

Disclosure of Certain Events Associated with Engaged Placement Agents

Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, LLC

(Effective December 9, 2024)

On December 9, 2024, the Division of Corporation Finance on behalf of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) by delegated authority granted Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, LLC (“MSSB” or “MSWM”), a waiver of the disqualification provision in Rule 506(d)(1)(iv) of Regulation D under the Securities Act of 1933 (“Securities Act”). For the duration of the undertakings detailed below, MSWM is required to furnish or cause to be furnished the following disclosure to customers prior to purchasing a Rule 506 offering issued or distributed by MSWM:

On December 9, 2024, the SEC entered into a settlement order with MSWM settling an administrative action, which relates to misappropriation of client funds in brokerage and advisory accounts by four former MSWM financial advisors (the “FAs”). The SEC found that MSWM failed to adopt and implement policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent personnel from misusing and misappropriating funds in client accounts and that MSWM’s inadequate policies and procedures and systems to implement them led to its failure reasonably to supervise the four FAs, who misappropriated funds from client and customer accounts while employed at MSWM. Specifically, the SEC found that MSWM failed to adopt and implement policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent and detect unauthorized externally-initiated ACH payments and unauthorized cash wires. Upon being informed of the potential unauthorized activity in the customer accounts of two of the FAs, MSWM promptly investigated the matters, terminated the FAs, reported the fraud to law enforcement agencies, and fully repaid the affected clients. MSWM also conducted a retroactive review of payment instructions for externally-initiated ACH payment instructions, which led to the identification of misconduct by the other two FAs. MSWM accordingly terminated the other two FAs and reported the misconduct to SEC staff. On its own initiative, MSWM instituted new written procedures to address the conduct at issue and retained an independent compliance consultant to perform a review and assessment. The SEC found that MSWM willfully violated section 206(4) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (“Advisers Act”) and Rule 206(4)-7 thereunder. The SEC also found that MSWM failed to supervise the FAs within the meaning of Section 203(e)(6) of the Advisers Act and/or Section 15(b)(4)(E) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. MSWM consented, without admitting or denying the findings, to a censure; to cease and desist from committing or causing future violations; to certain undertakings, including the retention of an Independent Compliance Consultant to review MSWM’s policies, procedures and controls related to the conduct in the Order and to pay a civil penalty of \$15,000,000.