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THE MALAYSIA FUND, INC.

**c/o Morgan Stanley Investment Management
522 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10036**

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Our Stockholders:

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Meeting") of The Malaysia Fund, Inc. (the "Fund"), to be held on July 24, 2012, at the offices of Morgan Stanley Investment Management Inc., 522 Fifth Avenue, 3rd Floor, Room 3R, New York, NY 10036 at 8:30 a.m., and any adjournments or postponements thereof.

The Meeting is being held for the following purposes:

1. To elect Directors of the Fund, each to serve until the year 2015 annual meeting of stockholders and until his or her successor has been elected and qualified, or until his or her earlier death, resignation or removal as provided by statute or charter.
2. To consider and act upon a proposal to liquidate and dissolve the Fund pursuant to the Plan of Liquidation adopted by the Board of Directors of the Fund.
3. To consider and act upon any other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Only stockholders of record of the Fund at the close of business on June 14, 2012, the record date for the Meeting, are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Meeting of the Fund or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

MARY E. MULLIN
Secretary

Dated: [_____], 2012

You can help avoid the necessity and expense of sending follow-up letters to ensure a quorum by promptly returning the enclosed Proxy Card(s). If you are unable to be present in person, please fill in, sign and return the enclosed Proxy Card(s) in order that the necessary quorum may be represented at the Meeting. The enclosed envelope requires no postage if mailed in the United States. Certain stockholders will be able to vote telephonically by touchtone telephone or electronically on the Internet by following instructions contained on their Proxy Card(s) or on the enclosed Voting Information Card.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON JULY 24, 2012:

The Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders is available on the Internet at the website address located on the enclosed Proxy Card(s).

THE MALAYSIA FUND, INC.

**c/o Morgan Stanley Investment Management
522 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10036**

PROXY STATEMENT

This Proxy Statement is furnished by the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Malaysia Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") in connection with the solicitation of Proxies by the Board of Directors for use at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Fund (the "Meeting") to be held on July 24, 2012, at 522 Fifth Avenue, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10036. It is expected that the Notice of Annual Meeting, Proxy Statement and Proxy Card(s) will first be mailed to stockholders of the Fund ("Stockholders") on or about June [__], 2012. The purpose of the Meeting, the matters to be acted upon and the commencement time of the Meeting are set forth in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

If the enclosed form of Proxy for the Fund is properly executed and returned in time, or is submitted by telephone or Internet, to be voted at the Meeting, the proxies named therein will vote the shares of common stock with respect to the Fund (collectively, the "Shares") represented by it in accordance with the instructions marked thereon. Unmarked proxies submitted by Stockholders will be voted FOR each of the nominees for election as Director of the Fund and FOR the liquidation and dissolution of the Fund pursuant to the Plan of Liquidation of the Fund, each as set forth in the attached Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders. A Proxy may be revoked at any time prior to its exercise by any of the following: written notice of revocation to the Secretary of the Fund, execution and delivery of a later dated Proxy to the Secretary of the Fund (whether by mail or, as discussed below, by touchtone telephone or the Internet) (if returned and received in time to be voted), or attendance and voting at the Meeting. Attendance at the Meeting will not in and of itself revoke a Proxy. In order to revoke a Proxy in person, Stockholders must submit a subsequent Proxy. Stockholders whose Shares are held in street name by a broker of record and who wish to vote in person at the Meeting must obtain a legal proxy from their broker and present it at the Meeting to the inspector of elections.

The Board has fixed the close of business on June 14, 2012 as the record date for the determination of Stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Meeting and at any adjournments or postponements thereof. On that date, the Fund had 7,167,078 Shares outstanding and entitled to vote.

The cost of soliciting proxies for the Meeting, consisting principally of printing and mailing expenses, will be borne by the Fund. The solicitation of proxies will be by mail, which may be supplemented by solicitation by mail, telephone or otherwise through Directors and officers of the Fund or officers and regular employees of Morgan Stanley Investment Management Inc. ("MSIM" or the "Adviser"), the investment adviser and administrator for the Fund, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC ("Morgan Stanley & Co.") and/or Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC, without special compensation therefor. In addition, the Fund may employ Georgeson Inc. and/or Computershare Fund Services ("Georgeson") to make telephone calls to Stockholders to remind them to vote. The Fund may also employ Georgeson as proxy solicitor if it appears that the required number of votes to achieve a quorum will not be received. The transfer agent services for the Fund are currently provided by Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (the "Transfer Agent").

Stockholders may be able to vote their Shares by touchtone telephone or by Internet by following the instructions on the Proxy Card accompanying this Proxy Statement. The Internet procedures are designed to authenticate a Stockholder's identity to allow Stockholders to vote their Shares and confirm that their instructions have been properly recorded. To vote by Internet or by touchtone telephone, Stockholders can access the website or call the toll-free number listed on the Proxy Card. To vote by touchtone telephone or by

Internet, Stockholders will need the number that appears on the Proxy Card or Voting Information Card in the shaded box.

In certain instances, Georgeson may call Stockholders to ask if they would be willing to have their votes recorded by telephone. The telephone voting procedure is designed to authenticate Stockholders' identities, to allow Stockholders to authorize the voting of their Shares in accordance with their instructions and to confirm that their instructions have been recorded properly. No recommendation will be made as to how a Stockholder should vote on any Proposal other than to refer to the recommendations of the Board. The Fund has been advised by counsel that these procedures are consistent with the requirements of applicable law. Stockholders voting by telephone in this manner will be asked for identifying information and will be given an opportunity to authorize proxies to vote their Shares in accordance with their instructions. To ensure that the Stockholders' instructions have been recorded correctly, they will receive a confirmation of their instructions in the mail. A special toll-free number set forth in the confirmation will be available in case the information contained in the confirmation is incorrect. Although a Stockholder's vote may be taken by telephone, each Stockholder will receive a copy of this Proxy Statement and may vote by mail using the enclosed Proxy Card or by Internet or touchtone telephone as set forth above. The last proxy vote received in time to be voted, whether by Internet, mailed Proxy Card or touchtone telephone, will be the vote that is counted and will revoke all previous votes by the Stockholder. In the event that Georgeson is retained as proxy solicitor, Georgeson will be paid a project management fee as well as telephone solicitation expenses incurred for reminder calls, outbound telephone voting, confirmation of telephone votes, inbound telephone contact, obtaining Stockholders' telephone numbers and providing additional materials upon Stockholder request, at an estimated cost of \$[___], which would be borne by the Fund.

The Fund will furnish, without charge, a copy of its annual report for its fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 to any Stockholder of such Fund requesting such report. Requests for annual and/or semi-annual reports should be made in writing to the Fund, c/o Morgan Stanley Client Relations, Attn: Closed-End Funds, P.O. Box 219886, Kansas City, MO 64121-9886, by calling toll-free (800) 231-2608 or by visiting the Adviser's Internet website at www.morganstanley.com/im.

MSIM serves as the Fund's administrator. The business address of MSIM is 522 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10036. State Street Bank and Trust Company serves as sub-administrator to the Fund. The business address of State Street Bank and Trust Company is One Lincoln Street, Boston, MA 02111-2101.

Only one Proxy Statement will be delivered to multiple Stockholders sharing an address, unless the Fund has received contrary instructions. The Fund will furnish, upon written or oral request, a separate copy of the Proxy Statement to a Stockholder at a shared address to which a single Proxy Statement was delivered. Requests for a separate Proxy Statement, and notifications to the Fund that a Stockholder wishes to receive separate copies in the future, should be made in writing to the Fund, c/o Morgan Stanley Client Relations, Attn: Closed-End Funds, P.O. Box 219886, Kansas City, MO 64121-9886, or by calling toll-free (800) 231-2608. Multiple Stockholders who are sharing an address and currently receiving multiple copies of periodic reports and proxy statements may request to receive only one copy of such reports and proxy statements by calling toll-free (800) 231-2608.

The Board of Directors of the Fund unanimously recommends that you vote "FOR" the election of the nominees as Directors as set forth in Proposal No. 1 of the Notice of Annual Meeting and "FOR" the liquidation and dissolution of the Fund pursuant to the Plan of Liquidation as set forth in Proposal No. 2 of the Notice of Annual Meeting. Your vote is important. Please return your Proxy Card promptly no matter how many Shares you own.

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
(Proposal No. 1)**

At the Meeting, Stockholders will be asked to consider the election of Directors to hold office for a term stated below and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. It is the intention of the persons named in the accompanying Proxy Cards to vote, on behalf of the Stockholders, for the election of Michael Bozic, Michael F. Klein and W. Allen Reed as Class II Directors for a term expiring in 2015.

Pursuant to the Fund's By-Laws, the terms of office of the Directors are staggered. The Board of Directors of the Fund is divided into three classes, designated Class I, Class II and Class III, with each class having a term of three years. Each year the term of one class expires.

Class I	Class II	Class III
Kathleen A. Dennis	Michael Bozic	Frank L. Bowman
Joseph J. Kearns	Michael F. Klein	James F. Higgins
Michael E. Nugent Fergus Reid	W. Allen Reed	Manuel H. Johnson

Only the Directors currently in Class II are being considered for election at this Meeting.

Pursuant to the Fund's By-Laws, each Director holds office until the expiration of his or her term and until his or her successor has been elected and qualified, or until his or her earlier death, resignation or removal as provided by statute or the charter. Each officer of the Fund will hold such office until his or her death or resignation or a successor has been duly elected and qualified.

Board Structure and Oversight Function

The Board's leadership structure features an Independent Director serving as Chairperson and the Board Committees described below. The Chairperson participates in the preparation of the agenda for meetings of Board of Directors of the Fund and the preparation of information to be presented to the Board with respect to matters to be acted upon by the Board of Directors of the Fund. The Chairperson also presides at all meetings of the Board of Directors of the Fund and is involved in discussions regarding matters pertaining to the oversight of the management of the Fund between meetings.

The Board of Directors of the Fund operates using a system of committees to facilitate the timely and efficient consideration of all matters of importance to the Directors, the Fund and Fund Stockholders, and to facilitate compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and oversight of the Fund's activities and associated risks. The Board of Directors of the Fund has established four standing committees: (1) Audit Committee, (2) Governance Committee, (3) Compliance and Insurance Committee and (4) Investment Committee. The Audit Committee and the Governance Committee are comprised exclusively of Independent Directors. Each committee charter governs the scope of the committee's responsibilities with respect to the oversight of the Fund. The responsibilities of each committee, including their oversight responsibilities, are described further under the caption "Board Meetings and Committees."

The Fund is subject to a number of risks, including investment, compliance, operational and valuation risk, among others. The Board of Directors oversees these risks as part of its broader oversight of the Fund's affairs through various Board and committee activities. The Board has adopted, and periodically reviews, policies and procedures

designed to address various risks to the Fund. In addition, appropriate personnel, including but not limited to the Fund's Chief Compliance Officer, members of the Fund's administration and accounting teams, representatives from the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, the Fund's Treasurer and portfolio management personnel and independent valuation

and brokerage evaluation service providers, make regular reports regarding the Fund's activities and related risks to the Board of Directors of the Fund and the committees, as appropriate. These reports include, among others, quarterly performance reports, quarterly derivatives activity, and risk reports and discussions with members of the risk teams relating to each asset class. The Board's committee structure allows separate committees to focus on different aspects of risk and the potential impact of these risks on some or all of the funds in the complex and then report back to the full Board. In between regular meetings, Fund officers also communicate with the Directors regarding material exceptions and items relevant to the Board's oversight risk function. The Board recognizes that it is not possible to identify all of the risks that may affect the Fund, and that it is not possible to develop processes and controls to eliminate all of the risks that may affect the Fund. Moreover, the Board recognizes that it may be necessary for the Fund to bear certain risks (such as investment risk) to achieve their investment objective.

As needed between meetings of the Board of Directors of the Fund, the Board or a specific committee receives and reviews reports relating to the Fund and engages in discussions with appropriate parties relating to the Fund's operations and related risks.

Board Meetings and Committees

The Board of Directors of the Fund has a separately-designated standing Audit Committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). Each Audit Committee is charged with recommending to the full Board the engagement or discharge of the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm; directing investigations into matters within the scope of the independent registered public accounting firm's duties, including the power to retain outside specialists; reviewing with the independent registered public accounting firm the audit plan and results of the auditing engagement; approving professional services provided by the independent registered public accounting firm and other accounting firms prior to the performance of the services; reviewing the independence of the independent registered public accounting firm; considering the range of audit and non-audit fees; reviewing the adequacy of the Fund's system of internal controls; and reviewing the valuation process. The Fund has adopted a formal, written Audit Committee Charter, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

The members of the Audit Committee of the Fund are Joseph J. Kearns, Michael E. Nugent and W. Allen Reed. None of the members of the Fund's Audit Committees is an "interested person," as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), of any of the Fund (with such disinterested Directors being "Independent Directors" or individually, an "Independent Director"). Each Independent Director is also "independent" from the Fund under the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE"). The Chairperson of the Audit Committee of the Fund is Joseph J. Kearns.

The Board of Directors of the Fund also has a Governance Committee. The Governance Committee identifies individuals qualified to serve as Independent Directors on the Fund's Board and on committees of such Board and recommends such qualified individuals for nomination by the Fund's Independent Directors as candidates for election as Independent Directors, advises the Fund's Board with respect to Board composition, procedures and committees, develops and recommends to the Fund's Board a set of corporate governance principles applicable to the Fund, monitors and makes recommendations on corporate governance matters and policies and procedures of the Fund's Board of Directors and any Board committees and oversees periodic evaluations of the Fund's Board and its committees. The Fund has adopted a formal, written Governance Committee Charter, which was attached to the proxy statement for the Fund distributed in 2011. A further description of, among other things, the goals and responsibilities of the Governance Committee with respect to Board candidates and nominees and Board composition,

procedures and committees can be found in the Governance Committee Charter for the Fund. The members of the Governance Committee of the Fund are Kathleen A. Dennis, Michael F. Klein and Fergus Reid, each of whom is an Independent Director. The Chairperson of the Fund's Governance Committee is Fergus Reid.

The Fund does not have a separate nominating committee. While the Fund's Governance Committee recommends qualified candidates for nominations as Independent Directors, the Board of Directors of the Fund believes that the task of nominating prospective Independent Directors is important enough to require the participation of all current Independent Directors, rather than a separate committee consisting of only certain Independent Directors. Accordingly, each current Independent Director (Frank L. Bowman, Michael Bozic, Kathleen A. Dennis, Manuel H. Johnson, Joseph J. Kearns, Michael F. Klein, Michael E. Nugent, W. Allen Reed and Fergus Reid) participates in the election and nomination of candidates for election as Independent Directors for the Fund for which the Independent Director serves. Persons recommended by the Fund's Governance Committee as candidates for nomination as Independent Directors shall possess such experience, qualifications, attributes, skills and diversity so as to enhance the Board's ability to manage and direct the affairs and business of the Fund, including, when applicable, to enhance the ability of committees of the Board to fulfill their duties and/or to satisfy any independence requirements imposed by law, regulation or any listing requirements of the NYSE. While the Independent Directors of the Fund expect to be able to continue to identify from their own resources an ample number of qualified candidates for the Fund's Board as they deem appropriate, they will consider nominations from Stockholders to the Board. Nominations from Stockholders should be in writing and sent to the Independent Directors as described below under "Stockholder Communications."

The Board of the Fund formed a Compliance and Insurance Committee to address insurance coverage and oversee the compliance function for the Fund and the Board. The Compliance and Insurance Committee of the Fund currently consists of Frank L. Bowman, Michael Bozic, James F. Higgins and Manuel H. Johnson. Frank L. Bowman, Michael Bozic and Manuel H. Johnson are Independent Directors. The Chairperson of the Compliance and Insurance Committee of the Fund is Michael Bozic. The Compliance and Insurance Committee has a Sub-Committee to review and monitor the insurance coverage maintained by the Fund. The Chairperson of the Insurance Sub-Committee is Frank L. Bowman.

The Fund has an Investment Committee that oversees the portfolio investment process for and reviews the performance of the Fund. The Investment Committee also recommends to the Board to approve or renew the Fund's Investment Advisory and Administration Agreements. The members of the Investment Committee are Frank L. Bowman, Michael Bozic, Kathleen A. Dennis, James F. Higgins, Manuel H. Johnson, Joseph J. Kearns, Michael F. Klein, Michael E. Nugent, W. Allen Reed and Fergus Reid. The Chairperson of the Investment Committee of the Fund is Manuel H. Johnson.

The Investment Committee of the Fund has three Sub-Committees, each with its own Chairperson. Each Sub-Committee focuses on the Fund's primary areas of investment, namely equities, fixed income and alternatives. The Sub-Committees and their members are as follows:

- (1) Equity W. Allen Reed (Chairperson), Frank L. Bowman and Michael E. Nugent.
- (2) Fixed Income Michael F. Klein (Chairperson), Michael Bozic and Fergus Reid.
- (3) Money Market and Alternatives Kathleen A. Dennis (Chairperson), James F. Higgins and Joseph J. Kearns.

During the Fund's fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 the Board of Directors held the following meetings:

Board of Directors	8
<u>Committee/Sub-Committee:</u>	
Audit Committee	4
Governance Committee	4
Compliance and Insurance Committee	4
Insurance Sub-Committee	1
Investment Committee	5
Equity Sub-Committee	5
Fixed Income Sub-Committee	5
Money Market and Alternatives Sub-Committee	6

For the 2011 fiscal year, each current Director attended at least seventy-five percent of the aggregate number of meetings of the Board and of any committee on which he or she served, held during the time such Director was a member of the Board. For annual Stockholder meetings, Directors may, but are not required to, attend the meetings; and for the Fund's last annual Stockholder meeting, none of the Directors attended the meeting.

Stockholder Communications

Stockholders may send communications to the Fund's Board of Directors. Stockholders should send communications intended for the Fund's Board by addressing the communication directly to that Board (or individual Board members) and/or otherwise clearly indicating in the salutation that the communication is for the Board (or individual Board members) and by sending the communication to either the Fund's office or directly to such Board member(s) at the address specified for each Director below. Other Stockholder communications received by the Fund not directly addressed and sent to the Boards will be reviewed and generally responded to by management, and will be forwarded to the Boards only at management's discretion based on the matters contained therein.

Each of the nominees for Director has consented to be named in this Proxy Statement and to serve as a Director of the Fund if elected. The Board of Directors of the Fund has no reason to believe that any of the nominees named above will become unavailable for election as a Director, but if that should occur before the Meeting for the Fund, the persons named as proxies on the Proxy Cards will vote for such persons as the Board of Directors of the Fund may recommend.

Information Regarding Directors and Nominee Directors

The Fund seeks as Directors individuals of distinction and experience in business and finance, government service or academia. In determining that a particular Director was and continues to be qualified to serve as Director, the Board of the Fund has considered a variety of criteria, none of which, in isolation, was controlling. Based on a review of the experience, qualifications, attributes or skills of each Director, including those enumerated in the table below, the Board has determined that each of the Directors is qualified to serve as a Director of the Fund. In addition, the Board of the Fund believes that, collectively, the Directors have balanced and diverse experience, qualifications, attributes and skills that allow the Board to operate effectively in governing the Fund and protecting the interests of Stockholders. Information about the Fund's Governance Committee and Board of Director nomination process is provided above under the caption "Board Meetings and Committees."

Certain information regarding the Directors of the Fund and nominees for election as Directors is set forth below:

Name, Address and Age	Position Held with the Fund	Term of Office Length of Time Served*	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director or Nominee for Director	Other Directorships Held by Director or Nominee for Director**
Independent Director Frank L. Bowman (67) c/o Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP Counsel to the Independent Directors 1177 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10036	Director of the Fund	Since August 2006	President, Strategic Decisions, LLC (consulting) (since February 2009); Director or Trustee of various Morgan Stanley Funds (since August 2006); Chairperson of the Insurance Sub-Committee of the Compliance and Insurance Committee (since February 2007); served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Nuclear Energy Institute (policy organization) (February 2005-November 2008); retired as Admiral, U.S. Navy after serving over 38 years on active duty including 8 years as Director of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program in the Department of the Navy and U.S. Department of Energy (1996-2004); served as Chief of Naval Personnel (July 1994-September 1996) and on the Joint Staff as Director of Political Military Affairs (June 1992-July 1994); Knighted as Honorary Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire; Awarded the Officer de l'Orde National du Mérite by the French Government; elected to the National Academy of Engineering (2009).	102	Director of BP p.l.c.; Director of Naval and Nuclear Technologies LLP; Director of the Armed Services YMCA of the USA and the Naval Submarine League; Director of the American Shipbuilding Suppliers Association; Member of the National Security Advisory Council of the Center for U.S. Global Engagement and a member of the CNA Military Advisory Board; Member of the American Lung Association's President's Council.

* Each class of Directors has a term of office of three years.

** This includes any directorships at public companies and registered investment companies held by the Director at any time during the past five years.

Name, Address and Age	Position Held with the Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served*	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director or Nominee for Director	Other Directorships Held by Director or Nominee for Director**
Independent Director Michael Bozic† (71) c/o Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP Counsel to the Independent Directors 1177 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10036	Director of the Fund	Since April 1994	Private investor; Chairperson of the Compliance and Insurance Committee (since October 2006); Director or Trustee of various Morgan Stanley Funds (since April 1994); formerly, Chairperson of the Insurance Committee (July 2006-September 2006); Vice Chairman of Kmart Corporation (December 1998-October 2000); Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Levitz Furniture Corporation (November 1995-November 1998) and President and Chief Executive Officer of Hills Department Stores (May 1991-July 1995); variously Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, President and Chief Operating Officer (1987-1991) of the Sears Merchandise Group of Sears, Roebuck & Co.	104	Director of various business organizations.
Kathleen A. Dennis (58) c/o Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP Counsel to the Independent Directors 1177 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10036	Director of the Fund	Since August 2006	President, Cedarwood Associates (mutual fund and investment management consulting) (since July 2006); Chairperson of the Money Market and Alternatives Sub-Committee of the Investment Committee (since October 2006) and Director or Trustee of various Morgan Stanley Funds (since August 2006); formerly, Senior Managing Director of Victory Capital Management (1993-2006).	102	Director of various non-profit organizations.

* Each class of Directors has a term of office of three years.

** This includes any directorships at public companies and registered investment companies held by the Director at any time during the past five years.

† Nominee for election as a Director at the Meeting.

Name, Address and Age	Position Held with the Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served*	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director or Nominee for Director	Other Directorships Held by Director or Nominee for Director**
Independent Director Dr. Manuel H. Johnson (63) c/o Johnson Smick Group, Inc. 888 16th Street, N.W. Suite 740 Washington, D.C. 20006	Director of the Fund	Since July 1991	Senior Partner, Johnson Smick International, Inc. (consulting firm); Chairperson of the Investment Committee (since October 2006) and Director or Trustee of various Morgan Stanley Funds (since July 1991); Co-Chairman and a founder of the Group of Seven Council (G7C) (international economic commission;) formerly, Chairperson of the Audit Committee (July 1991-September 2006); Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Treasury.	104	Director of NVR, Inc. (home construction).
Joseph J. Kearns (69) c/o Kearns & Associates LLC PMB754 22631 Pacific Coast Highway Malibu, CA 90265	Director of the Fund	Since August 1994	President, Kearns & Associates LLC (investment consulting); Chairperson of the Audit Committee (since October 2006) and Director or Trustee of various Morgan Stanley Funds (since August 1994); formerly, Deputy Chairperson of the Audit Committee (July 2003-September 2006) and Chairperson of the Audit Committee of various Morgan Stanley Funds (since August 1994); CFO of the J. Paul Getty Trust.	105	Director of Electro Rent Corporation (equipment leasing) and The Ford Family Foundation.

* Each class of Directors has a term of office of three years.

** This includes any directorships at public companies and registered investment companies held by the Director at any time during the past five years.

Name, Address and Age	Position and Held Length with of Fund Served*	Term of Office	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director or Nominee for Director	Other Directorships Held by Director or Nominee for Director**
Independent Director					
Michael F. Klein† (53) c/o Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP Counsel to the Independent Directors 1177 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10036	Director of the Fund and Chairperson of the Board of the Fund	Since August 2006	Managing Director, Aetos Capital, LLC (since March 2000) and Co-President, Aetos Alternatives Management, LLC (since January 2004); Chairperson of the Fixed-Income Sub-Committee of the Investment Committee (since October 2006) and Director or Trustee of various Morgan Stanley Funds (since August 2006); formerly, Managing Director, Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc. and Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Investment Management, President, various Morgan Stanley Funds (June 1998-March 2000) and Principal, Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc. and Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Investment Management (August 1997-December 1999).	102	Director of certain investment funds managed or sponsored by Aetos Capital, LLC.; Director of Sanitized AG and Sanitized Marketing AG (specialty chemicals).
Michael E. Nugent (76) c/o Triumph Capital, L.P. 445 Park Avenue New York, NY 10022	Director of the Fund and Chairperson of the Board of the Fund	Chairperson of the Boards since July 2006 and Director since July 1991	General Partner, Triumph Capital, L.P. (private investment partnership); Chairperson of the Boards of various Morgan Stanley Funds (since July 2006); Director or Trustee of various Morgan Stanley Funds (since July 1991); formerly, Chairperson of the Insurance Committee (until July 2006).	104	None.
W. Allen Reed† (65) c/o Kramer Levin	Director of the Fund	Since August 2006	Chairperson of the Equity Sub-Committee of the Investment Committee (since October 2006) and Director or Trustee of various Morgan Stanley Funds (since August 2006); formerly, President and	102	Director of Temple-Inland Industries (packaging and forest products), Director of Legg Mason, Inc. and Director of the Auburn University Foundation.

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Executive Officer of the GM Trust Bank
and Corporate Vice President of General
Motors Corporation (August
1994-December 2005).

* Each class of Directors has a term of office of three years.

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† Nominee for election as a Director at the Meeting.

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Independent Director					
Fergus Reid (79) c/o Joe Pietryka, Inc. 85 Charles Colman Boulevard Pawling, NY 12564	Director of the Fund	Since June 1992	Chairman, Joe Pietryka, Inc.; Chairperson of the Governance Committee and Director or Trustee of various Morgan Stanley Funds (since June 1992).	105	Trustee and Director of certain investment companies in the JPMorgan Funds complex managed by JP Morgan Investment Management Inc.
Interested Director					
James F. Higgins# (64) c/o Morgan Stanley Services Company Inc. Harborside Financial Center 201 Plaza Two Jersey City, NJ 07311	Director of each of the Funds	Since June 2000	Director or Trustee of various Morgan Stanley Funds (since June 2000); Senior Advisor of Morgan Stanley (since August 2000).	103	Director of AXA Financial, Inc. and The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States (financial services).

* Each class of Directors has a term of office of three years.

** This includes any directorships at public companies and registered investment companies held by the Director at any time during the past five years.

"Interested person" of the Fund within the meaning of the 1940 Act.

No director or nominee for election as Director who is not an interested person of the Fund, or any immediate family member of such person, owns securities in the Adviser, or a person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Adviser.

Certain information regarding the Officers of the Fund is set forth below:

Name, Address and Age	Position(s) Held with the Fund and Length of Time Served*	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years
Arthur Lev (50) 522 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10036	President and Principal Executive Officer Equity and Fixed Income Funds Since June 2011	President and Principal Executive Officer (since June 2011) of the Equity and Fixed Income Funds in the Fund Complex; Head of the Long Only Business of Morgan Stanley Investment Management (since February 2011); Managing Director of the Adviser and various entities affiliated with the Adviser (since December 2006). Formerly, Chief Strategy Officer of Morgan Stanley Investment Management's Traditional Asset Management business (November 2010-February 2011); General Counsel of Morgan Stanley Investment Management (December 2006-October 2010); Partner and General Counsel of FrontPoint Partners LLC (July 2002-December 2006); Managing Director and General Counsel of Morgan Stanley Investment Management (May 2000-June 2002).

* Each Officer serves an indefinite term until his or her successor is elected.

Name, Address and Age	Position(s) Held with the Fund and Length of Time Served*	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years
Mary Ann Picciotto (39) c/o Morgan Stanley Services Company Inc. Harborside Financial Center 201 Plaza Two Jersey City, NJ 07311	Chief Compliance Officer Since May 2010	Managing Director of the Adviser and various entities affiliated with the Adviser; Chief Compliance Officer of various Morgan Stanley Funds (since May 2010); Chief Compliance Officer of the Adviser (since April 2007).
Stefanie V. Chang Yu (45) 522 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10036	Vice President since December 1997	Managing Director of the Adviser and various entities affiliated with the Adviser; Vice President of various Morgan Stanley Funds (since December 1997).
Francis J. Smith (46) c/o Morgan Stanley Services Company Inc. Harborside Financial Center 201 Plaza Two Jersey City, NJ 07311	Treasurer since July 2003 and Principal Financial Officer since September 2002	Executive Director of the Adviser and various entities affiliated with the Adviser; Treasurer and Principal Financial Officer of various Morgan Stanley Funds (since July 2003).
Mary E. Mullin (45) 522 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10036	Secretary since June 1999	Executive Director of the Adviser and various entities affiliated with the Adviser; Secretary of various Morgan Stanley Funds (since June 1999).

* Each Officer serves an indefinite term until his or her successor is elected.

Experience, Qualifications and Attributes. The Board of the Fund has concluded, based on each Director's experience, qualifications and attributes that each Board member should serve as a Director. Following is a brief summary of the information that led to and/or supports this conclusion.

Mr. Bowman has experience in a variety of business and financial matters through his prior service as a Director or Trustee for various other funds in the Fund Complex, where he serves as Chairperson of the Insurance Sub-Committee of the Compliance and Insurance Committee, and as a Director of B.P. p.l.c. and Naval and Nuclear Technologies LLP. Mr. Bowman also serves as a Director for the Armed Services YMCA of the USA, the Naval Submarine League and the American Shipbuilding Suppliers Association. Mr. Bowman is also a member of the National Securities

Advisory Council of the Center U.S. Global Engagement and a member of the CNA Military Advisory Board. Mr. Bowman retired as an Admiral in the U.S. Navy after serving over 38 years on active duty including 8 years as Director of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program in the Department of the Navy and the U.S. Department of Energy (1996-2004). Additionally, Mr. Bowman served as the U.S. Navy's Chief of Naval Personnel where he was responsible for the planning and programming of all manpower, personnel, training and education resources for the U.S. Navy, and on the Joint Staff as Director of Political Military Affairs (1992-1994). In addition, Mr. Bowman served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Nuclear Energy Institute. Mr. Bowman has received such distinctions as a knighthood as Honorary Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire and the Officer de l'Orde National du Mérite from the French Government and was elected to the National Academy of Engineering (2009). He is President of the consulting firm Strategic Decisions, LLC.

With over 20 years of experience on the boards and in senior management of such companies as Kmart Corporation, Levitz Furniture Corporation, Hills Department Stores and Sears Merchandise Group of Sears, Roebuck & Co., where Mr. Bozic also served as Chief Financial Officer of the Merchandise Group, and with over 15 years of experience as a Director or Trustee of certain other funds

in the Fund Complex, Mr. Bozic has experience with a variety of financial, management, regulatory and operational issues as well as experience with marketing and distribution. Mr. Bozic has served as the Chairperson of the Compliance and Insurance Committee since 2006.

Ms. Dennis has over 25 years of business experience in the financial services industry and related fields including serving as a Director or Trustee of various other funds in the Fund Complex, where she serves as Chairperson of the Money Market and Alternatives Sub-Committee of the Investment Committee. Ms. Dennis possesses a strong understanding of the regulatory framework under which investment companies must operate based on her years of service to this Board and her position as Senior Managing Trustee of Victory Capital Management.

In addition to his tenure as a Director or Trustee of various other funds in the Fund Complex, where he formerly served as Chairperson of the Audit Committee, Dr. Johnson has also served as an officer or a board member of numerous companies for over 20 years. These positions included Co-Chairman and a founder of the Group of Seven Council, Director of NVR, Inc., Director of Evergreen Energy and Director of Greenwich Capital Holdings. He also has served as Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Treasury. In addition, Dr. Johnson also served as Chairman of the Financial Accounting Foundation, which oversees the Financial Accounting Standards Board, for seven years.

Mr. Kearns gained extensive experience regarding accounting through his experience on the Audit Committees of the boards of other funds in the Fund Complex, including serving as either Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson of the Audit Committee for over fifteen years, and through his position as Chief Financial Officer of the J. Paul Getty Trust. He also has experience in financial, accounting, investment and regulatory matters through his position as President and founder of Kearns & Associates LLC, a financial consulting company. Mr. Kearns also serves as a Director of Electro Rent Corporation and The Ford Family Foundation. The Board has determined that Mr. Kearns is an "audit committee financial expert" as defined by the SEC.

Through his prior positions as Managing Director of Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc. and Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Investment Management and as President of various Morgan Stanley Funds, Mr. Klein has experience in the management and operation of registered investment companies, enabling him to provide management input and investment guidance to the Board. Mr. Klein also has extensive experience in the investment management industry based on his current positions as Managing Director of Aetos Capital, LLC and as director of certain investment funds managed or sponsored by Aetos Capital, LLC. In addition, he also has experience as a member of the board of other funds in the Fund Complex.

Mr. Nugent has extensive experience with financial, accounting, investment and regulatory matters through his over 20 years of service on the boards of various funds in the Fund Complex, including time as the Chairperson of the Insurance Committee and Chairman of the Morgan Stanley Funds. Mr. Nugent also has experience as a General Partner in Triumph Capital, L.P.

Mr. Reed has experience on investment company boards and is experienced with financial, accounting, investment and regulatory matters through his prior service as a Director of iShares, Inc. and his service as Trustee and Director of other funds in the Fund Complex. Mr. Reed also gained substantial experience in the financial services industry through his position as Director of Legg Mason, Inc. and prior position as President and CEO of General Motors Asset Management.

Mr. Reid has served on a number of mutual fund boards, including as a Trustee and Director of certain investment companies in the JPMorgan Funds complex and as a Director or Trustee of other funds in the

Fund Complex. Therefore, Mr. Reid is experienced with financial, accounting, investment and regulatory matters, enabling him to provide management input and investment guidance to the Board.

Mr. Higgins has over 30 years of experience in the financial services industry. Mr. Higgins has substantial mutual fund experience and is experienced with financial, accounting, investment and regulatory matters due to his experience on the boards of other funds in the Fund Complex. Mr. Higgins also serves on the boards of other companies in the financial services industry, including AXA Financial, Inc. and The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States.

The Directors' principal occupations during the past five years or more are shown in the above tables.

The table set forth below includes information regarding the dollar ranges of beneficial ownership of Shares in the Fund and in certain registered investment companies, including the Fund, managed by the Adviser or an affiliate and held out to investors as related companies for purposes of investment and investor services (the "Family of Investment Companies") owned by the Directors of the Fund and each nominee for election as a Director, as of December 31, 2011. This information has been furnished by each Director and nominee. The dollar values in the following table are based upon the market price of the Fund's Shares as of December 31, 2011.

Name of Directors	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund	Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in All Funds Overseen or to be Overseen by Director or Nominee in Family of Investment Companies
<u>Independent Director</u>		
Bowman	None	over \$100,000
Bozic	None	over \$100,000
Dennis	None	over \$100,000
Johnson	None	over \$100,000
Kearns ⁽¹⁾	None	over \$100,000
Klein	None	over \$100,000
Nugent	None	over \$100,000
Reed ⁽¹⁾	None	over \$100,000
Reid ⁽¹⁾	None	over \$100,000
<u>Interested Director</u>		
Higgins	None	over \$100,000

⁽¹⁾ Includes the total amount of compensation deferred by the Director at his election pursuant to a deferred compensation plan. Such deferred compensation is placed in a deferral account and deemed to be invested in one or more of the various Morgan Stanley Funds (or portfolio thereof) that are offered as investment options under the plan.

Compensation of Directors and Officers

For the Fund, each Director (except for the Chairperson of the Boards) receives an annual retainer fee of \$210,000 for serving as a Director of the Morgan Stanley Funds.

The Chairperson of the Audit Committee receives an additional annual retainer fee of \$78,750 and the Investment Committee Chairperson receives an additional annual retainer fee of \$63,000. Other Committee and, effective January

1, 2012, Sub-Committee Chairpersons receive an additional annual retainer fee of \$31,500. Prior to January 1, 2012, each Sub-Committee Chairpersons received an additional annual retainer fee of \$15,750. The aggregate compensation paid to each Director is paid by the Morgan Stanley Funds, and is allocated on a pro rata basis among each of the operational funds/ portfolios of the Morgan Stanley Funds based on the relative net assets of each of the funds/ portfolios. Michael E. Nugent

receives a total annual retainer fee of \$420,000 for his services as Chairperson of the Boards of the Morgan Stanley Funds and for administrative services provided to each Board.

The Fund also reimburses Directors for travel and other out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them in connection with attending meetings of the Board. Directors of the Fund who are employed by the Adviser receive no compensation or expense reimbursement from the Fund for their services as Director.

Effective April 1, 2004, the Fund began a Deferred Compensation Plan (the "DC Plan"), which allows each Director to defer payment of all, or a portion, of the fees he or she receives for serving on the Board of Directors throughout the year. Each eligible Director generally may elect to have the deferred amounts credited with a return equal to the total return on one or more of the Morgan Stanley Funds (or portfolios thereof) that are offered as investment options under the DC Plan. At the Director's election, distributions are either in one lump sum payment, or in the form of equal annual installments over a period of five years. The rights of an eligible Director and the beneficiaries to the amounts held under the DC Plan are unsecured and such amounts are subject to the claims of the creditors of the Fund.

Prior to April 1, 2004, certain Morgan Stanley Funds maintained a similar Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Prior DC Plan"), which also allowed each Independent Director to defer payment of all, or a portion, of the fees he or she received for serving on the Board of Directors throughout the year. Generally, the DC Plan amends and supersedes the Prior DC Plan and all amounts payable under the Prior DC Plan are now subject to the terms of the DC Plan (except for amounts paid during the calendar year 2004, which remain subject to the terms of the Prior DC Plan).

Set forth below is a table showing the aggregate compensation payable to each of the Fund's Directors as of the Fund's fiscal year end, as well as the total compensation payable to each Director for the calendar year ended December 31, 2011 by all of the funds and by other U.S. registered investment companies advised by the Adviser or any investment companies that have an investment adviser that is an affiliated person of the Adviser (collectively, the "Fund Complex") for their services as Directors of such investment companies.

	Aggregate Compensation from the Fund⁽²⁾	Total Compensation from Fund and Fund Complex Paid to Directors⁽³⁾
<u>Independent Director⁽¹⁾</u>		
Bowman	\$ 253	\$ 225,750
Bozic	\$ 266	\$ 241,500
Dennis	\$ 253	\$ 225,750
Johnson	\$ 301	\$ 273,000
Kearns	\$ 318	\$ 306,750
Klein	\$ 253	\$ 225,750
Nugent	\$ 463	\$ 420,000
Reed ⁽²⁾	\$ 253	\$ 225,750
Reid	\$ 266	\$ 259,500
<u>Interested Director</u>		
Higgins	\$ 232	\$ 210,000

(1) Includes all amounts paid for serving as director of the funds as well as serving as Chairperson of the Boards or a Chairperson of a Committee or Sub-Committee.

(2) Mr. Reed deferred all compensation from the Fund during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011.

(3) The amounts shown in this column represent the aggregate compensation paid by all of the funds in the Fund Complex as of December 31, 2011 before deferral by the Directors under the DC Plan. As of December 31, 2011, the value (including interest) of the deferral accounts across the Fund Complex for Messrs. Kearns, Reed and Reid pursuant to the deferred compensation plan was \$532,157, \$674,903 and \$523,935, respectively. Because the funds in the Fund Complex have different fiscal year ends, the amounts shown in this column are presented on a calendar year basis.

Prior to December 31, 2003, 49 of certain Morgan Stanley Funds (the "Adopting Funds") had adopted a retirement program under which an Independent Trustee/Director who retired after serving for at least five years as an Independent Trustee/Director of any such fund (an "Eligible Trustee/Director") would have been entitled to retirement payments, based on factors such as length of service, upon reaching the eligible retirement age. On December 31, 2003, the amount of accrued retirement benefits for each Eligible Trustee/Director was frozen, and will be payable, together with a return of 8% per annum, at or following each such Eligible Trustee/Director's retirement as shown in the table below.

The following tables illustrate the retirement benefits accrued to the Fund's Independent Directors by the Adopting Funds for the calendar year ended December 31, 2011, and the estimated retirement benefits for the Independent Directors from the Adopting Funds for each calendar year following retirement. Only the Directors listed below participated in the retirement program.

Name of Independent Directors:	Retirement Benefits Accrued as Fund Expenses	Estimated Annual Benefits Upon Retirement⁽¹⁾
Michael Bozic	\$ 42,107	\$ 43,940
Manuel H. Johnson	\$ 30,210	\$ 64,338
Michael E. Nugent	\$ 6,805	\$ 57,539

⁽¹⁾ Total compensation accrued under the retirement plan, together with a return of 8% per annum, will be paid annually commencing upon retirement and continuing for the remainder of the Director's life.

The election of the nominees for election as Directors of the Fund requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at a meeting at which a quorum is present. A majority of the votes cast means that the number of votes cast "for" a nominee's election exceeds the number of votes "withheld" with respect to that nominee (with abstentions not counting as votes "for" or "withheld"). Under the Fund's By-Laws, the presence in person or by proxy of Stockholders entitled to cast one-third of the votes entitled to be cast thereat shall constitute a quorum. For this purpose, abstentions will be counted in determining whether a quorum is present at the Meeting, but will not be counted as votes cast at the Meeting. See "Additional Information."

The Board of Directors of the Fund recommends that you vote "FOR" the election of the nominees as Directors for the Fund set forth above.

**LIQUIDATION AND DISSOLUTION OF THE FUND
(Proposal No. 2)**

Introduction

At a meeting held on March 22, 2012, the Board of the Fund unanimously declared advisable and approved the liquidation and dissolution of the Fund pursuant to the Plan of Liquidation adopted by the Board of Directors of the Fund (the "Liquidation Plan"), a form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, and directed that the matter be submitted to the Fund's Stockholders for their approval. The Fund's charter requires that the liquidation and dissolution of the Fund be approved by Stockholders.

If Stockholders approve the liquidation and dissolution of the Fund pursuant to the Liquidation Plan, the Adviser will direct the orderly liquidation of the Fund's assets as soon as reasonably practicable, the discharging of, making reasonable provision for the payment of, or maintaining reserves against all liabilities of the Fund, and the distribution of the net proceeds to Stockholders in one or more liquidating distributions. Fund management expects that Stockholders will receive such distributions in cash. Such amount will be reduced by the expenses of the Fund in connection with the liquidation and dissolution of the Fund pursuant to the Liquidation Plan. As soon as reasonably practicable following the payment of the final liquidating distribution, the Fund will dissolve. If Stockholders do not approve the liquidation and dissolution of the Fund pursuant to the Liquidation Plan, the Board will consider what further action, if any, to take.

The Board unanimously recommends that you vote "FOR" the Proposal to liquidate and dissolve the Fund pursuant to the Liquidation Plan.

Background

Shares of closed-end funds often trade in the marketplace at a discount to their net asset value ("NAV") per Share. This has historically been true in the case of the Fund, which has traded at a persistent discount to its NAV for the past several years despite tender offers and the Fund's share repurchase program. As of February 29, 2012, prior to the Board's approval of the Liquidation Plan, the NAV per share of the Fund's Shares was \$10.80 and the market price of its Shares was \$9.85, representing a discount of approximately 8.8%. During the calendar year ended December 31, 2011, the average discount to NAV of the Fund's Shares was approximately 9.0%. Since the announcement of the Board's approval of the Liquidation Plan, the discount to NAV of the Fund's Shares has narrowed and as of the Record Date the Shares traded at a discount of [___]% to NAV. The Adviser believes that the narrowing of the discount is a result of the announcement that the Board has determined to submit this Proposal to Stockholders.

Furthermore, the Fund's asset size is relatively small compared to other closed-end funds and declined during 2011 from \$109.7 million to \$71.4 million. A portion of this decline is the result of tender offers conducted by the Fund during 2011. One of these tender offers was a result of the Fund's discount management program, which was put in place to attempt to narrow the discount at which the Fund's Shares traded. While this program may have had an advantageous effect on the discount over time, due to the small size of the Fund, future tender offers will continue to deplete the asset size of the Fund and will likely drive up the Fund's total expense ratio.

Board Considerations

The Board of the Fund regularly reviews with Fund management possible actions that could address the Fund's persistent discount and enhance Stockholder value. Considering the diminishing asset size of a relatively small fund and the persistent discount at which the Fund's Shares have traded, the Board of the

Fund unanimously declared advisable and approved the liquidation and dissolution of the Fund pursuant to the Liquidation Plan after considering various other alternatives. Specifically, the Board considered the possibility of converting the Fund to an open-end fund and conducting a tender offer to repurchase the Fund's Shares. The Board also considered the possibility of continuing to pursue the Fund's share repurchase program, which was put in place for purposes of enhancing Stockholder value and reducing the discount at which the Fund's Shares trade from their NAV. Since the inception of the share repurchase program on July 15, 2002, the Fund has repurchased 8.9% of its Shares. Due to the Fund's current asset size, the Board determined that these options were not likely to enhance Stockholder value nor be in the best interests of the Fund and its Stockholders in the long term. The Board also considered that the actual amounts to be distributed to Stockholders of the Fund upon liquidation are subject to significant uncertainties and not possible to predict at this time. The amount available for distribution to Stockholders will be based, in part, on such factors as the value of the Fund's assets at the time of liquidation and then-current market conditions and the amount of the Fund's actual costs, expenses and liabilities to be paid in the future.

The Board determined that converting to an open-end fund was likely to further diminish the size of the Fund, as there would likely be significant redemption requests in connection with such a conversion, resulting in a higher expense ratio, and would involve additional trading and tax costs. Following a conversion, the Fund would likely need to liquidate assets in order to meet redemption requests from investors who do not wish to remain shareholders of an open-end fund. When a closed-end fund converts to an open-end fund, there is the potential for significant redemptions of the new open-end fund shares by the former closed-end fund shareholders. In some open-ending transactions, shareholders have redeemed as much as 50% of the closed-end fund's shares shortly after the open-ending is completed. The remaining Stockholders would suffer the potential effects of these liquidations in the form of transaction costs and lower sale prices for portfolio securities than the Fund might have received under other circumstances. While such mechanisms as redemption fees and in-kind payments might mitigate the costs associated with such additional redemptions, they may not fully insulate the remaining Stockholders from bearing a portion of these costs. In addition, a decrease in the Fund's size through significant redemptions could result in an increased expense ratio for remaining Stockholders.

The Board determined that conducting a tender offer to repurchase the Fund's Shares and continuing to pursue the Fund's share repurchase program was also likely to further diminish the size of the Fund and could result in increased total expenses of the Fund, and was therefore not in the best interests of the Fund's Stockholders in the long term.

After considering the feasibility of the continued operation of the Fund and alternatives to liquidation and based upon the foregoing considerations and other relevant factors, at a special meeting held on March 22, 2012, the Board determined that, under the circumstances, liquidation of the Fund is in the best interests of the Fund and its Stockholders. Following review and discussions with management and Fund counsel, the Fund's directors, including the Independent Directors, then unanimously declared advisable and approved the liquidation and dissolution of the Fund pursuant to the Liquidation Plan and directed that the Liquidation Plan be submitted for consideration by the Fund's Stockholders.

If liquidation and dissolution of the Fund pursuant to the Liquidation Plan is approved by Stockholders, management, under the oversight of the Board and the officers of the Fund, will proceed to wind up the Fund's affairs as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter in a timeframe that allows for an orderly liquidation of portfolio holdings under then-current market conditions. The Fund cannot predict at this time how long it will take to accomplish an orderly liquidation because claims against the Fund may arise during the liquidation process and the Fund cannot predict the time necessary to liquidate its

portfolio securities to acquire the cash necessary to distribute to Stockholders. If Stockholders do not approve the liquidation and dissolution of the Fund pursuant to the Liquidation Plan, the Board will consider what further action, if any, to take.

Description of the Liquidation Plan and Liquidation of the Fund

Effective Date of the Liquidation Plan and Cessation of the Fund's Activities as an Investment Company. The Liquidation Plan shall be and become effective only upon (a) the adoption and approval of the Liquidation Plan by the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of a company, as defined under the Investment Company Act, and (b) the satisfactory resolution in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors of any and all claims pending against the Fund and its Board of Directors. The date of such adoption and approval of the Liquidation Plan by Stockholders and resolution of all pending claims is hereinafter called the "Effective Date." After the Effective Date, the Fund shall not engage in any business activities except for the purpose of winding up its business and affairs, preserving the value of its assets and distributing its assets to its Stockholders in accordance with the provisions of this Liquidation Plan after the payment to (or reservation of assets for payment to) all creditors of the Fund; provided that the Fund shall, prior to the making of the final liquidating distribution, continue to, as determined to be appropriate by the Board, make payment of dividends and other distributions to Stockholders, as applicable.

Closing of Books and Restriction on Transfer of Shares. The proportionate interests of Stockholders in the assets of the Fund shall be fixed on the basis of their respective holdings at the close of business on the Effective Date, or on such later date as may be determined by the Board of Directors (the "Valuation Date"). On the Valuation Date, the books of the Fund shall be closed and, unless the books of the Fund are reopened because the Liquidation Plan cannot be carried into effect under the laws of the State of Maryland or otherwise, the Stockholders' respective interests in the Fund's assets shall not be transferable by the negotiation of share certificates and the Fund's Shares will cease to be traded on the NYSE.

Liquidation Distributions. Following Stockholder approval of the liquidation of the Fund, the Fund will, as soon as reasonable and practicable after the Effective Date, complete the sale of the portfolio securities it holds in order to convert its assets to cash and will not engage in any business activity except for the purpose of winding up its business and affairs, preserving the value of its assets and distributing assets to Stockholders after the payment to (or reservation of assets for payment to) all creditors of the Fund; provided that the Fund may, prior to the making of the final liquidating distribution and as determined to be appropriate by the Board, make payment of dividends and other distributions to Stockholders and permit the reinvestment thereof in additional Shares. After the distribution of assets to Stockholders, the Fund will be dissolved in accordance with the Liquidation Plan and Maryland law. The Liquidation Plan provides that the Directors may authorize such variations from, or amendments to, the provisions of the Liquidation Plan as may be necessary or appropriate to effect the dissolution and complete liquidation and termination of the existence of the Fund in accordance with the purposes intended to be accomplished by the Liquidation Plan.

As soon as practicable after the Effective Date and after Stockholder approval of the Liquidation Plan, the Fund will send to each Stockholder of record not holding a stock certificate a liquidating distribution equal to the Stockholder's proportionate interest in the remaining assets of the Fund and information concerning the sources of the liquidating distribution. Each Stockholder holding stock certificates of the Fund will receive a confirmation showing the number of Shares represented by such stock certificates and the total number of outstanding Shares of the Fund as of the Valuation Date. This confirmation will include advice that each Stockholder will be paid such Stockholder's proportionate

interest in the net assets of the Fund in cash upon return of the stock certificate. Except as may be otherwise agreed to between the Fund and the Adviser, all expenses incurred by or allocable to the Fund in carrying out the Liquidation Plan and dissolving the Fund shall be borne by the Adviser.

General Income Tax Consequences

The following is a summary of certain federal income tax considerations generally relevant to the Fund and its Stockholders. No attempt is made to present a detailed explanation of the tax treatment of the Fund or its Stockholders, and the discussion here is not intended as a substitute for careful tax planning. Stockholders are urged to consult their tax advisors with specific reference to their own tax situations.

This general discussion of certain federal income tax consequences is based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and the regulations issued thereunder as in effect on the date of this Proxy Statement. New legislation, as well as administrative changes or court decisions, may significantly change the conclusions expressed herein, possibly with retroactive effect.

If its Stockholders approve the liquidation and dissolution of the Fund pursuant to the Liquidation Plan, the Fund will sell its assets and distribute the proceeds and any income to Stockholders. The Fund anticipates that it will retain its qualification for treatment as a regulated investment company during the liquidation period and will make required distributions so that it will not be taxed on the Fund's net gain, if any, realized from the sale of its assets. The Fund may, if eligible, treat all or a portion of the amounts required to be distributed as having been paid out as part of the liquidation distribution.

The Fund expects to treat all or a portion of its investment company taxable income, if any, and its net capital gains, if any, required to be distributed for the taxable years ending at or prior to the dissolution date, as an income dividend or capital gain distribution, as applicable, on account of the Fund's final taxable year as having been paid out as liquidation distributions made to the Fund's Stockholders in complete liquidation of the Fund. As described in the next paragraph, any such liquidation distributions (in lieu of an income dividend or capital gain distribution) will be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as having been received by Fund Stockholders as consideration for a sale or exchange of their Fund stock. However, to the extent necessary, the Fund may declare, before the date of dissolution, a dividend or dividends which, together with all previous such dividends, will have the effect of distributing to the Fund's Stockholders all or a portion of such income for the taxable years ending at or prior to the dissolution date (computed without regard to any deduction for dividends paid), if any, realized in the taxable years ending at or prior to the dissolution date (after reduction for any capital loss carry-forward) and any additional amounts necessary to avoid any income or excise tax for such periods. The tax consequences to Stockholders from any such dividends will be the same as is normally the case.

A Stockholder who receives liquidating distributions will be treated as having received the distribution in exchange for the Stockholder's stock in the Fund and will recognize gain or loss based on the difference between the amount received and the Stockholder's basis in the Fund stock. If a Stockholder holds stock as capital assets, the gain or loss will be characterized as a capital gain or loss. If the stock has been held for more than one year, any such gain will be treated as long-term capital gain, taxable to individual Stockholders at a maximum U.S. federal tax rate of 15%, and any such loss will be treated as long-term capital loss. Capital gain or loss on stock held for one year or less will be treated as short-term capital gain or loss, except that any loss realized with respect to stock in the Fund held for six months or less will be treated as long-term capital loss to the extent of any capital gain dividends that were received on the stock.

Liquidating distributions to a Stockholder may be subject to backup withholding. Generally, Stockholders subject to backup withholding will be those for whom no taxpayer identification number is on file with the Fund, those who, to the Fund's knowledge, have furnished an incorrect number, and those who underreport their tax liability. Certain Stockholders specified in the Code may be exempt from backup withholding. The backup withholding tax is not an additional tax and may be credited against a taxpayer's U.S. federal income tax liability.

Required Vote

Approval of the liquidation and dissolution of the Fund pursuant to the Liquidation Plan is to be determined by the vote of a majority of the outstanding Shares of the Fund.

The Board of Directors of the Fund recommends that you vote "FOR" the liquidation and dissolution of the Fund.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS

To the knowledge of the management of the Fund, the following persons owned beneficially more than 5% of the noted Fund's outstanding Shares at [_____], 2012. This information is based on publicly available Schedule 13D and 13G disclosures filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission").

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Class
City of London Investment Group PLC and City of London Investment Management Company Limited 77 Gracechurch Street, London England EC3V 0AS	2,197,786 Shares with shared voting power and shared dispositive power	30.70%
Lazard Asset Management LLC 30 Rockefeller Plaza New York, New York 10112	638,542 Shares with sole voting power and sole dispositive power	8.46%
1607 Capital Partners, LLC 4991 Lake Brook Dr., Suite 125 Glen Allen, Virginia 23060	297,840 Shares with sole voting power and sole dispositive power	4.16%

As of June 14, 2012, the aggregate number of Shares of the Fund owned by the Fund's officers and Directors as a group was less than one percent of the Fund's outstanding Shares.

SECTION 16(A) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires that the Fund's executive officers and Directors, and beneficial owners of more than 10% of its Shares, make certain filings on a timely basis under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act. Based solely on a review of copies of such reports of ownership furnished to the Fund, the Fund believes that during the past fiscal year all of its officers, directors and greater than 10% beneficial holders complied with all applicable filing requirements.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORTS AND AUDITOR FEES**Report of the Audit Committee**

At a meeting held on December 8, 2011, the Board of Directors of the Fund, including a majority of the Directors who are not "interested persons," as defined under the 1940 Act, of the Fund acting on the recommendation of the Audit Committee of the Fund, selected Ernst & Young LLP to act as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012. The Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from Ernst & Young LLP required by Public Company Accounting Oversight Board's Ethics and Independence Rule 3526 and has discussed with Ernst & Young LLP its independence with respect to the Fund. The Fund knows of no direct financial or material indirect financial interest of Ernst & Young LLP in the Fund.

The Fund's financial statements for its most recent fiscal year were audited by Ernst & Young LLP. The Audit Committee of the Fund has reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements of the Fund with management of the Fund. The Audit Committee of the Fund has further discussed with Ernst & Young LLP the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61 (Codification of Statements on Auditing Standards, AU Section 380). Based on the foregoing review and discussions, the

Audit Committee of the Fund recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited financial statements for the Fund's most recent fiscal year end be included in the Fund's most recent annual report to Stockholders and the Fund's annual report filed with the Commission.

Joseph J. Kearns, Chairperson of the Audit Committee
Michael E. Nugent, Member of the Audit Committee
W. Allen Reed, Member of the Audit Committee

Audit Fees

The aggregate fees billed by Ernst & Young LLP in connection with the annual audit of the Fund's financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 amounted to \$53,800 and \$53,800, respectively.

Audit-Related Fees

There were no fees billed by Ernst & Young LLP related to the annual audit of the Fund's financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010.

Tax Fees

The aggregate fees billed by Ernst & Young LLP in connection with tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning for the Fund for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 amounted to \$3,380 and \$3,380, respectively, which represent fees paid for the review of the Federal, state and local tax returns for the Fund.

All Other Fees

There were no fees billed by Ernst & Young LLP for any other products and services not set forth above for the Fund for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010.

Audit Committee Pre-approval

The Fund's Audit Committee's policy is to review and pre-approve all auditing and non-auditing services to be provided to the Fund by the Fund's independent auditors. The Audit Committee Audit and Non-Audit Pre-Approval Policy and Procedures requires the Fund's Audit Committee to either generally pre-approve certain services without consideration of specific case-by-case services, or requires the specific pre-approval of services by the Audit Committee or its delegate. Under the Policy, unless a type of service has received general pre-approval, it will require specific pre-approval by the Audit Committee if it is to be provided by the independent auditors. Any services that are generally pre-approved may require specific pre-approval by the Audit Committee if the services exceed pre-approved cost levels or budgeted amounts. All of the audit, audit-related and the tax services described above for which each of Ernst & Young LLP billed the Fund fees for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 were pre-approved by the Audit Committee.

Aggregate Non-Audit Fees paid by the Adviser and Affiliated Entities

The aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by Ernst & Young LLP, as applicable, for all other services provided to the Adviser and to any entities controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Adviser for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 amounted to \$1,222,720 and \$290,303, respectively.

Such services for the 2011 and 2010 fiscal years included: (i) audit-related fees of \$0 and \$0, respectively, for the issuance of a report under Statement on Accounting Standards No. 70

titled "Reports on the Processing of Transactions by Service Organizations" and (ii) all other fees of \$1,222,720 and \$290,303, respectively, related to services such as performance attestation.

The Audit Committee of the Fund has considered whether the provision of non-audit services and the provision of services to affiliates of the Adviser is compatible with maintaining the independence of Ernst & Young LLP.

Representatives from Ernst & Young LLP are not expected to be present at the Meeting. Ernst & Young LLP will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and representatives from Ernst & Young LLP are expected to be available by telephone to respond to appropriate questions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

No business other than as set forth herein is expected to come before any Meeting, but should any other matter requiring a vote of Stockholders arise, including any question as to an adjournment of the Meeting, the persons named in the enclosed Proxy Card(s) will vote thereon according to their best judgment in the interests of the Fund. In the event that the necessary quorum to transact business or the vote required to approve or reject any Proposal for any Fund is not obtained at the Meeting of any Fund, the persons named as proxies may propose one or more adjournments of the Meeting of the Fund to permit further solicitation of proxies. Any such adjournment will require the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the Fund's Shares present in person or by Proxy at the Meeting. In the event a quorum is present at the Meeting but sufficient votes to approve any of the Proposals with respect to the Fund are not received, Proxies (including abstentions and "broker non-votes," if any) would be voted in favor of one or more adjournments of the Meeting with respect to such Proposal to permit further solicitation of Proxies, provided the persons named as proxies determine that such an adjournment and additional solicitation is reasonable and in the interest of Stockholders. For purposes of Proposal 1, abstentions are not counted as votes "for" or "withheld."

Abstentions and broker "non-votes" will not count as votes in favor of any Proposal, but will be deemed to be present at the Meeting of any Fund for purposes of determining a quorum. Broker "non-votes" are Shares held in street name for which the broker indicates that instructions have not been received from the beneficial owners or other persons entitled to vote and for which the broker does not have discretionary voting authority.

STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR 2013 ANNUAL MEETING

A Stockholder's Proposal intended to be presented at the Fund's Annual Meeting of Stockholders in 2013 must be received by such Fund on or before February 19, 2013 in order to be included in the Fund's proxy statement and Proxy Card relating to that meeting. Any Stockholder who desires to bring a Proposal at the Fund's Annual Meeting of Stockholders in 2013, without including such Proposal in the Fund's proxy statement, must deliver written notice thereof to the Secretary of such Fund not before April 25, 2013 and not later than May 24, 2013, in the manner and form required by the Fund's By-Laws. The Fund will furnish, without charge, a copy of its By-Laws to any Stockholder of such Fund requesting such By-Laws.

Requests for the Fund's By-Laws should be made in writing to the Fund, c/o Morgan Stanley Investment Management, 522 Fifth Avenue, Legal Department-19th Floor, New York, NY 10036.

MARY E. MULLIN
Secretary

Dated: June [__], 2012

Stockholders of the Fund who do not expect to be present at the Meeting for the Fund and who wish to have their Shares voted are requested to vote their Shares over the Internet, by telephone or by dating and signing the enclosed Proxy Card for the Fund and returning it in the enclosed envelope. No postage is required if mailed in the United States.

EXHIBIT A

**CHARTER
OF THE
AUDIT COMMITTEE
OF THE
MORGAN STANLEY FUNDS**

**ADOPTED ON JULY 31, 2003
AND
AS AMENDED AND RESTATED ON FEBRUARY 20, 2007
AND
AS FURTHER AMENDED ON FEBRUARY 24, 2009, JUNE 17, 2010
AND JUNE 6, 2011**

The Boards of Directors/Trustees (collectively, the "Board") of the investment companies (each a "Fund" and collectively, the "Funds") advised or managed by Morgan Stanley Investment Advisors Inc., Morgan Stanley Investment Management Inc. and Morgan Stanley AIP GP LP (collectively the "Adviser") listed on the attached Exhibit A has adopted and approved this charter for the audit committee of the Board (the "Audit Committee").⁽¹⁾

• Structure And Membership of the Audit Committee

Independent Directors and Trustees

Each member of the Audit Committee shall be an independent director or trustee. A person shall be considered to be independent if he or she: (a) is independent as defined in New York Stock Exchange Listed Company Standard 303.01 (2) and (3); (b) is not an "interested person" as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Investment Company Act of 1940; and (c) does not accept, directly or indirectly, any consulting, advisory or other compensatory fee from any of the Funds or their investment advisor or any affiliated person of the advisor, other than fees from the Funds for serving as a member of the Board or Committees of the Board.

The Audit Committee shall consist of not less than three members of the Board.

The Audit Committee shall have a Chairperson. The Chairperson or his/her designee shall set the agenda for, and preside at, each meeting of the Audit Committee and shall engage in such other activities on behalf of the Audit Committee as shall be determined from time to time by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee will, periodically, meet separately with management, with internal auditors and with independent auditors to perform its oversight functions. The Audit Committee will also generally discuss policies in place with respect to risk assessment and risk management of the Funds.

The Chairperson and members of the Audit Committee shall be appointed by the Governance Committee of the Funds in consultation with the Board. As part of the annual Board self evaluation, the Audit Committee members will evaluate the performance of the Audit Committee.

⁽¹⁾ Solely for the sake of clarity and simplicity, this Charter has been drafted as if there is a single Committee and a single Board. The terms "Committee," "Directors/Trustees" and "Board" mean the Committee, Directors/Trustees and the Board of each Fund, respectively, unless the context otherwise requires. The Committee, Directors/Trustees and the Board of each Fund, however, shall act separately and in the best interests of its respective Fund.

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Financially Literate

Each member of the Audit Committee shall be "financially literate," as such term is interpreted by the Board in its business judgment.

Audit Committee Financial Expert

The Audit Committee shall determine whether at least one member of the Audit Committee is an "audit committee financial expert," as that term is defined in the General Instructions of Form N-SAR, sub-item 102P3(b)(6).

• Auditor Independence

An independent public accounting firm may serve as a Fund's auditor (the "Auditor") only if it complies with all of the independence requirements set forth in Regulation S-X under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board's ("PCAOB") Ethics and Independence Rule 3526, subject to such exceptions, not prohibited by law, as the Audit Committee may allow. The Auditor shall: (i) at least annually, submit to the Audit Committee a certification of its independence, delineating all relationships between the Auditor and the Fund, consistent with Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X under the Securities Act of 1933 and the PCAOB's Ethics and Independence Rule 3526, and (ii) actively engage in a dialogue with the Audit Committee with respect to any disclosed relationships or services that may affect the objectivity and independence of such independent accountants, including relationships with or services provided to the Fund's other service providers.

• Registration with PCAOB

The Auditor must be registered with the PCAOB.

• Regulatory Action

Promptly upon initiation against it of any inquiry or investigation by a governmental authority the Auditor shall provide information to the Audit Committee regarding any material issues raised in such inquiry or investigation and any steps taken to deal with them.

• Duties and Powers of Audit Committee

The Audit Committee shall have the duty and power to:

- make recommendations to the Board regarding selection of the Auditor;
- oversee and evaluate the work of the Auditor;
- require the Auditor to report directly to the Audit Committee;
- determine the compensation of the Auditor for audit and non-audit services provided to the Funds and decide whether to continue to retain the services of the Auditor or to terminate them;
- pre-approve all audit, non-audit and attest services provided to the Funds and any non-audit services provided to the investment adviser of the Funds or to any other entity in the Fund Complex as required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the "SOX Act") and rules promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") under the SOX Act, or establish policies and procedures pursuant to which any of such services is pre-approved (which are attached

hereto as Appendix B); provided that such policies and procedures are detailed as to the particular service and do not delegate any of the Audit Committee's responsibilities to management but may delegate pre-approval authority to one or more of its members (except with respect to the annual audit of each Fund required by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934); and provided further, that

Exhibit A-2

pre-approval of services may be waived pursuant to a de minimis exception allowed by SEC rules, as construed by the Board's independent counsel;

- consider whether any services rendered by the Auditor to the investment adviser and other entities in the Fund Complex, which were not pre-approved, are compatible with maintaining the Auditor's independence;
- review the written certification regarding the independence requirements applicable to the Auditor as set forth in section 2 above to satisfy itself that the Auditor is independent under the standards set forth therein;
- require the Auditor to report quarterly to the Audit Committee: (a) all critical accounting policies and practices; (b) any changes in accounting or auditing procedures, principles, practices, standards or financial reporting; (c) any alternative treatments of financial information within generally accepted accounting principles that the Auditor has discussed with management, the ramifications of the use of any such alternative treatment or disclosure, and the treatment preferred by the Auditor; (d) any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, PCAOB or peer review, of the Auditor, or by inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities, within the preceding five years, respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the Auditor, and any steps taken to deal with any such issue; (e) any other written communications between the Auditor and management, including any management letter or schedule of unadjusted differences; and (f) all non-audit services provided to a non-Fund entity in the Fund Complex which were not pre-approved and associated fees; provided that, if the report is not made within 90 days of the filing of a Fund's financial statements with the SEC, the Auditor shall provide an update of any changes;
- review and discuss with the Auditor: (a) matters required to be communicated by the Auditor to the Audit Committee pursuant to the Statement of Auditing Standards Nos. 61 and 90 and any other standards established by the PCAOB; including, without limitation, any adjustment to a Fund's financial statements recommended by the Auditor, or any other results of any audit; (b) any problems or difficulties encountered in the course of the audit; and (c) any areas of substantial risk in accurate reporting of financial results and operations of the Funds;
- review arrangements for annual and special audits and the scope of such audits with the Fund's independent accountants;
- review and discuss the Fund's audited and semi-annual financial statements with Fund management;
- review final drafts of closed-end Fund annual financial statements, discuss with management and the Auditor and decide whether to recommend that the statements, with or without any revisions, be included in the Fund's annual report;
- to cause to be prepared and to review and submit any report, including any recommendation of the Audit Committee, required by SEC rules to be included in the Fund's proxy statement;
- review legal and regulatory matters presented by counsel and the Fund's Auditor that may have a material impact on the Fund's financial statements;
- consider with the Auditor their comments with respect to the quality and adequacy of the Fund's accounting and financial reporting policies, practices and internal controls and management's responses thereto, including, without limitation, the effect on the Fund of any recommendation of changes in accounting principles or practices by management or the Auditor;

- receive reports from the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer, or persons performing similar functions, regarding: (i) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of a Fund's internal controls that could adversely affect the Fund's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data and have identified for the Auditor any material weaknesses in internal controls; (ii) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves Fund management or other employees who have a significant role in the Fund's internal controls; and (iii) whether or not there were significant changes in the Fund's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect the Fund's internal controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses;
- establish procedures for the confidential, anonymous submission by employees and officers of the Funds or their affiliates or others of concerns or complaints regarding any accounting, internal audit controls or audit matter and the retention of records related to the retention and treatment of such concerns in accordance with the requirements of the SOX Act;
- oversee any (a) disagreements and/or (b) resolutions to disagreements between management of a Fund and the Fund's Auditor regarding financial reporting;
- require inside and outside counsel to report to the Audit Committee evidence of any material violation of securities law or breach of fiduciary duty or similar violation by a Fund or any agent of a Fund; and
 - perform such other functions consistent with this Audit Committee Charter, the Fund's Articles of Incorporation, the Fund's Declaration of Trust, the Fund's By-laws, or the Fund's partnership agreement, as applicable, and applicable law, as the Audit Committee or the Board deems necessary or appropriate.

Valuation

- develop a sufficient knowledge of the valuation process and of the Adviser's Valuation and Liquidity Procedures (the "Pricing Procedures") in order to carry out its responsibilities;
- review information provided by the Adviser or other advisers regarding industry developments in connection with valuation and pricing. The Committee may make recommendations to the Board of the Funds with respect to the Pricing Procedures based upon such review;
- review minutes of all monthly Adviser Valuation Committee and all Adviser Ad Hoc Valuation Committee meetings;
- review the reports described in the Pricing Procedures and other information from the Adviser Valuation Committee and Adviser Ad Hoc Valuation Committee regarding fair value determinations made pursuant to the Pricing Procedures. The Committee shall report to and make recommendations to the Board of the Funds in connection with such reports;
- review and recommend to the Board any proposed amendments to the Pricing Procedures;
- meet at least annually to review the pricing procedures and methodologies utilized in the valuation of portfolio securities of the Funds; and
- review, as the Committee is informed by the Adviser, (a) any material changes in the pricing services and/or methodology utilized by a pricing service retained by the Funds and/or (b) any issue or significant problems that may have arisen.

Authority to Engage Independent Counsel and Advisers

The Audit Committee is authorized to: (a) engage independent counsel, which may also be counsel to the Funds' independent Directors/Trustees, and other advisers, as it determines to be necessary to carry out its duties; and (b) require the Funds to provide appropriate funding, as determined by the Audit Committee, for payment of compensation to the Auditor, the independent counsel and other advisers.

Scope of Audit Committee Responsibility

In fulfilling their responsibilities under this Audit Committee Charter, it is recognized that members of the Audit Committee are not full-time employees of the Fund. As such, it is not the duty or responsibility of the Audit Committee or its members to conduct "field work" or other types of auditing or accounting reviews or procedures. Each member of the Audit Committee shall be entitled to rely on (i) the integrity of those persons and organizations inside and outside the Fund from which the Audit Committee receives information and (ii) the accuracy of the financial, valuation and other information provided to the Audit Committee by such persons or organizations, absent actual knowledge to the contrary (which actual knowledge shall be promptly reported to the Board).

Fund management is responsible for maintaining appropriate systems for accounting. The Auditor is responsible for conducting a proper audit of each Fund's financial statements and is ultimately accountable to the Audit Committee.

• Meetings of the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee shall meet independently at each regularly scheduled Board meeting and at such other times as deemed appropriate by the Audit Committee but no less frequently than quarterly, including to approve the scope of the proposed audit of a Fund's financial statements by the Auditors and to review the report of the Auditors following such audit. Members of the Audit Committee may participate in a meeting of the Audit Committee by means of conference call or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in such meeting can hear each other.

• Interim Actions by the Audit Committee

From time to time, the Audit Committee may delegate to the Chairperson or other designated Audit Committee member the responsibility to act, on an interim basis between meetings of the Audit Committee or Board, on audit and valuation related matters, including but not limited to, specifically, approval of annual financial statements, provided that the Audit Committee or Board is not required by this Charter or law to take such actions or is not prevented by this Charter or law from delegating such actions. Interim actions may be taken by written consent of the Audit Committee. All other interim actions by the Chairperson or his/her designee will be submitted for ratification at the next meeting of the Audit Committee.

• Minutes of Meetings: Reporting the Board

The Audit Committee shall cause to be made and kept minutes of its meetings. The Audit Committee shall report to the Board its activities, findings and recommendations.

• Review of Charter

The Audit Committee shall review this Audit Committee Charter at least annually, and shall recommend any changes to the Board. This Audit Committee Charter may be amended only by the Board, with the approval of a majority of the independent Directors/Trustees.

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APPENDIX A

**AUDIT COMMITTEE
AUDIT AND NON-AUDIT SERVICES
PRE-APPROVAL POLICY AND PROCEDURES
OF THE
MORGAN STANLEY FUNDS**

AS ADOPTED AND AMENDED JULY 23, 2004,⁽²⁾

Statement of Principles

The Audit Committee of the Board is required to review and, in its sole discretion, pre-approve all Covered Services to be p