winstead as special counsel in accordance with this Application, effective as of May 14, 2018; (iii) providing for the compensation of Winstead pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code; and (iv)

granting the Trustee such other and further relief to which he may be entitled.

DATED: May 30, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Robin Phelan</u> Robin Phelan, Chapter 11 Trustee SBT #15903000 PHELANLAW 4214 Woodfin Drive Dallas, Texas 75220 Phone: (214) 704-0222

# **ROBIN PHELAN, CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE FOR ACIS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT L.P.**

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this the 30th day of May, 2018, true and correct copies of this document were electronically served by the Court's ECF system on parties entitled to notice thereof, and that, additionally, on the same date he caused true and correct copies of this document to be served by U.S. first class mail, postage prepaid, on the parties listed on the Service List attached hereto.

/s/ Jason A. Enright One of Counsel Case 18-30264 storig 191-12223946 SSFile to 051/59/98 Flitender te /20151/90/118-2012:318:108:34 Page 1 of 11

# EXHIBIT "A"

#### IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:	§	Case No. 18-30264-SGJ-11
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ACIS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,	§	
ACIS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT GP,	§	(Jointly Administered Under Case
LLC,	§	No. 18-30264-SGJ-11)
	§	
Debtors.	§.	Chapter 11

#### DECLARATION OF RAKHEE V. PATEL IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION TO EMPLOY WINSTEAD PC AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE

I, Rakhee V. Patel, hereby declare the following and hereby certify, under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. "My name is Rakhee V. Patel, I am over the age of 18 years, and I am competent and otherwise qualified to make this Declaration. I am a shareholder in the law firm of Winstead PC ("<u>Winstead</u>"), proposed special counsel for Robin Phelan, Chapter 11 trustee (the "<u>Trustee</u>") of Acis Capital Management, L.P. ("<u>Acis LP</u>") and Acis Capital Management GP, LLC ("<u>Acis GP</u>," and together with Acis LP, the "<u>Debtors</u>" or "<u>Acis</u>"), the debtors in the above styled and numbered bankruptcy cases (the "<u>Cases</u>").<sup>1</sup> I submit this Declaration (the "<u>Declaration</u>") in support of the *Application to Employ Winstead PC as Special Counsel to the Chapter 11 Trustee* (the "<u>Application</u>") for the purposes of making all of the required disclosures pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 327 and 328, and Rule 2014(a) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and to advise this Court of Winstead's qualifications.

2. "I have personal knowledge of each of the facts stated in this Declaration, except for those facts stated on information and belief, and, as to those facts, I am informed and I

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Any capitalized term not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the Application.

believe them to be true. If called as a witness, I would testify as to the matters set forth below based upon my personal knowledge, except where otherwise indicated below. To the extent that I obtain additional information, which requires further disclosure or modification of the Application or this Declaration, a supplemental declaration will be submitted to this Court.

3. "I am admitted and in good standing to practice before the State Courts of the State of Texas, the United States District and Bankruptcy Courts for the Northern, Eastern, Southern and Western Districts of Texas, and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. The other attorneys of Winstead who are designated as most likely to appear in this representation are also admitted to practice in the State of Texas and are admitted to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

4. "My office address is 2728 N. Harwood Street, Suite 500, Dallas, Texas 75201; Telephone: (214) 745-5400; Facsimile: (214) 745-5390.

# **QUALIFICATIONS OF COUNSEL**

5. "As set forth in the Application, on May 14, 2018, the Trustee requested to retain Winstead, subject to the Court's approval, as his special counsel in these Cases. Winstead immediately began rendering services to and for the Trustee for the limited purposes set forth in the Application.

6. "Winstead maintains offices in Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio, The Woodlands, and Houston, Texas, as well as in Charlotte, North Carolina. Winstead currently has approximately three-hundred fifty (350) lawyers, and its client base includes many public and private corporations, partnerships, governmental entities, banks, insurance companies, non-profit organizations, and individuals. Winstead has expertise in many fields of law including bankruptcy, business reorganization, restructuring, complex litigation, and creditors' rights, as

well as in the investment management and private funds industry, including with respect to fund formation, advisor/manager mergers and acquisitions, portfolio transactions, and regulatory and compliance matters.

7. "Winstead has substantial experience in Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases and trustee representations. I and other attorneys at Winstead have represented debtors, committees, trustees, secured and unsecured creditors, and significant stakeholders in numerous other bankruptcy cases, locally and nationally. I and other attorneys at Winstead have received various awards and recognition for our reorganization services, have published numerous scholarly reorganization articles, and have spoken at multiple professional seminars.

8. "In addition, the Trustee's selection of Winstead is based, in part, upon the fact that Winstead has gained significant familiarity with, and considerable knowledge of, the unique factual circumstances and complex legal issues in the Cases through its representation of Mr. Terry in connection with the trial on the Involuntary Petitions. Once the Court entered orders for relief in the Cases, and the Trustee was appointed, there was an immediate need for the Trustee to seek counsel and advice regarding the various intricate issues impending in the Cases related to the business of the Debtors, for which the Trustee needed to take action. If the Trustee were to retain new counsel for the purposes set forth below, the Estates would incur substantial fees as new counsel would need to familiarize itself with such factual background and legal issues in the Cases, with which Winstead is already familiar. Thus, the engagement of Winstead for the limited purposes described below would lead to efficiencies that would be lost if the Trustee were forced to employ different counsel.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Trustee has been advised that Brian Shaw of Rogge Dunn Group, PC will represent Mr. Terry in these Cases. Also disclosed later in this Declaration, Winstead continues to represent Mr. Terry in connection with governmental investigations of certain non-debtor parties-in-interest; however, such representation is not adverse to the Debtors or their Estates.

13. "Further, Winstead will confer with the Trustee and Forshey & Prostok on a regular basis to ensure that the services provided by Winstead do not overlap with, and are not otherwise duplicative of, services provided by Forshey & Prostok, as proposed general counsel, to the Trustee.

14. "With respect to these specified purposes, Winstead's representation will not conflict with Forshey & Prostok's role as general counsel to the Trustee in the Cases, and Winstead will confer regularly with the Trustee and Forshey & Prostok to ensure the same. Accordingly, except to the extent necessary to effectuate the specific services outlined above, Winstead will not represent the Trustee with respect to plan negotiations or formulation; business or bankruptcy restructuring or reorganization; or otherwise in matters arising purely under the Bankruptcy Code. With respect to the various Appeals, the underlying issues are discrete, and will not affect Winstead's representation of the Trustee in the Cases.

#### **COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT**

15. "Winstead has agreed to perform such legal services on an hourly fee basis at its customary hourly rates for cases of the size and complexity as these Cases. Winstead's customary hourly rates of attorneys and paralegals for a representation of this nature are presently in a range up to: \$785 for shareholders, \$485 for associates, and \$290 for paralegals.

16. "Winstead's rates are adjusted on a periodic basis. Winstead will not charge the Trustee at a rate for its services greater than the standard rates Winstead charges to its clients, generally, for similar engagements.

17. "Winstead's billing rates are consistent with rates charged by other professionals in the Northern District of Texas with similar experience. These rates are set at a level designed to compensate Winstead for the work of its attorneys and paralegals and to cover fixed and

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routine overhead expenses. Winstead's hourly rates for the attorneys who it anticipates will most likely be working on the Cases are:

Rakhee Patel, Shareholder	\$585.00 per hour
Philip Lamberson, Shareholder	\$655.00 per hour
Joseph Wielebinski, Shareholder	\$655.00 per hour
Toby Galloway, Shareholder	\$550.00 per hour
Andrew Rosell, Shareholder	\$585.00 per hour
Annmarie Chiarello, Associate	\$380.00 per hour
Jason Enright, Associate	\$390.00 per hour
Courtney Mitchell, Associate	\$485.00 per hour
Laura Thetford, Associate	\$385.00 per hour

18. "Winstead will maintain detailed, contemporaneous records of time and any actual and necessary expenses incurred in connection with the rendering of the legal services for the Trustee as described in the Application and in accordance with the rules of this Court.

19. "Subject to this Court's approval, the Trustee has also agreed to the reimbursement of Winstead for all out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Winstead. These expenses include, but are not limited to, costs for long-distance telephone charges, facsimile charges, photocopying, travel, parking, business meals, computerized research, UCC searches, messengers, couriers, postage, filing fees and other fees related to trials and hearings. Winstead will charge for all such actual and necessary expenses in a manner and at rates consistent with charges made generally to Winstead's other clients and consistent with the applicable Local Rules of the Court.

20. "Winstead will apply to the Court for compensation and reimbursement of expenses in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and the Local Rules of this District and Court.

21. "Winstead has no agreement with any other entity to share any compensation received and no such agreement will be made, except as permitted under section 504(b)(1) of the

Bankruptcy Code; and no attorney at Winstead is related to any United States Bankruptcy Judge or United States District Court Judge for the Northern District of Texas or to the United States Trustee. Winstead has received no prior consideration to act as special counsel for the Trustee.

22. "Winstead has not received a retainer in connection with this engagement.

#### **DISINTERESTEDNESS OF PROFESSIONALS**

23. "To the best of my knowledge, other than as set out below, the shareholders and associates of Winstead: (i) do not have any connection with the Trustee, the Debtors, their creditors, or any other party-in-interest or their respective attorneys and accountants; (ii) do not have any connection with the United States Trustee or any person employed in the Office of the United States Trustee; (iii) are "disinterested persons," pursuant to §§ 101(14) and 327(c) of the Bankruptcy Code; and (iv) do not hold or represent any interest adverse to the Estates:

Party-In-Interest	Relationship to Debtors	Relationship to Winstead
Joshua N. Terry	Creditor	Winstead previously represented Mr. Terry in connection with the Involuntary Petitions and in connection with governmental investigations of certain non-debtor parties; as of May 14, 2018, Winstead represents Mr. Terry in connection with only the appeals related to the Involuntary Petitions and, as necessary, in connection with governmental investigations of certain non-debtor parties-in-interest; such current representations are not adverse to the Debtors or their Estates. <sup>3</sup>
U.S. Bank National Association	Counter-party to executory contract	Winstead represents this entity in matters unrelated to the Debtors.
BNP Paribas	Affiliate of counter-party to executory contract	Winstead represents this entity in matters unrelated to the Debtors.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> With respect to Winstead's representation of Mr. Terry in connection with such governmental investigations, Winstead is engaged pursuant to a hybrid fee arrangement.

Party-In-Interest	Relationship to Debtors	Relationship to Winstead
The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Co., N.A.	Counter-party to executory contract	Winstead previously represented this entity in matters unrelated to the Debtors.
Andrews & Kurth LLP	Creditor	Winstead previously represented this entity in matters unrelated to the Debtors.
Highland Capital Management, L.P.	Creditor/Affiliate	Winstead is a party to certain litigation, which is wholly unrelated to these Cases, styled <i>NexBank SSB and</i> <i>Highland Capital Management, L.P. v.</i> <i>Winstead PC,</i> DC-15-01816, in the 193rd Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas, stemming from Winstead's prior representation of Highland Capital Management, L.P., in connection with a foreclosure.

24. "Due to the diversity of Winstead's practice areas, Winstead may have rendered, or may now be rendering, legal services to certain creditors or other parties-in-interest, or may have been, or may now be involved, in projects in which attorneys or accountants for these creditors or parties-in-interest were involved and in matters unrelated to the Debtors and the Trustee. Except as otherwise indicated herein, none of the services provided include any matters related to the Cases and none constitute an interest materially adverse to the Trustee. Accordingly, I believe that Winstead does not hold an adverse interest to the Debtors or their Estates. Moreover, as part of its practice, Winstead appears in cases, proceedings, and transactions involving many different attorneys, accountants, financial consultants, and investment bankers, some of whom now, or may in the future, represent creditors and parties-in-interest in the Cases. Winstead will not represent any such entities in the Cases.

25. "Importantly, upon the Trustee's retention of Winstead as set forth in the Application, Winstead has advised Mr. Terry that Winstead may represent Mr. Terry only in connection with the pending appeals related to the Involuntary Petitions (the "<u>Appeals</u>") and that

Mr. Terry would have to retain new counsel for representation in these Cases.<sup>4</sup> Mr. Terry has consented to such limited representation by Winstead. Further, I believe that such limited representation of Mr. Terry by Winstead in these Cases—only in connection with the pending Appeals—is entirely consistent with the Trustee's interests and would eliminate potential conflicts of interest presented by the Trustee's retention of Winstead as special counsel.

26. "In addition, with Winstead's ongoing representation of Mr. Terry related to these Cases being limited only to his representation in connection with the Appeals, I believe Winstead has no *actual* conflict of interest with the Estates as a result of such representation. Further, as a result of Winstead's limited representation of Mr. Terry, Winstead does not possess any economic interest that would tend to lessen the value of the Estates or that would create either an actual or potential dispute in which either Estate is a rival claimant. Moreover, Winstead has no bias against the Estates due to its representation of Mr. Terry. Indeed, I believe that Mr. Terry's interests and the Estate's interests are aligned with the Trustee's goal of maximizing the value of the Estates, which inures to the benefit of all creditors, including Mr. Terry.

27. "Winstead has conducted a comprehensive conflict search regarding the creditors and parties-in-interest as provided by the Debtors on their schedules and disclosures. Winstead will supplement its conflicts check as additional creditors are disclosed and shall promptly disclose to the Court any other connections that Winstead discovers it has or has had with any such creditors of the Estates pursuant thereto.

28. "I have reviewed the results of the foregoing efforts of Winstead to determine the existence of any interests adverse to the Trustee or which would otherwise create a conflict of interest in connection with its engagement in this matter. Based on this review, I believe

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Trustee has been advised that Brian Shaw of Rogge Dunn Group, PC will represent Mr. Terry in these Cases. Also disclosed above, Winstead continues to represent Mr. Terry in connection with governmental investigations of certain non-debtor parties-in-interest; however, such representation is not adverse to the Debtors or their Estates.
Winstead does not have any interest adverse to the Trustee or which would otherwise create a conflict of interest in connection with its limited engagement in this matter.

29. "In sum, based on Winstead's familiarity with the unique factual circumstances and complex legal issues in the Cases (particularly with respect to the CLO assets, the portfolio management agreement, indentures, and related structures), Winstead's bankruptcy expertise and considerable experience and knowledge in handling such matters, the need for immediate action by the Trustee on a variety of fronts related to these specific matters, as well as the substantial expense the Estates would incur as a result of new counsel needing to familiarize itself with the intricate and impending legal issues in the Cases, I believes that Winstead's engagement as special counsel for the limited purposes described herein in is in the best interests of the Estates and their creditors.

30. "In light of the foregoing, I believe that the employment of Winstead as counsel for the Trustee is appropriate and in the best interests of the Estates, pursuant to sections 327 and 328 of the Bankruptcy Code, and should be approved.

31. "I reserve the right to supplement this Declaration.

DECLARED under penalty of perjury this 30th day of May, 2018.

/s/ *Rakhee V. Patel* Rakhee V. Patel

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:

ACIS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., ACIS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT GP, LLC,

Debtors.

Case No. 18-30264-SGJ-11 Case No. 18-30265-SGJ-11

(Jointly Administered Under Case No. 18-30264-SGJ-11)

Chapter 11

## ORDER APPROVING THE APPLICATION TO EMPLOY WINSTEAD PC AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE

Came on for consideration the *Application to Employ Winstead PC as Special Counsel to the Chapter 11 Trustee* (the "<u>Application</u>"), filed by Robin Phelan, Chapter 11 trustee (the "<u>Trustee</u>") of Acis Capital Management, L.P. ("<u>Acis LP</u>") and Acis Capital Management GP, LLC ("<u>Acis GP</u>," and together with Acis LP, the "<u>Debtors</u>" or "<u>Acis</u>"), the debtors in the above styled and numbered bankruptcy cases (the "<u>Cases</u>"),<sup>1</sup> and having considered the Application, the Declaration of Rakhee V. Patel in support of the Application, arguments of counsel, and any

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Any capitalized term not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the Application.

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timely filed objections to the Application, the Court finds that (a) the proposed employment of Winstead PC ("<u>Winstead</u>") as special counsel for the Trustee, for the limited purposes set forth in the Application, is appropriate and in the best interest of the Debtors' Estates and creditors, (b) the Trustee and Winstead have represented to the Court that Winstead and its shareholders and associates do not represent or hold any interest adverse to the Debtors' Estates such that Winstead would be disqualified from representing the Trustee in these Cases, and (c) the Trustee and Winstead have represented to the Court that Winstead and each of its shareholders and associates is a "disinterested person" pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 101(14) and 327(c). Accordingly, the Court finds that the Application should be approved. Therefore, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327(a) and (c), it is hereby:

**ORDERED** that the Application is **APPROVED**. It is further

**ORDERED** that the Trustee is authorized to retain and employ Winstead as his special counsel, effective as of May 14, 2018, to perform the services more particularly set forth in the Application. It is further

**ORDERED** that Winstead shall be compensated for services rendered and for expenses incurred, subject to the Court's interim and final approval and in accordance with the provisions of sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, the applicable Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Local Bankruptcy Rules, and such other procedures as may be fixed by order of this Court.

**ORDERED** that that this Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from the implementation of this order.

## # # # END OF ORDER # # #

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The following constitutes the ruling of the court and has the force and effect therein described.

**Signed June 21, 2018** 

United States Bankruptcy Judge

## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:

ACIS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., ACIS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT GP, LLC,

**Debtors.** 

Case No. 18-30264-SGJ-11 Case No. 18-30265-SGJ-11

(Jointly Administered Under Case No. 18-30264-SGJ-11)

Chapter 11

# ORDER (I) APPROVING THE APPLICATION TO EMPLOY WINSTEAD PC AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE AND (II) DENYING THE MOTION TO DISQUALIFY WINSTEAD PC AS <u>PROPOSED SPECIAL COUNSEL TO ROBIN PHELAN, CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE</u>

On June 14, 2018, the Court heard: (1) the *Application to Employ Winstead PC as Special Counsel to the Chapter 11 Trustee* [Docket No. 246] (the "<u>Application</u>"), filed by Robin Phelan, Chapter 11 trustee (the "<u>Trustee</u>") of Acis Capital Management, L.P. ("<u>Acis LP</u>") and Acis Capital Management GP, LLC ("<u>Acis GP</u>," and together with Acis LP, the "<u>Debtors</u>" or "<u>Acis</u>"), the debtors in the above captioned and jointly administered bankruptcy cases (the

"<u>Cases</u>")<sup>1</sup> and (2) the *Motion to Disqualify Winstead P.C. as Proposed Special Counsel to Robin Phelan, Chapter 11 Trustee* (the "<u>Motion to Disqualify</u>") [Docket No. 244]. Having considered the Application, the *Supplement to Application to Employ Winstead PC as Special Counsel to the Chapter 11 Trustee* (the "<u>Supplement</u>") [Docket No. 266], Rakhee V. Patel's Declaration and Supplemental Declaration in support of the Application, the Motion to Disqualify, the *Objection of Highland Capital Management, L.P. to Application to Employ Winstead PC as Special Counsel to the Chapter 11 Trustee* [Docket No. 267], the *United States Trustee's Objection to Application to Employ Winstead as Special Counsel to the Chapter 11 Trustee* [Docket No. 279], the arguments of counsel and evidence admitted at the hearing on the Application and the Motion to Disqualify, the Court read its findings of fact and conclusions of law into the record in accordance with Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7052(a). For the reasons stated, the Court, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327(a) and (c), **ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:** 

- 1. The Motion to Disqualify is **DENIED**.
- 2. The Application is **APPROVED** to the extent set forth herein.

3. The Trustee is authorized to retain and employ Winstead as his special counsel, effective as of May 14, 2018, to provide legal services to the Trustee for matters specifically involving:

- a) management, liquidation, disposition, and monetization of the CLO assets;
- b) the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended; and
- c) operation of the portfolio management agreements and the indentures, issues arising therefrom,<sup>2</sup> and, specifically including, litigation related thereto or arising therefrom.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Any capitalized term not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the Application or the Supplement, as applicable.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  For the avoidance of doubt, such issues may include issues related to securities laws, including the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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4. If the Trustee wishes to retain Winstead to provide legal services in any capacity other than in the three items identified in paragraph 2, the Trustee must obtain Court approval by application with the Court.

5. Winstead may not provide legal services to Joshua Terry or to the Trustee in connection with the preparation or defense of, or any objection to, Joshua Terry's proofs of claim,<sup>3</sup> or such claims as may be amended.

6. Winstead will establish an ethical wall between any of Winstead's attorneys engaged in these Cases and those of Winstead's attorneys involved in that certain litigation styled *NexBank SSB and Highland Capital Management, L.P. v. Winstead PC*, DC-15-01816, pending in the 193rd Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Winstead attorneys engaged in these Cases may seek counsel from Don Campbell, in his capacity as Winstead's general counsel, as they deem necessary regarding issues related to any potential conflicts or other ethics issues that may arise during these Cases.

7. With respect to those certain Appeals pending in the District Court for the Northern District of Texas, specifically under case numbers 3:18-cv-01056-D, 3:18-cv-01057-D, 3:18-cv-01073-D, and 3:18-cv-01084-D, any parties to such Appeals may not seek agreed dismissal of any such Appeals by compromise or settlement without providing proper notice to parties-in-interest in these Cases, as required under the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure or as otherwise required under applicable law.

8. Winstead shall be compensated for services rendered and for expenses incurred, subject to the Court's interim and final approval and in accordance with the provisions of sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, the applicable Federal Rules of Bankruptcy

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Joshua Terry has filed two claims in these Cases: Claim No. 1 in the Claims Register for Case No. 18-30264 and Claim No. 1 in the Claims Register for Case No. 18-30265.

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Procedure, the Local Bankruptcy Rules, and such other procedures as may be fixed by order of this Court.

9. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from the implementation of this order.

# # # # END OF ORDER # # #

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