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\$30,000,000
30,000 UNITS OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP INTEREST
MERRILL LYNCH KECALP L.P. 1994

\$1,000 PER UNIT

MINIMUM INVESTMENT 5 UNITS (\$5,000)

Merrill Lynch KECALP L.P. 1994 (the "Partnership") hereby offers 30,000 units of limited partnership interest (the "Units") in the Partnership to certain employees of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. ("ML & Co.") and its subsidiaries and to non-employee directors of ML & Co. The Partnership's principal offices are at South Tower, World Financial Center, 225 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10080-6123 and its telephone number is (212) 236-7302. KECALP Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of ML & Co., is the general partner (the "General Partner") of the Partnership. The Partnership will operate as a non-diversified, closed-end investment company of the management type. The General Partner has obtained an order from the Securities and Exchange Commission exempting the Partnership, as an "employees' securities company", from certain provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940. See "Exemptions from the Investment Company Act of 1940".

The investment objective of the Partnership is to seek long-term capital appreciation. It is expected that a substantial portion of the proceeds of this offering will be invested in privately-offered equity investments in leveraged buyout transactions and in transactions involving financial restructurings or recapitalizations of operating companies. Investments may also be made in real estate opportunities and, to a lesser extent, in venture capital transactions. The Partnership may make other investments in equity and fixed income securities that the General Partner considers appropriate in terms of their potential for long-term capital appreciation. The Partnership's investment policies involve a very high degree of risk. See "Investor Suitability Standards", "Conflicts of Interest", "Risk and Other Important Factors" and "Investment Objective and Policies". The Partnership may borrow funds for investment in securities, which would have the effect of leveraging the Units. See "Investment Objective and Policies Leverage".

The Units are being offered by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("MLPF&S") on a "best efforts" basis. This offering will terminate not later than June 9, 1994, or such other subsequent date, not later than July 7, 1994, as MLPF&S and the General Partner may agree upon (the "Offering Termination Date"). If subscriptions for 5,000 Units have not been received by the Offering Termination Date, no Units will be sold. Funds paid by subscribers will be deposited in a bank escrow account and held in trust for the benefit of subscribers, and, if the required minimum is not obtained or other conditions not satisfied, will be refunded promptly with interest, if any. Subscriptions deposited in the escrow account may not be terminated or withdrawn by subscribers. See "Offering and Sale of Units".

This Prospectus sets forth concisely information about the Partnership that a prospective investor ought to know before investing. Investors are advised to read this Prospectus and retain it for future reference.

THE UNITS ARE A SPECULATIVE INVESTMENT AND THIS OFFERING INVOLVES
VARIOUS SUBSTANTIAL RISKS AS DESCRIBED IN THIS PROSPECTUS.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND
EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION, NOR HAS THE
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES
COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF
THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE
CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

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PRICE TO PUBLIC	SALES LOAD (1)	PROCEEDS TO PARTNERSHIP (2)
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Per Unit	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000
Total Minimum	\$ 5,000,000	--	\$ 5,000,000
Total Maximum	\$30,000,000	--	\$30,000,000
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MERRILL LYNCH & CO.

THE DATE OF THIS PROSPECTUS IS APRIL 15, 1994.

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- (1) No sales commission will be charged purchasers of Units. The General Partner has agreed to indemnify MLPF&S against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933. See "Offering and Sale of Units".
- (2) Before deducting organizational and offering expenses payable by the Partnership, estimated at \$205,000 but not exceeding 2% of the proceeds of the offering. The General Partner will bear the remaining costs, if any, of forming the Partnership and registering the Units under the Securities Act of 1933 and the securities laws of various states.

NO DEALER, SALESMAN OR ANY OTHER PERSON HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATIONS OTHER THAN THOSE CONTAINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS AND, IF GIVEN OR MADE, SUCH INFORMATION AND REPRESENTATIONS MUST NOT BE RELIED UPON. THIS PROSPECTUS DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER TO SELL OR A SOLICITATION OF AN OFFER TO BUY ANY OF THE SECURITIES OFFERED HEREBY IN ANY STATE TO ANY PERSON TO WHOM IT IS UNLAWFUL TO MAKE SUCH OFFER.

UNTIL JULY 14, 1994, ALL DEALERS EFFECTING TRANSACTIONS IN THE UNITS, WHETHER OR NOT PARTICIPATING IN THIS DISTRIBUTION, MAY BE REQUIRED TO DELIVER A CURRENT COPY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE OBLIGATION OF DEALERS TO DELIVER A PROSPECTUS WHEN ACTING AS UNDERWRITERS.

INVESTOR SUITABILITY STANDARDS

Only employees of ML & Co. and its subsidiaries and non-employee directors of ML & Co. who meet the suitability standards described below will be eligible to purchase Units. THE PURCHASE OF UNITS INVOLVES SIGNIFICANT RISKS AND UNITS ARE NOT A SUITABLE INVESTMENT FOR ALL QUALIFIED INVESTORS. See "Risk and Other Important Factors".

1. Substantial Means and Net Worth. The purchase of Units is suitable only for those persons who have no need for liquidity in this investment and who have adequate means of providing for their current needs and contingencies. Accordingly, no Units will be sold to an employee of ML & Co. or its subsidiaries or a non-employee director of ML & Co. unless such investor (i) in the case of employees of ML & Co. or its subsidiaries, has a current annual salary in an amount which, together with bonus received from ML & Co. or its subsidiaries in respect of 1993, equals at least \$100,000 or, if employed for less than a full calendar year, is employed with an annualized gross income from ML & Co. or its subsidiaries of at least \$100,000, or (ii) in the case of non-employee directors of ML & Co., (a) has a net worth (exclusive of homes, home furnishings, personal automobiles and the amount to be invested in Units) of not less than \$125,000 in excess of the price of the Units for which such investor has subscribed, or (b) has a net worth (exclusive of homes, home furnishings, personal automobiles and the amount to be invested in Units) of not less than \$100,000 in excess of the price of the Units for which such investor has subscribed and expects to have during each of the current and the next three taxable years, gross income from all sources in excess of \$100,000. Investors will be required to

represent in writing in the Subscription Agreement that they meet the applicable requirements. Investors who can make such representation are hereinafter referred to as "Qualified Investors". CERTAIN MAXIMUM PURCHASE RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN IMPOSED ON QUALIFIED INVESTORS. SEE "OFFERING AND SALE OF UNITS MAXIMUM PURCHASE BY QUALIFIED INVESTORS".

2. Ability and Willingness to Accept Risks. The economic benefit from an investment in the Partnership depends on many factors beyond the control of the General Partner, including general economic conditions, changes in governmental regulation, inflation, tax treatment of portfolio investments and resale value of Partnership investments. See "Risk and Other Important Factors". Accordingly, the suitability for any Qualified Investor of a purchase of Units will depend on, among other things, such investor's investment objectives and such investor's ability to accept speculative risks.

3. Ability to Accept Limitations on Transferability. PURCHASERS OF UNITS SHOULD VIEW THEIR INTEREST IN THE PARTNERSHIP AS A LONG-TERM, ILLIQUID INVESTMENT. Limited partners may not be able to liquidate their investment in the event of emergency or for any other reason because there is not any public market for Partnership Units and there are restrictions contained in the Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership (the "Partnership Agreement"), the form of which is attached as Exhibit A to this Prospectus, which are intended to prevent the development of a public market for Units. Moreover, the transferability of Units is subject to certain restrictions in the Partnership Agreement and may be affected by restrictions on resales imposed by the laws of some states. See "Transferability of Units".

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SUMMARY OF THE OFFERING

The summary information below should be read in conjunction with the detailed information provided elsewhere in this Prospectus.

INTRODUCTION:

The Partnership is designed as a convenient vehicle for Qualified Investors to acquire interests in a portfolio of varied investments. It is expected that a substantial portion of the Partnership's investments will be privately-offered equity investments that have been made available to ML & Co. or its affiliates and are generally not available to individuals. See "Investment Objective and Policies".

THE OFFERING:

30,000 units of limited partnership interest in the Partnership, each representing a capital contribution of \$1,000. MLPF&S is acting as selling agent for the Partnership and the General Partner. The minimum investment is five Units (\$5,000) and additional Units may be purchased in increments of \$1,000. Certain maximum purchase restrictions will be imposed on Qualified Investors (see page 39). The offering will terminate not later than June 9, 1994, or such subsequent date, not later than July 7, 1994, as the General Partner and MLPF&S may determine. If subscriptions for 5,000 Units are not received by the Offering Termination Date, none will be accepted, and all funds received will be refunded with interest, if any, actually earned thereon. If properly executed subscriptions for 5,000 or more Units are received, the General Partner

will accept all such subscriptions (up to the maximum of 30,000). If subscriptions for more than 30,000 Units are received, the General Partner may reject any subscription in whole or part. Funds paid for any subscription for Units that is rejected will be refunded promptly. Qualified Investors admitted as limited partners are hereinafter referred to, together with the initial limited partner and any substituted limited partners, as the "Limited Partners". The Units will be non-assessable. See "Offering and Sale of Units".

THE PARTNERSHIP:

A Delaware limited partnership formed on January 4, 1994. Its address is South Tower, World Financial Center, 225 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10080-6123 (telephone: (212) 236-7302). The Partnership will operate as a non-diversified, closed-end investment company of the management type under the Investment Company Act of 1940. An order has been obtained from the Securities and Exchange Commission exempting the Partnership from certain provisions of such Act. The functions and responsibilities of the General Partner and the rights of the Limited Partners are authorized by or specified in the Partnership Agreement. See "The Partnership", "Summary of the Partnership Agreement" and "Exemptions from the Investment Company Act of 1940".

THE GENERAL PARTNER:

KECALP Inc. (the "General Partner"), a Delaware corporation indirectly wholly-owned by ML & Co., a Delaware corporation, and located at South Tower, World Financial Center, 225 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10080-6123 (telephone: (212) 236-7302). The General Partner will manage and make investment decisions for the Partnership. KECALP Inc. serves as the general partner of Merrill Lynch KECALP Growth Investments Limited Partnership 1983 (the "1983 Partnership"), Merrill Lynch KECALP L.P. 1984 (the "1984 Partnership"), Merrill Lynch KECALP L.P. 1986 (the "1986 Partnership"), Merrill Lynch KECALP L.P. 1987 (the "1987 Partnership"), Merrill Lynch KECALP L.P. 1989 (the "1989 Partnership") and Merrill Lynch KECALP L.P. 1991 (the "1991

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Partnership", and together with each of such other partnerships, the "KECALP Partnerships"), and it is contemplated that in the future it will serve in the same capacity for other similar partnerships that may be offered to the same class of limited partner investors. See "The General Partner and Its Affiliates". The General Partner has also been designated to serve as Tax Matters Partner for the Partnership with respect to all administrative and judicial proceedings relating to an audit of the Partnership's U.S. Federal income tax information return. See "Tax Aspects of Investment in the Partnership".

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE:

The investment objective of the Partnership is to seek long-term capital appreciation. It is expected that a substantial portion of its assets will be invested in privately-offered equity investments in leveraged buyout transactions and in transactions involving financial restructurings or recapitalization of operating companies. Investments may also be made in real estate opportunities and, to a lesser extent, in venture capital transactions. The Partnership anticipates that many of its investments will be made available to it by ML & Co. or its affiliates. Information concerning potential sources of investments, including potential co-investment opportunities, is set forth under "Investment Objective and Policies--Sources of Investment Opportunities" on page 21. The Partnership may make other investments in equity and fixed income securities that the General Partner considers appropriate in terms of their potential for capital appreciation. Current income will not generally be a significant factor in the selection of investments. There can be no assurance that the Partnership's investment objective will be attained. See "Investment Objective and Policies" and "Tax Aspects of Investment in the Partnership". The General Partner has approved the purchase by the Partnership of three initial investments. See "Investment Objective and Policies--Proposed Initial Investment".

LEVERAGE:

The Partnership is authorized to borrow funds when it believes such action is desirable to enable the Partnership to make new investments or follow-on investments. Such use of leverage would exaggerate increases or decreases in the Partnership's net assets. See "Investment Objective and Policies--Leverage".

COMPENSATION AND FEES:

The Partnership will pay organizational and offering expenses in an amount of up to 2% of the proceeds of the offering. During the term of the Partnership, the General Partner is obligated to pay all expenses, fees, commissions and other expenditures on behalf of the Partnership not paid by ML & Co. or its other subsidiaries. The General Partner will be entitled to receive annual reimbursements from the Partnership, in amounts of up to 1.5% of the Limited Partners capital contributions, of operating expenses incurred by the General Partner with respect to the Partnership. Expenses paid by the General Partner that are not reimbursed to it shall be deemed a contribution to capital and be reflected in the General Partner's capital account. Since repayment of any positive amount in a Partner's capital account is a priority item upon dissolution, the General Partner may, upon dissolution, recoup expenditures made on behalf of the Partnership. In addition, the General Partner will be entitled to a 1% interest in

all items of Partnership income, gain, deduction, loss and credit, for which it has no obligation to make a cash capital contribution upon the admission of Qualified Investors as Limited Partners. To the extent that investments are made in transactions in which affiliates of the General Partner are involved, certain other benefits may accrue to affiliates. See "Compensation and Fees".

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PARTNERSHIP DISTRIBUTIONS
AND ALLOCATIONS:

During the Partnership term, items of income, gain, deduction, loss and credit will generally be allocated 99% to the Limited Partners and 1% to the General Partner. Cash distributions will be made in the same manner. The General Partner may make distributions of Partnership assets in kind, in addition to cash distributions. Each Limited Partner will be required to take into account in computing his Federal income tax liability his allocable share of the Partnership's income, gain, loss, deductions, credits and items of tax preference for any taxable year of the Partnership ending within or with the taxable year of such Limited Partner, without regard to whether he has received or will receive any distribution from the Partnership. The Partnership has adopted a calendar year for tax reporting purposes. See "The Partnership" and "Tax Aspects of Investment in the Partnership".

REINVESTMENT POLICY:

The General Partner has the discretion to reinvest all Partnership revenues. To the extent portfolio investments are disposed of within two years after the closing of the sale of Units, the General Partner will consider reinvesting all or a substantial portion of the proceeds realized by the Partnership. However, the General Partner does not expect to reinvest proceeds from the liquidation of portfolio investments (other than temporary investments) occurring more than two years after the closing of the sale of Units, except in connection with follow-on investments made in existing portfolio companies. The General Partner may also cause the Partnership to maintain reserves for follow-on investments or to apply cash received from investments to the prepayment of any borrowings made by the Partnership. To the extent that cash received by the Partnership is not required for such purposes or to reimburse the General Partner for any expenses incurred or held for reinvestment, it will be distributed to the Partners at least annually. See "Investment Objective and Policies".

DISSOLUTION:

The Partnership term extends to December 31, 2034. However, pursuant to the Partnership Agreement, the General Partner may dissolve the Partnership, without the consent of the Limited

Partners, at any time after January 1, 2000. It is not the General Partners intention to dissolve the Partnership prior to the time when the Partnership's equity investments have matured and disposition of its other portfolio investments can be effected. See "The Partnership" and "Summary of the Partnership Agreement".

RISKS: The purchase of Units involves a number of significant risk factors. See "Risk and Other Important Factors". Prospective investors should also see the information set forth under "Conflicts of Interest".

HOW TO SUBSCRIBE: (a) The Qualified Investor completes, dates, executes and delivers to KECALP Inc., a copy of the Limited Partner Signature Page and Power of Attorney attached as part of the Subscription Agreement, a form of which is attached as Exhibit B to this Prospectus.

(b) The Qualified Investor's MLPF&S securities account will be debited in the amount of \$1,000 for each Unit (minimum purchase of five Units) that he desires to purchase. A securities account will be opened by MLPF&S for any Qualified Investor who does not have such an account.

PARTNERSHIP EXPENSES

The following tables are intended to assist potential investors in understanding the various costs and expenses associated with investing in the Partnership.

Limited Partner Transaction Expenses

Sales Load (as a percentage of offering price)	None
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Annual Expenses (as a percentage of net assets)

Management Fees	None
Other Expenses (audit, legal and administrative)*	1.0%

Total Annual Expenses	1.0%

* "Other Expenses" have been estimated for the current fiscal year and assume Limited Partners' capital contributions of \$5 million, the minimum in the Partnership's offering. Although the Partnership does not pay operating expenses directly, the General Partner is entitled to receive annual reimbursements from the Partnership of Partnership expenses paid by it, in amounts of up to 1.5% of the Limited Partners' capital contributions.

Example

An investor would pay the following expenses on a hypothetical \$1,000 investment in the Partnership, assuming a 5% annual return:

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One Year	THREE YEARS	FIVE YEARS	TEN YEARS
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This "Example" assumes that all distributions are reinvested at net asset value and that the percentage amounts listed under Annual Expenses remain the same in the years shown. However, Limited Partners will not be able to reinvest distributions of the Partnership. The above tables and the assumption in the Example of a 5% annual return are required by regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission applicable to all investment companies. THE ASSUMED 5% ANNUAL RETURN AND ANNUAL EXPENSES SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A REPRESENTATION OF ACTUAL OR EXPECTED PARTNERSHIP PERFORMANCE OR EXPENSES, BOTH OF WHICH MAY VARY.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The General Partner and its affiliates may be subject to various conflicts of interest in their relationships with the Partnership. Such conflicts of interest include:

1. Conflicts with Respect to Investment Opportunities. Affiliates of the General Partner may in the future perform investment advisory services for other investment entities with investment objectives and policies similar to those of the Partnership and such entities may compete with the Partnership for investment opportunities. Furthermore, ML & Co. and its affiliates may invest directly in investments that would be appropriate investments for the Partnership. While the General Partner is obligated to use its best efforts to provide the Partnership with a continuing and suitable investment program consistent with its investment objective and policies, the General Partner is not required to present to the Partnership any particular investment opportunity that has come to its attention, even if such opportunity is within the investment objective and policies of the Partnership. Because of different objectives or other factors, a particular investment may be bought by the Partnership, the General Partner or its affiliates or one of their clients at a time when one of such entities is selling such investment. In addition,

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affiliates of the General Partner, including its officers and directors, may benefit to the extent the Partnership invests in securities offered to other investors by MLPF&S in public offerings or private placements. See "Compensation and Fees". The General Partner will endeavor to resolve conflicts with respect to investment opportunities in a manner deemed equitable to all to the extent possible under the prevailing facts and circumstances.

2. Relations with Issuers of Portfolio Investments. Affiliates of the General Partner, including MLPF&S, may perform financial services for issuers of securities held by the Partnership or for affiliates of such issuers. These relationships could influence the General Partner to take actions, or forbear from taking actions, that an independent general partner might not take or forbear from taking.

3. Conflicts with Respect to Dissolution. The General Partner has the authority to dissolve the Partnership, without the consent of the Limited Partners, at any time after January 1, 2000. The General Partner does not intend to dissolve the Partnership until its equity investments have reached a level of maturity where their disposition can be considered and the Partnership can dispose of its other portfolio securities. However, the General Partner may dissolve the Partnership, for its administrative convenience, at a time when some Limited Partners might prefer to have the Partnership continue its operations.

4. Allocation of Management Time and Services. The Partnership will not have independent management or employees and will rely on the General Partner and its affiliates for management and administration of the Partnership and its assets. Conflicts of interest may arise in allocating

management time, services or functions between the Partnership, the 1983 Partnership, the 1984 Partnership, the 1986 Partnership, the 1987 Partnership, the 1989 Partnership, the 1991 Partnership and other entities for which officers of the General Partner may provide services. The officers and directors of the General Partner will devote such time to the affairs of the Partnership as they, in their sole discretion, determine to be necessary for the conduct of the business of the Partnership.

5. Participation by an Affiliate as Underwriter. As an affiliate of the General Partner, MLPF&S may experience a conflict of interest in performing its due diligence in connection with the public offering of the Units. Although MLPF&S believes that its investigation of the General Partner, the Partnership and their affairs for purposes of this offering has in fact been as complete as would be the case in dealing with nonaffiliated persons, the review performed by MLPF&S cannot be considered independent.

6. Determination of Reserves. In determining the appropriate level of working capital reserves, the interest of the General Partner in assuring adequate funds for operation (which may reduce the potential liability of the General Partner to certain Partnership creditors) may, in some cases, be in conflict with the interest of the Limited Partners in maximizing cash distributions.

7. Lack of Separate Representation. The Partnership, the General Partner and MLPF&S are represented by the same legal counsel and auditors. However, should a dispute arise between the Partnership and either the General Partner or any affiliate, the General Partner anticipates that it will retain separate counsel or auditors as required for the Partnership for such matter.

FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GENERAL PARTNER

The General Partner is under a fiduciary duty to conduct the affairs of the Partnership in the best interests of the Partnership and consequently must exercise good faith and integrity in handling Partnership affairs. Prospective Limited Partners who have questions concerning the duties of the General Partner should consult with their counsel.

The Partnership Agreement provides that neither the General Partner nor any of its officers, directors, stockholders, employees, or agents shall be liable to the Partnership or the Limited Partners for any act or omission based on errors of judgment or other fault in connection with the business or affairs of the Partnership so long as the person against whom liability is asserted acted in good faith on behalf of the Partnership and in a manner reasonably believed by such person to be within the scope of his or its authority under the Partnership Agreement

and in or not opposed to the best interests of the Partnership, but only if such action or failure to act does not constitute negligence or misconduct, and, with respect to any criminal proceeding, such person had no reasonable cause to believe his or its conduct was unlawful. The General Partner and its officers, directors, stockholders, employees, and agents will be indemnified by the Partnership to the fullest extent permitted by law for any (a) fees (including, without limitation, legal fees), costs and expenses incurred in connection with or resulting from any claim, action or demand, or threatened claim, action or demand, against the General Partner, the Partnership or any of their officers, directors, stockholders, employees or agents that arise out of or in any way relate to the Partnership, its properties, business or affairs and (b) losses or damages resulting from such claims, actions and demands, or threatened claims, actions or demands, including amounts paid in settlement or compromise (if recommended by attorneys for the Partnership) of any such claim, action or demand or

threatened claims, actions or demands; provided, however, that this indemnification shall apply only so long as the person against whom a claim, action or demand is asserted or threatened to be asserted has acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed by such person to be within the scope of his or its authority under the Partnership Agreement and in or not opposed to the best interests of the Partnership, but only if such action or failure to act does not constitute negligence or misconduct. Thus, the Limited Partners may have a more limited right of action than would otherwise be the case in the absence of such provisions. In the absence of a court determination that the General Partner or officers or directors of the General Partner were not liable on the merits or guilty of disabling conduct within the meaning of Section 17(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the decision by the Partnership to indemnify the General Partner or any such person must be based on the reasonable determination of independent counsel, after review of the facts, that such disabling conduct did not occur.

RISK AND OTHER IMPORTANT FACTORS

The purchase of Units offered hereby involves a number of significant risk factors. In addition to risk factors set forth elsewhere in this Prospectus, prospective purchasers should consider the following:

A. GENERAL RISKS

1. Risk of Unspecified and Unprofitable Investments. The proceeds of this offering are intended to be invested in speculative growth securities most of which have not yet been selected by the General Partner. See "Investment Objective and Policies". Therefore, persons who purchase Units will not have an opportunity to evaluate for themselves the specific investments in which funds of the Partnership will be invested or the terms of any such investments, and, accordingly, the risk of investing in Units may be substantially increased. In addition, there can be no assurance that the Partnership's investments will prove to be profitable. The purchasers of Units must depend solely on the ability of the General Partner with respect to the selection and timing of investments. See "The General Partner and Its Affiliates" and "Investment Objective and Policies--Sources of Investment Opportunities".

2. Risks of Equity Investments. The Partnership is authorized to make equity investments offering the potential for long-term capital appreciation. These investments may include equity investments in leveraged buyout transactions, and in transactions involving financial restructurings or recapitalization of operating companies. Investments may also be made in real estate opportunities and, to a lesser extent, in venture capital transactions. These investments involve a high degree of business and financial risk that can result in substantial losses. Among these are the risks associated with investment in companies with little or no operating history and companies operating at a loss or with substantial variations in operating results from period to period. These companies may encounter intense competition from established companies with greater resources. In addition, companies in high-technology fields face special risks of product obsolescence. Leveraged buyout investments typically involve a high degree of debt financing and the highly leveraged financial structure of these transactions introduces substantial additional risks. Investments in companies that undertake financial recapitalization or restructuring transactions involve the risk, among others, that the transaction may not resolve financial or operational conditions that led to the recapitalization or restructuring; in addition, to the extent that a company remains leveraged following the completion of such a transaction, an equity investment in the company may involve risks similar to an equity investment in a leveraged buyout transaction. In addition, companies in which the Partnership makes private equity investments may subsequently require additional capital and may seek follow-on investments.

3. Risks of Real Estate Investments. Real estate investments are

subject to a number of risks, including uncertainty of cash flow to meet fixed obligations, adverse changes in local market conditions and neighborhoods, changes in interest rates, the need for unanticipated renovation, changes in real estate taxes and increases in other operating expenses. Real estate investments may be illiquid. Investments in real estate of the type contemplated by the Partnership are usually long term and can be as long as fifteen years. Real estate investment cycles typically have lasted three to five years, but recently have been longer.

4. Risks of High Yield Debt Investments. The Partnership is authorized to make investments in high yield corporate debt securities (also referred to as "junk bonds") offering the potential for long-term capital appreciation. High yield debt securities are predominantly speculative with respect to the capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with the terms of the security and generally involve a greater volatility of price than securities in higher rating categories. In addition, to the extent that affiliates of the Partnership hold securities of issuers in which the Partnership has invested, the Partnership may be precluded by the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Investment Company Act") from participating in sales or other transactions in which such affiliates are participants unless it is able to obtain exemptions under such statute from the Securities and Exchange Commission. The inability to participate in such transactions may adversely affect the Partnership in terms of the timing of dispositions of such investments and the proceeds realized by the Partnership from such investments.

5. Need for Investment Company Act Exemptions. In addition to the restrictions described above, the Investment Company Act contains restrictions on co-investments by a registered investment company (such as the Partnership) and affiliates of its sponsor and on purchases of securities by a registered investment company from affiliates of its sponsor. Accordingly, as described under "Investment Objective and Policies--Sources of Investment Opportunities", exemptions under the Investment Company Act may be required before the Partnership can make investments in transactions where ML & Co. or its affiliates are co-investors or where ML & Co. or its affiliates seek to sell an investment to the Partnership. In this regard, the General Partner has obtained blanket exemptive relief from the Securities and Exchange Commission permitting co-investments and other transactions with ML & Co. and its affiliates in leveraged buyout and other equity investments. The General Partner has also obtained similar exemptive relief for venture capital investments made by the Partnership with ML Venture Partners II, L.P. The Partnership has applied for additional exemptive relief with respect to co-investments by the Partnership and affiliated co-investors. There can be no assurance that the Partnership will be able to obtain such requested relief or similar exemptions in the future with respect to proposed purchases and sales of portfolio securities in transactions in which affiliates of the Partnership are participants and which do not qualify under the terms of existing exemptions or those currently pending.

6. Illiquid Investments. Investments of the types to be made by the Partnership are generally illiquid. Leveraged buyout and venture capital investments may typically take from four to seven years to reach a state of maturity where disposition can be considered. Real estate investments are expected to be illiquid as described above. Investments in corporate restructurings and recapitalization transactions may also require a substantial time period before dispositions can be effected. In addition, investments acquired by the Partnership in private transactions will generally be subject to restrictions imposed by the Federal securities laws on resale by the Partnership. Investments made by the Partnership in issuers in which ML & Co. or its affiliates have significant investment positions may be subject to further limitations imposed by the Federal securities laws which may delay the disposition of publicly-traded securities owned by the Partnership.

7. Delay in Partnership Investments. Although the General Partner will use its best efforts to invest Partnership funds as promptly as practicable, it is anticipated that there may be a significant period of time (up to three to four years) before the proceeds from the offering will be fully invested.

8. Reliance on the General Partner and Others. All decisions with respect to the management of the Partnership will be made exclusively by the General Partner. Limited Partners have no right or power to take part in the management or control of the business of the Partnership. Accordingly, no person should purchase Units unless such person is willing to entrust all aspects of the management of the Partnership to the General Partner. See "Summary of the Partnership Agreement" for the limitations imposed on the Limited Partners' ability to remove

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the General Partner as general partner. The Partnership may make minority equity investments in corporations, general partnerships, limited partnerships, grantor trusts or management programs where investors are permitted at most a limited role in the management of such ventures. To the extent the Partnership invests in or through such entities or programs, the success or failure of such ventures will depend on the skills of the venture's sponsor, promoter or manager and not on the General Partner.

9. Absence of Operating History and Management Experience. The Partnership has been recently formed and has no operating history upon which purchasers of Units may base an evaluation of its likely performance. While the composition of its officers and directors has changed over the years since the General Partner's formation, the General Partner has managed similar partnerships for more than ten years. See "The General Partner and Its Affiliates".

10. Competition. It may be expected that the Partnership will encounter substantial competition for certain investments, particularly from other entities having similar investment objectives. There can be no assurance that the Partnership will be successful in obtaining suitable investment opportunities or that a desirable mix of investments will be achieved.

11. Use of Leverage. The Partnership has authority to utilize leverage (i.e., borrowed funds or senior securities) in making investments as will many of the entities in which the Partnership will make its investments. The use of leverage, either by the Partnership or by the entities in which it invests, would exaggerate increases or decreases in the Partnership's net assets and, because of required debt service obligations, may result in delays in the distribution of cash to Limited Partners. The Partnership Agreement does not limit the amount of indebtedness that the Partnership may incur. The Investment Company Act generally limits the amount of indebtedness the Partnership may incur to 331/3% of its gross assets.

B. INCOME TAX RISKS

12. Challenge to Tax Status. The availability to the Partners of the tax attributes of investing in the Partnership depends on the classification of the Partnership as a partnership, rather than as an "association" taxable as a corporation, for Federal income tax purposes. Brown & Wood, Tax Counsel to the Partnership, will deliver its opinion to the Partnership that, at the time of the admission of Qualified Investors to the Partnership as Limited Partners, the Partnership will be treated as a partnership and will not be a publicly traded partnership for Federal income tax purposes. However, such opinion is not binding on the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") and there can be no assurance that the IRS could not successfully challenge the classification of the Partnership as a partnership. Moreover, whether the Partnership will continue to be treated as a partnership will depend on whether there are changes in present law and regulations affecting partnerships and whether the Partnership continues to satisfy various criteria. See "Tax Aspects of Investment in the Partnership--Classification as a Partnership".

13. Possible Changes in Law. The rules dealing with Federal income taxation are under continual review by Congress and the IRS, resulting in frequent revisions of the Federal tax laws and regulations promulgated

thereunder and revised interpretations of established concepts. No assurance can be given that, during the term of the Partnership, applicable Federal income tax laws or the interpretations thereof will not be changed in a manner that would have a material adverse effect on an investment in the Partnership.

14. Fringe Benefits. The General Partner will incur various expenses in connection with the organization and operation of the Partnership and will pay any sales or brokerage commissions charged in connection with the Partnership's investments. Since Units are being offered solely to ML & Co. employees and non-employee directors, it is possible that the IRS would view the General Partner's payment of such expenses as an indirect method of compensating the employee-Limited Partner (i.e., as a fringe benefit). If the IRS were successful in such characterization, an amount equal to the fair market value of the underlying goods and services provided by the General Partner in connection with the Partnership might be includable in the Limited Partner's gross income as additional compensation. The Limited Partner may not, however, be allocated a Partnership deduction in an amount corresponding to such income inclusion because some of such fees and expenses incurred by the General Partner

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on behalf of the Partnership would be attributable to nondeductible syndication expenses, or investment expenses subject to the limitations on deductibility of itemized miscellaneous expenses, or treated as part of the capitalized cost of the Partnership's portfolio assets. See "Fringe Benefits" under "Tax Aspects of Investment in the Partnership-- Other Tax Considerations".

C. PARTNERSHIP AND CONTRACTUAL RISKS

15. Funds Available from Offering. The potential profitability of the Partnership and the risks associated therewith could be affected by the amount of funds at its disposal. In the event the Partnership receives less than the maximum proceeds, its ability to invest in a diversity of investments and obtain a spreading of risk will be lessened and thus the risks associated with the investment may be increased. See "Investment Objective and Policies".

16. Possible Loss of Limited Liability. The Partnership Agreement provides certain rights for the Limited Partners by vote of a majority-in-interest of the Limited Partners to, among other things, remove and replace the General Partner, amend the Partnership Agreement, dissolve the Partnership, approve or consent to certain actions of the General Partner and approve the sale of all or substantially all of the Partnership's assets. (As used in this Prospectus, "majority-in-interest" means the Limited Partners whose aggregate capital contributions represent over 50% of the aggregate capital contributions of all Limited Partners.) Although under current law in Delaware, the jurisdiction of the Partnership's organization, such rights are permitted without resulting in a loss of limited liability of Limited Partners, in some jurisdictions there is uncertainty as to whether the exercise of these rights under certain circumstances could cause the Limited Partners to be deemed general partners of the Partnership under applicable state laws with a resulting loss of limited liability. If the Limited Partners were deemed to be general partners of the Partnership, they would be generally liable for Partnership obligations (other than nonrecourse obligations), which could be satisfied out of their personal assets.

In order to minimize the risk of general liability, the exercise of these rights by the Limited Partners is subject under the Partnership Agreement to the prior receipt of an opinion of counsel to the effect that the existence and exercise of such rights will not adversely affect the status of the Limited Partners as limited partners of the Partnership. If the Limited Partners receive such an opinion of counsel, the General Partner will pay the cost involved in obtaining such an opinion. See "Summary of the Partnership Agreement--Voting Rights". It should be noted that due to present and possible future uncertainties in this area of partnership law, it may be difficult or impossible to obtain an opinion of counsel to the effect

that the Limited Partners may exercise certain of their rights without jeopardizing their status as Limited Partners.

17. Repayment of Certain Distributions. In the event that the Partnership is unable otherwise to meet its obligations, its Limited Partners may be required to pay to the Partnership or to pay to creditors of the Partnership distributions previously received by them to the extent such distributions are deemed to have been wrongfully paid to them. In addition, Limited Partners may be required to repay to the Partnership any amounts distributed which are required to be withheld by the Partnership for tax purposes.

18. Absence of Market for Partnership Units. Purchasers of Units should view their interest in the Partnership as a long-term, illiquid investment. There is not now any market for Partnership Units and no market is expected to develop. See "Transferability of Units". In addition, Units will not be redeemable, except that the estate of any deceased Limited Partner will be able to elect to have the Limited Partner's Units repurchased by the General Partner or the Partnership for a price equal to the value of the Limited Partner's interest determined at the next succeeding annual appraisal date, which will generally occur as of the last day of the fiscal year. To have Units repurchased, the estate of a Limited Partner must notify the General Partner of its election to have the Units repurchased within 30 days after the date the annual appraisal is sent to Limited Partners.

19. Reinvestment. The General Partner has the discretion to reinvest all Partnership revenues. See "Summary of the Offering--Reinvestment Policy".

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20. Dissolution. The General Partner has the right to dissolve the Partnership without the consent of the Limited Partners at any time after January 1, 2000. See "Summary of the Offering--Dissolution".

COMPENSATION AND FEES

The Partnership is designed to serve as an employee-benefit vehicle for employees of ML & Co. and its subsidiaries satisfying certain income requirements and is not intended to earn compensation or fees for ML & Co. or its affiliates. However, due to the structure of the Partnership, its management by an affiliate of ML & Co. and its proposed investment activities, some benefits will accrue to affiliates of ML & Co. and their employees, including the following:

- (i) The General Partner will receive a 1% interest in all items of Partnership income, gain, deduction, loss and credit, for which it will make no cash capital contribution beyond the \$99.00 it contributed upon formation of the Partnership. However, the General Partner is generally obligated to pay, on behalf of the Partnership, all expenses incurred by the Partnership that are not paid by ML & Co. or its other subsidiaries, including brokerage costs and sales commissions (including sales commissions paid directly or indirectly to MLPF&S) and operating expenses. The General Partner will be entitled to receive annual reimbursements from the Partnership, in amounts of up to 1.5% of the Limited Partner's capital contributions, of operating expenses incurred by the General Partner with respect to the Partnership. Expenses paid by the General Partner which are not reimbursed to it will be treated as capital contributions of the General Partner and reflected in its capital account. Under the terms of the Partnership Agreement, upon dissolution of the Partnership, positive amounts in a Partner's capital account will be a priority item in the distribution of liquidated assets, and the General Partner will be entitled to such distributions, if any.

- (ii) To the extent that the Partnership invests in investment partnerships or other investment vehicles offered by MLPF&S ("Sponsored Programs"), the Partnership's purchase of such securities or assets will be counted toward the minimum sales requirements often included as a condition to "best efforts" offerings and therefore help satisfy conditions to MLPF&S's receipt of any compensation in connection with such offerings.
- (iii) Employees of affiliates of ML & Co. (including certain members of the Advisory Committee of the General Partner) are involved in the origination of investments that may be acquired by the Partnership and the sale or management of Sponsored Programs, and their compensation is in large part determined by or related to the success of such offerings. If the Partnership invests in these investments, such employees may benefit accordingly.
- (iv) If the Partnership invests in Sponsored Programs in which affiliates of the General Partner issue securities and/or perform management and other services for which they receive compensation, ML & Co. and its subsidiaries will derive such benefits. The Partnership's investment will, in all cases, be on the same terms as an investment offered to nonaffiliated parties.
- (v) To the extent the General Partner or its affiliates lend funds to the Partnership or any partnership or other entity in which the Partnership invests, the interest charges on such funds may be deemed to be additional compensation to the General Partner or such affiliates.

THE PARTNERSHIP

The Partnership was formed as of January 4, 1994 as a limited partnership under Delaware law for the purpose of enabling Qualified Investors to pool their investment resources in order to participate in certain investment opportunities that are sponsored by or become available to ML & Co. and its affiliates. It is intended that the

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Partnership serve as an investment vehicle which provides access to investment opportunities which are not otherwise available, thus serving as an incentive for Qualified Investors to remain as employees of ML & Co. and its affiliates.

Upon the admission of Qualified Investors as Limited Partners, the Initial Limited Partner will withdraw as a Partner of the Partnership.

The Partnership intends, whenever possible, to form, re-form or otherwise qualify to do business in all jurisdictions where such qualification is necessary to carry on Partnership business or to preserve the limited liability of the Limited Partners.

The Partnership is a non-diversified, closed-end investment company. See "Exemptions from the Investment Company Act of 1940" for a summary of certain exemptions from the Investment Company Act applicable to the Partnership.

FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE PARTNERSHIP

The Partnership was formed with a minimal capitalization of \$100.00, consisting of capital contributions of \$99.00 by the General Partner and \$1.00 by the Initial Limited Partner. The Partnership has not commenced operations, other than temporarily to invest its start-up monies in a money market fund sponsored by a subsidiary of ML & Co. Because the General

Partner is obligated to pay all the operating and overhead expenses of the Partnership, the Partnership has no current or long-term liabilities arising from such expenses. See "Financial Statements".

The Partnership has adopted a calendar year for tax reporting purposes.

USE OF PROCEEDS

All of the proceeds of the offering of Units will be contributed to the Partnership as capital contributions of the Limited Partners. After payment by the Partnership of organizational and offering expenses, estimated at \$205,000, but not exceeding 2% of the proceeds of the offering, the net proceeds will be available for investment.

The Partnership will expend substantially all of its funds for Partnership investments as soon as practicable. Pending selection of long-term investments, Partnership funds will be temporarily invested in money market instruments, securities issued by other investment companies and other marketable securities. The Partnership may maintain reserves for follow-on investments and other investment contingencies. See "Investment Objective and Policies". The Partnership may also maintain reserves to the extent necessary to reimburse the General Partner for expenses incurred by it as described below under "Capital Contributions; Partnership Expenses".

Capital contributions of Limited Partners will be held by the Partnership in a Partnership account for the benefit of the Limited Partners and will be used only for the purposes set forth herein.

CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS; PARTNERSHIP EXPENSES

The proceeds of the offering of Units will be contributed to the Partnership as capital contributions of the Limited Partners. The General Partner made an initial capital contribution of \$99.00 to the Partnership upon its formation and will not make any further cash capital contribution upon the admission of subscribing Qualified Investors as Limited Partners; however, the General Partner will incur various expenses in connection with the operation of the Partnership for, among other items, legal and accounting fees, telephone charges, postage and other general and administrative items and out-of-pocket costs of examination, appraisal and negotiation of investments, which expenses may exceed the amounts for such expenses paid by ML & Co. or its other subsidiaries or reimbursed to it by the Partnership. The General Partner will also be obligated to pay any sales or brokerage commissions charged in connection with Partnership investments, but will not be obligated to pay debt service or other interest charges incurred in connection with Partnership investments. The General Partner will be entitled to receive annual reimbursements from the Partnership, in amounts of up to 1.5% of the Limited Partners' capital

contributions, of operating expenses incurred by the General Partner with respect to the Partnership. Expenses paid by the General Partner which are not reimbursed to it will be deemed to be a capital contribution by the General Partner to the Partnership. See "Compensation and Fees". The General Partner will deliver to the Partnership quarterly a certificate itemizing the Partnership expenses it has paid and maintain adequate records of such expenses.

PARTNERSHIP DISTRIBUTIONS AND ALLOCATIONS

In general, during the term of the Partnership, all items of Partnership income, gain, deduction, loss or credit will be allocated 1% to the General

Partner and 99% to the Limited Partners (except that losses will be allocated to the General Partner to the extent the Limited Partners' capital accounts equal zero and the General Partner's capital account is positive due to its payment of organizational and operating expenses of the Partnership in excess of 1% of the Limited Partners' capital contributions). Upon liquidation, gross income from the sale of the Partnerships assets will be allocated to the Partners in the amount of their negative capital account balances, then to the General Partner to the extent the amount of the capital contribution made by it to the Partnership is in excess of 1% of the Limited Partners' capital contributions, and thereafter 99% to the Limited Partners and 1% to the General Partner. These items will be allocated among the Limited Partners in the ratio the capital contribution of each Limited Partner (or the capital contribution attributable to the interest held by a transferee Limited Partner) bears to the total capital contributions of all Limited Partners.

Distributable Cash, as defined in the Partnership Agreement, will be distributed 99% to the Limited Partners and 1% to the General Partner. The General Partner may also make distributions in kind of securities or assets held by the Partnership. Cash distributions will be credited to the Limited Partner's MLPF&S securities account specified in his Signature Page and Power of Attorney unless the General Partner is instructed otherwise by a Limited Partner.

Allocations among the transferor and transferee of a Partnership interest are described under "Transferability of Units".

DISSOLUTION; DISTRIBUTIONS ON LIQUIDATION

The Partnership term extends to December 31, 2034. However, pursuant to the Partnership Agreement, the General Partner may dissolve the Partnership, without the consent of the Limited Partners, at any time after January 1, 2000. It is not the General Partner's intention to dissolve the Partnership prior to the time when the Partnership's equity investments have matured and the Partnership can dispose of its other portfolio investments. Other events causing dissolution are summarized under "Summary of the Partnership Agreement--Dissolution".

In settling accounts after the sale of all Partnership property upon liquidation, the assets of the Partnership shall be paid out (i) to creditors (including any creditor who is a Partner), in the order of priority as provided by law; (ii) to each Partner in an amount equivalent to the positive amount of his capital account on the date of distribution, after giving effect to any allocation of profits or losses arising from sales on liquidation; and (iii) the balance, 99% to the Limited Partners and 1% to the General Partner.

Upon liquidation, the General Partner may distribute Partnership assets in kind.

THE GENERAL PARTNER AND ITS AFFILIATES

KECALP Inc., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of ML & Co., is the General Partner of the Partnership and as such will manage and control the business and affairs of the Partnership and invest Partnership funds. The General Partner is a Delaware corporation formed in June 1981 for the purpose of serving as general partner of employee benefit partnerships such as the Partnership, and has its business and executive offices at South Tower, World Financial Center, 225 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10080-6123 (telephone: (212) 236-7302). Although most of the officers and directors of the General Partner have been employed in the financial community for many years, the experience of the General Partner in managing portfolios of investments has been limited to the

management of six partnerships similar to the Partnership. The directors and principal officers of the General Partner and their business experience for the past five years are:

John L. Steffens	President and Director
Walter Perlstein	Director
Rosemary T. Berkery	Vice President and Director
James V. Caruso	Vice President and Director
Andrew J. Melnick	Vice President and Director
Patrick J. Walsh	Vice President and Director
Margaret E. Nelson	Secretary
Robert F. Tully	Vice President and Treasurer

John L. Steffens, age 52, President and Director. Mr. Steffens has served as Executive Vice President, Private Client Group, of ML & Co. since October, 1990. Prior to that, from July, 1985, he was President of the Consumer Markets Sector of ML & Co.

Walter Perlstein, age 75, Director. Mr. Perlstein was affiliated with Merrill Lynch from 1972 to 1989, most recently as Executive Vice President and Director of KECALP Inc., and as Vice President of MLPF&S, Merrill Lynch Venture Capital Inc. and Merrill Lynch R&D Management Inc. He presently is serving in a consulting role as Director of KECALP Inc.

Rosemary T. Berkery, age 40, Vice President and Director. Ms. Berkery is Associate General Counsel of ML & Co. From 1988 to May, 1993, Ms. Berkery served as Assistant General Counsel of MLPF&S and as General Counsel to the Investment Banking Group. Ms. Berkery has been a First Vice President of MLPF&S since 1988.

James V. Caruso, age 42, Vice President and Director. Mr. Caruso, a Director in the Investment Banking Group of ML & Co., serves as the Chief Financial Officer for Merrill Lynch's key employee investment partnerships. He is Treasurer of Merrill Lynch Capital Partners, Inc. ("MLCP"), the general partner of two institutional leveraged buyout funds. Since June, 1992, Mr. Caruso has also performed administrative services for Merrill Lynch's retail partnerships.

Andrew J. Melnick, CFA, age 51, Vice President and Director. Since joining Merrill Lynch in January, 1988, Mr. Melnick has served as Director of the Global Fundamental Equity Research Department.

Patrick J. Walsh, age 49, Vice President and Director. Mr. Walsh has served as Senior Vice President, Director of Human Resources for ML & Co. since January, 1991. Prior to that, from 1984 to 1991, Mr. Walsh managed Asset Accumulation Services in the Consumer Markets Sector of ML & Co., where he was responsible for managing and marketing the various account services which are tailored for the individual investor.

Margaret E. Nelson, age 45, Secretary. Ms. Nelson is a Senior Counsel of ML & Co. From 1983 to 1992, Ms. Nelson was an associate at the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom.

Robert F. Tully, age 46, Vice President and Treasurer. Since joining Merrill Lynch in 1989, Mr. Tully has served as an Assistant Vice President in the Investment Banking Group. Prior to that, he was Vice President of Finance with Peerless Petrochemicals Inc., an oil and gas operator and general partner of oil and gas limited partnerships.

In addition, the General Partner has established an advisory committee (the "Advisory Committee") to assist the directors and principal officers of the General Partner in evaluating investment opportunities presented to the Partnership. The members of the Advisory Committee and their business experience for the past five years are:

Matthias B. Bowman
 James J. Burke, Jr.
 Robert J. Farrell
 Alain Lebec
 E. Stanley O'Neal
 Charles K. Sweeney

Matthias B. Bowman, age 45. Mr. Bowman has been a Managing Director in the Investment Banking Group of ML & Co. since 1978 and a First Vice President of MLPF&S since July, 1988. During the last five years, Mr. Bowman has managed a department that was responsible for maintaining ML & Co.'s relationship with several corporate clients within the Investment Banking Group and is presently the Manager of a department within the Investment Banking Group that has responsibility for the Group's principal investments.

James J. Burke, Jr., age 42. Mr. Burke is President and Chief Executive Officer of MLCP, the general partner of two leveraged buyout funds totaling \$1.9 billion. Mr. Burke co-founded Merrill Lynch's leveraged buyout effort in 1981. He has been a First Vice President of MLPF&S since July, 1988.

Robert J. Farrell, age 61. Mr. Farrell is Senior Investment Advisor for MLPF&S. From 1968 to March, 1982, he served as the Manager of the Market Analysis Department of the Securities Research Division of MLPF&S. Mr. Farrell has served as a Senior Vice President of MLPF&S since January, 1986.

Alain Lebec, age 43. Mr. Lebec is a Managing Director and head of the Telecommunications, Media and Technology Banking Department in the Investment Banking Group of ML & Co. Mr. Lebec joined ML & Co. as a Managing Director and as a Vice President of MLPF&S in 1984 as a result of the acquisition by ML & Co. of Becker Paribas Incorporated, where he was a Managing Director of its Mergers and Acquisitions Group.

E. Stanley O'Neal, age 42. Mr. O'Neal is a Managing Director and head of the High Yield Finance and Restructuring Department and the Southeast Industrial Region in the Investment Banking Group of ML & Co. Mr. O'Neal joined ML & Co. in 1986.

Charles K. Sweeney, age 51. Mr. Sweeney joined MLPF&S in 1965 as a member of the Junior Executive Training Program. Since 1966, he has continued to work as a Financial Consultant within both the Private Client and Capital Markets Groups of the firm. He has completed management development, and was elected a Senior Vice President - Investments in 1989.

AUTHORITY OF THE GENERAL PARTNER

The General Partner will have the authority to make all decisions regarding the acquisition, financing, operation, management and ultimate disposition of Partnership investments, assets and properties. The Board of Directors of the General Partner will approve all investments made by the Partnership and will be responsible for the general supervision and administration of Partnership activities. In investing the Partnership's capital, the General Partner will consider those investments proposed by unrelated third parties as well as opportunities presented to the Partnership

by affiliates of the General Partner. All investments chosen by the General Partner for the Partnership, whether from third parties or from other opportunities presented to the Partnership by affiliates, will be evaluated independently of each other and chosen only if the General Partner believes they are suitable for and in the best interest of the Partnership. The General Partner is unable to predict to what extent Partnership investments will be made in affiliate-proposed investments or investment opportunities proposed by unrelated third parties. The General Partner will execute or cause to be executed any and all agreements, purchase orders, debt agreements, documents, certificates and other instruments necessary for the purchase of, and investment in, assets by the Partnership. See "Conflicts of Interest" and "Investment Objective and Policies".

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FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE GENERAL PARTNER

The General Partner was formed with minimal capitalization. The General Partner has agreed to use its best efforts at all times to maintain its net worth at a level necessary to meet any present or future requirements of the Federal income tax law regarding the net worth of a general partner of a limited partnership. ML & Co. will issue a demand promissory note to the General Partner in an amount necessary to meet current requirements and provide the General Partner with such funds as are necessary to meet its other obligations under the Partnership Agreement. See "Financial Statements".

SIGNIFICANT AFFILIATES OF THE GENERAL PARTNER

MLPF&S and the General Partner are both wholly-owned subsidiaries of ML & Co. It is anticipated that ML & Co. and the Investment Banking Group within MLPF&S will be important sources of Partnership investments, particularly with respect to leveraged buyout, corporate restructuring and recapitalization and real estate transactions, and that other groups within MLPF&S and other subsidiaries of ML & Co. may also be sources of investments.

PRIOR PARTNERSHIPS

The General Partner also acts as the general partner for Merrill Lynch KECALP L.P. 1991 (the "1991 Partnership"), Merrill Lynch KECALP L.P. 1989 (the "1989 Partnership"), Merrill Lynch KECALP L.P. 1987 (the "1987 Partnership"), Merrill Lynch KECALP L.P. 1986 (the "1986 Partnership"), Merrill Lynch KECALP L.P. 1984 (the "1984 Partnership") and Merrill Lynch KECALP Growth Investments Limited Partnership 1983 (the "1983 Partnership", and together with each of such other partnerships, the "KECALP Partnerships"). The limited partnership interests in these partnerships were offered only to certain employees and directors of ML & Co. and its subsidiaries. Set forth below is information concerning these investments by the partnerships. This information should not be construed to indicate that the Partnership will or could make investments that will produce results comparable to those of the investments made by the earlier partnerships. It is expected that the types of equity investments made by the Partnership will more closely resemble those of the 1991 and the 1989 Partnerships than the earlier partnerships.

1991 PARTNERSHIP

The 1991 Partnership closed its subscription offering on September 11, 1991, at which time it sold 20,799 units of limited partnership interest to 964 investors for \$20,799,000. By March 31, 1994, the 1991 Partnership had invested in or committed to 18 investments with an aggregate purchase price of \$20.6 million. Seventeen were made in leveraged buyouts (\$19.0 million) and one in real estate (\$1.6 million).

Set forth below is a chart showing the results, as of March 31, 1994, of completed equity transactions with respect to the 1991 Partnership's investments. The dates of purchase refer to the dates on which investments were acquired by or on behalf of the 1991 Partnership.

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Classification	Company	Date of Purchase	Date of Sale	Cost	Proceeds	
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Leveraged Buyout	First USA, Inc.	9/91		\$ 52,913	\$ 162,037	<C>
Leveraged Buyout	First USA, Inc.	9/92	2/93	3,052	9,345	
Leveraged Buyout	Hospitality Franchise Systems, Inc.	1/92	7/93	345,751	1,009,411	
Leveraged Buyout	First USA, Inc.	9/91	8/93	68,808	390,261	
Leveraged Buyout	Hospitality Franchise Systems, Inc.	1/92	11/93	315,159	1,244,700	
Leveraged Buyout	Hospitality Franchise Systems, Inc.	1/92	1/94	339,090	1,726,943	
Leveraged Buyout	First USA, Inc.	9/91	3/94	62,649	451,075	
Total				----- \$1,187,422 -----	----- \$4,993,772 -----	
NET PROFIT REALIZED					\$3,806,350 =====	

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1989 PARTNERSHIP

The 1989 Partnership closed its subscription offering on May 16, 1989, at which time it sold 21,096 units of limited partnership interest to 843 investors for \$21,096,000. By May 1, 1992, the 1989 Partnership was fully invested in 24 investments with an aggregate purchase price of \$23.1 million. Of the 24 investments, 23 were in leveraged buyouts (\$22.6 million) and one in venture capital (\$500,000).

Set forth below is a chart showing the results, as of March 31, 1994, of completed equity transactions with respect to the 1989 Partnership. The dates of purchase refer to the dates on which investments were acquired by or on behalf of the 1989 Partnership.

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Leveraged Buyout	RJR Nabisco Holding Corp.	5/91	9/92	\$ 5,071	\$ 2,407,194	
Leveraged Buyout	RJR Nabisco Holding Corp.	5/91	12/92	2,535,044	3,621,389	
Leveraged Buyout	First USA, Inc.	5/91	2/93	83,961	379,830	

Leveraged Buyout	First USA, Inc.	8/91	2/93	316,370	968,837
Leveraged Buyout	First USA, Inc.	5/91	3/93	17,193	77,778
Leveraged Buyout	First USA, Inc.	5/91	8/93	376,132	3,151,488
Leveraged Buyout	First USA, Inc.	5/91	8/93	17,463	146,317
Leveraged Buyout	First USA, Inc.	5/91	3/94	358,358	3,811,597
Total				\$3,709,592	\$14,564,430
NET PROFIT REALIZED					\$10,854,838

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1987 PARTNERSHIP

The 1987 Partnership closed its subscription offering on May 28, 1987, at which time it sold 13,549 units of limited partnership interest to 895 investors for \$13,549,000. By May 23, 1991, the 1987 Partnership was fully invested or committed to invest in 26 investments with an aggregate purchase price of \$15.3 million. Of the 26 investments or commitments, 18 were in leveraged buyouts (\$10.6 million), seven in venture capital situations (\$2.7 million) and one in real estate (\$2.0 million).

Set forth below is a chart showing the results, as of March 31, 1994, of completed equity transactions with respect to the 1987 Partnership's investments. The dates of purchase indicated refer to the dates on which investments were acquired by or on behalf of the 1987 Partnership.

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Classification	Company	Date of Purchase	Date of Sale	Cost	Proceeds	
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Leveraged Buyout	Mueller Holdings, Inc.	11/88	11/88	\$ 62,507	\$ 169,124	
Leveraged Buyout	Apparel marketing Industries, Inc.	5/89	5/89	158,872	1,62,544 (A)	
Leveraged Buyout	GU Acquisition Corporation	7/89	7/89	1,373,836	3,088,851 (B)	
Venture Capital	Telecom USA	6/89	7/89	440,616	649,625	
Venture Capital	Magnesys	9/88	12/87	253,073	0	
Venture Capital	BBN Integrated Switch Partners, L.P.	3/89	3/90	542,978	0 (C)	
Venture Capital	TCOM Systems, Inc.	12/87	3/91	581,791	0	
Venture Capital	Meteor Message Corporation	9/88	9/91	308,086	0	
Leveraged Buyout	GND Holdings Corporation	7/89	6/92	591,612	1,215,869	
Venture Capital	IDEC Pharmaceuticals Corporation	6/89	7/92	16,304	88,244	
Leveraged Buyout	RJR Nabisco Holdings Corporation	5/91	9/92	2,901	1,374,093	
Leveraged Buyout	John Alden Financial Corporation	5/89	10/92	248,476	230,257	
Venture Capital	Bolt, Barenek & Newman, Inc.	3/89	11/92	11,150	19,956	
Leveraged Buyout	RJR Nabisco Holdings Corporation	5/91	12/92	1,450,665	2,066,766	
Leveraged Buyout	General Felt Industries	5/91	3/93	237,846	359,023	

Leveraged Buyout	John Alden Financial Corporation	5/89	11/93	20,705	645,439
Leveraged Buyout	Peter J. Schmitt Co., Inc.	5/91	12/93	190,580	0
Leveraged Buyout	Servam Corporation	3/91	12/93	26,048	0
Total				\$6,518,046	\$11,169,791
NET PROFIT REALIZED					\$ 4,651,745

- (A) Includes value of preferred stock obtained in transaction.
(B) Proceeds include \$591,612 which was used to purchase shares of GND Holdings Corporation.
(C) Received shares of Bolt, Barenek & Newman as part of dissolution of partnership.

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1986 PARTNERSHIP

The 1986 Partnership closed its subscription offering on April 15, 1986, at which time it sold 7,234 units of limited partnership interest to approximately 500 investors for \$7,234,000. By May 10, 1991, the Partnership was fully invested in 26 investments with an aggregate purchase price of \$8.3 million. Of the 26 investments, 16 were in venture capital situations (\$4.4 million), nine in leveraged buyouts (\$3.1 million) and one in a package of securities in connection with a recapitalization (\$759,000).

Set forth below is a chart showing the results, as of March 31, 1994, of completed equity transactions with respect to the 1986 Partnership's investments. The dates of purchase indicated refer to the dates on which investments were acquired by or on behalf of the 1986 Partnership.

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Classification	Company	Date of Purchase	Date of Sale	Cost	Proceeds
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
Venture Capital	FGIC Corporation	6/86	3/88	\$1,084,447	\$ 1,889,415
Venture Capital	Dallas Semiconductor Corporation	4/86	5/88	203,867	470,412
Venture Capital	Data Recording Systems, Inc.	2/88	6/88	202,450	0
Venture Capital	Alliant Computer Systems Corp.	6/86	7/88	158,529	95,375
Leveraged Buyout	CMI Holdings, Inc.	1/88	4/89	45,349	153,451
Other	Varity Corporation	4/89	4/89	758,842	1,906,283
Leveraged Buyout	Printing Holdings, L.P.	4/89	4/89	649,949	2,135,285
Leveraged Buyout	Amstar Corporation	1/88	7/89	354,728	1,303,520
Venture Capital	Intek Diagnostics, Inc.	8/86	12/89	104,534	0
Leveraged Buyout	Education Management Corp.	4/89	10/89	192,432	643,824
Venture Capital	Qume Corporation	8/86	4/90	211,193	485,625
Venture Capital	Computer-Aided Design Group	1/88	9/90	117,183	0
Venture Capital	International Power	2/87	9/90	208,592	59,611

Venture Capital	Technology, Inc. Robert Wooldridge & Co.	7/87	9/90	205,882	0
Venture Capital	Shared Resource Exchange, Inc.	2/87	9/90	262,501	0
Leveraged Buyout	Prince Holdings, Inc.	5/89	10/90	147,601	1,400,807
Venture Capital	IDEXX Corporation	2/87	6/91	33,583	66,388
Venture Capital	Computer-Aided Design Group	1/88	9/91	39,061	0
Venture Capital	ViewLogic Systems, Inc.	6/86	12/91	212,874	1,474,388
Venture Capital	IDEXX Corporation	2/87	1/92	178,312	580,571
Venture Capital	Enhance Financial Services Group	4/89	2/92	238,366	332,558
Leveraged Buyout	ALLTEL Corporation	2/87	7/92	11,589	163,649
Venture Capital	Enhance Financial Svcs. Group Inc.	4/89	8/92	251,042	369,949
Venture Capital	Zentec Corporation	12/86	9/92	277,500	0
Leveraged Buyout	ALLTEL Corporation	2/87	3/93	24,277	428,451
Venture Capital	BehaviorTech, Inc.	8/87	7/93	105,669	9,900
Leveraged Buyout	ALLTEL Corporation	2/87	8/93	25,480	483,124
Leveraged Buyout	ALLTEL Corporation	2/87	11/93	12,071	240,807
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Total				\$6,317,903	\$14,693,393
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NET PROFIT REALIZED					\$ 8,375,490
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1984 PARTNERSHIP

The 1984 Partnership closed its subscription offering on May 22, 1984, at which time it sold 3,747 units of limited partnership interest to approximately 300 investors for \$3,747,000. By February 3, 1988, the 1984

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Partnership was fully invested in 23 investments with an aggregate purchase price of \$4.1 million. Of the 23 investments, six were in real estate (\$750,000), nine in venture capital (\$1.6 million), five in leveraged buyouts (\$1.1 million), one in oil and gas (\$350,000), one in equipment leasing (\$250,000) and one in research and development (\$90,000).

Set forth below is a chart showing the results, as of March 31, 1994, of completed equity transactions with respect to the 1984 Partnership's investments. The dates of purchase indicated refer to the dates on which investments were acquired by or on behalf of the 1984 Partnership.

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Classification	Company	Date of Purchase	Date of Sale	Cost	Proceeds
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<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
Real Estate	Cortland	6/84	12/86	\$ 70,498	\$ 43,772
Venture Capital	California Devices, Inc.	12/85	8/87	150,000	0
Leveraged Buyout	Denny's, Inc.	9/86	9/87	399,968	1,898,631
Leveraged Buyout	Ithaca Corporation	4/86	1/88	422,563	7,488,000 (A)
Venture Capital	FGIC Corp.	6/86	3/88	601,205	1,133,550
Venture Capital	Alliant Computer Systems Corp.	6/86	7/88	101,225	63,563
Venture Capital	Data Recording Systems, Inc.	2/85	8/88	152,444	0

Leveraged Buyout	Printing Holdings, L.P.	4/86	4/89	115,706	376,815
Leveraged Buyout	New Axia Holdings Corporation	9/86	12/89	31,225	262,500 (B)
Venture Capital	Intek Diagnostics, Inc.	8/86	12/89	100,980	0
Leveraged Buyout	C.C. Packaging, Inc.	9/86	3/90	11,223	15,110
Venture Capital	Shared Resource Exchange, Inc.	2/87	9/90	74,999	0
Oil and Gas	Berresford Enterprises-Jerry 1984	11/84	3/93	350,000	0
Venture Capital	BehaviorTech, Inc.	8/86	7/93	70,973	6,930
Venture Capital	Private Satellite Network, Inc.	8/84	9/93	158,575	30,665
Leveraged Buyout	Axia Incorporated	12/89	3/94	0	86,120
Total				\$2,811,584	\$11,365,656
NET PROFIT REALIZED					\$ 8,554,072

(A) Includes dividend of \$2,460,533.

(B) Includes dividend of \$ 175,000.

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1983 PARTNERSHIP

The 1983 Partnership closed its subscription offering on May 20, 1983, at which time it sold 6,915 units of limited partnership interest to approximately 600 investors for \$6,915,000. By March 2, 1987, the 1983 Partnership was fully invested with 21 investments with an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$7.6 million. Of the 21 investments, four were in venture capital (\$1.3 million), three in leveraged buyouts (\$1.0 million), six in real estate (\$2.8 million), three in oil and gas (\$900,000), three in equipment financing (\$1.1 million) and two in research and development (\$500,000).

Set forth below is a chart showing the results as of March 31, 1994, of completed equity transactions with respect to the 1983 Partnership's investments. The dates of purchase indicated refer to the dates on which investments were acquired by or on behalf of the 1983 Partnership.

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Classification	Company	Date of Purchase	Date of Sale	Cost	Proceeds
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
Leveraged Buyout	Signode Industries	12/85	9/86	\$ 761,003	\$ 8,096,509
Venture Capital	UAS Automation Systems, Inc.	6/83	11/86	100,003	394,520
Equipment Financing	Aztex Associates, L.P.	5/83	12/86	64,563	0
Research & Devlpmt.	BRN R/S Expert, L.P.	6/84	5/87	230,000	769,531
Leveraged Buyout	Denny's, Inc.	9/86	9/87	199,984	949,315
Venture Capital	FGIC Corporation	6/86	3/88	1,000,000	1,649,840
Venture Capital	Alliant Computer Systems Corp.	6/86	7/88	100,000	63,563

Leveraged Buyout	Medical Disposables Company	6/86	4/90	65,000	162,070
Oil and Gas	Posse Petroleum, Ltd.	10/83	2/91	176,469	60,000
Research and Devlpmt.	NIP Plant Research, Ltd.	4/81	3/91	232,500	25,000
Equipment Financing	Cortlandt Intermodal Leasing	6/83	4/92	432,882	180,624
Oil and Gas	Berresford Enterprises-Jerry 1984	11/84	3/93	150,000	0
Oil and Gas	Berresford Enterprises-Margaret #1	10/83	3/93	550,000	0
Total				\$4,062,404	\$12,350,972
NET PROFIT REALIZED					\$ 8,288,568

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INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICIES

GENERAL

The investment objective of the Partnership is to seek long-term capital appreciation. It is expected that a substantial portion of the Partnership's assets will be invested in privately-offered equity investments in leveraged buyout transactions and in transactions involving restructurings or recapitalization of operating companies. Investments may also be made in real estate opportunities and, to a lesser extent, in venture capital transactions. These investments are described below. The Partnership may make other investments in equity and fixed income securities that the General Partner considers appropriate in terms of their potential for capital appreciation. Current income will not generally be a significant factor in the selection of investments. The Partnership may not change its investment objective unless authorized by the vote of a majority-in-interest of the Limited Partners of the Partnership. There can be no assurance that the investment objective of the Partnership will be realized.

While privately-offered equity investments of the types expected to be acquired by the Partnership generally have the potential for achieving greater appreciation than investments in publicly-traded securities of established companies, these investments are highly speculative and involve substantial risks which are increased by the long-term nature and limited liquidity of such investments. It is anticipated that the proceeds of the offering will be invested, or committed for investment, within three to four years after the date the Partnership commences operations. It is also anticipated that the Partnership will not reinvest proceeds from the sale of portfolio investments except that the General Partner may consider reinvestments to the extent initial investments are disposed of within two years from the closing of the sale of Units or in connection with follow-on investments made in existing portfolio companies.

TYPE OF INVESTMENTS

Leveraged buyout transactions typically involve the purchase of public or privately-held corporations, or divisions or subsidiaries of such corporations, through financing provided by equity investors and debt financing. The transactions generally involve a significant degree of debt financing and the highly leveraged financial structure of these investments may introduce substantial risks to equity investors apart from those directly related to a company's operations. As described under "Sources of Investment Opportunities" below, the Partnership anticipates that it will seek to co-invest in a number of these investments with ML & Co. or its affiliates.

The Partnership anticipates that it may also make equity investments in transactions involving financial restructurings or recapitalizations of operating companies. It is expected that these investments would be made in connection with the restructuring or recapitalization of a leveraged company

pursuant to which a portion of its outstanding capitalization is to be exchanged for, or repaid from the proceeds of the issuance of, one or more classes of new securities. A company will generally undertake a financial restructuring or recapitalization transaction because its financial structure is overly leveraged in light of its current or anticipated operations. These companies may also be encountering financial difficulties in meeting current debt service payments. The Partnership anticipates that it will seek to co-invest in financial restructuring or recapitalization transactions with ML & Co. or its affiliates.

The Partnership also expects that it may make investments in real estate transactions offering investment potential consistent with the Partnership's objective of seeking long-term capital appreciation. As reflected in the sub-heading "Proposed Initial Investments" below, the General Partner has approved one such real estate investment for the Partnership.

The Partnership does not presently anticipate that it will invest a significant portion of its assets in venture capital investments. To the extent the Partnership makes venture capital investments, it expects that these investments will generally consist of investments in a limited number of new companies or companies in an early stage of development that the General Partner believes have outstanding appreciation and profit potential. While the General Partner will maintain a flexible approach to the selection of venture capital investments, these investments may include companies involved in high-technology industries (e.g., telecommunications, microelectronics, robotics or biotechnology) and companies with innovative manufacturing and service businesses. Typically venture capital investments may take from four to seven years to reach a state of maturity where disposition can be considered.

Following an initial equity investment in transactions described above, the Partnership anticipates that it may, at times, provide additional or follow-on funds to the issuer. Follow-on investments may be made pursuant to rights to acquire additional securities, or otherwise in order to increase the Partnership's position in a successful or promising portfolio company. The Partnership may also be called on to provide follow-on investments for a number of other reasons, including providing additional capital to a company to implement fully its business plans, to develop a new line of business or to recover from unexpected business problems.

The Partnership may invest up to 5% of its total assets in high yield corporate debt securities that the General Partner believes have significant potential for capital appreciation. These securities may be acquired in restructuring or reorganization transactions in which ML & Co. or its affiliates are participating as financial adviser or in other capacities. High yield debt securities, also referred to as "junk bonds", are regarded as predominantly speculative as to the issuer's ability to make payments of principal and interest. See "Risk and Other Important Factors".

It is expected that the Partnership will not invest more than 15% of its assets in any one portfolio company. The equity investments made by the Partnership in portfolio companies will typically be structured in negotiated private transactions and will generally be restricted as to the manner of resale or disposition. The securities acquired by the Partnership will primarily consist of common stocks and securities convertible into common stocks, but may also consist of a combination of equity and debt securities and warrants, options and other rights to obtain such securities or, in the case of high yield debt securities, the debt securities themselves.

SOURCES OF INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Partnership expects to locate suitable investments from a variety of sources, including affiliates of the General Partner and third parties. Although the Partnership cannot predict what percentage of its investments

will be in opportunities presented by affiliates of the General Partner or by third parties, it expects that a significant portion will be invested in opportunities presented by affiliates of the General Partner. See "The General Partner and Its Affiliates--Significant Affiliates of the General Partner" and "Conflicts of Interest".

The Partnership will seek to invest in leveraged buyout and other equity investments. Previous KECALP Partnerships (particularly the 1989 Partnership and the 1991 Partnership) co-invested to a significant degree in buyout investments with partnerships managed by MLCP, a subsidiary of ML & Co. These investments were made

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available to the KECALP Partnerships by ML & Co. from its co-investments with such buyout partnerships. As has been announced, ML & Co. does not generally expect to make such investments in the foreseeable future and the investment professionals of such subsidiary are forming a new management company not affiliated with ML & Co. that expects to organize and manage buyout partnerships. The principals of such new management company have advised the General Partner that they are in the process of establishing the first partnership to be managed by such company. The General Partner has also been advised that, if such partnership is formed, the Partnership will be granted rights to co-invest with such partnership in an amount of up to \$2.5 million in each investment made by such partnership, subject to a maximum investment by the Partnership of a 3% interest in any acquired company. Since ML & Co. expects to invest in such partnership as a limited partner, the Partnership has applied for an exemptive order from the Securities and Exchange Commission, as described below, to enable the Partnership to make any such co-investments.

The Investment Company Act contains restrictions on co-investments by a registered investment company (such as the Partnership) and affiliates of its sponsor and on purchases of securities by a registered investment company from affiliates of its sponsor. Accordingly, to the extent the Partnership seeks to invest in transactions in which ML & Co. or any of its affiliates is also a participant or to purchase securities from ML & Co. or any of its affiliates, the Partnership may be required to obtain an exemptive order from the Securities and Exchange Commission under such Act before it can make the investment. The prior partnerships for which the General Partner acts as general partner have been able to obtain such exemptive orders under the Investment Company Act. In this regard, the Partnership has obtained blanket exemptive relief from the Securities and Exchange Commission permitting co-investments under certain circumstances in leveraged buyout and other equity investments with ML & Co. and its affiliates and in venture capital investments with ML Venture Partners II, L.P. The Partnership has applied for additional exemptive relief with respect to co-investment by the Partnership and affiliated co-investors which would permit the co-investments described in the preceding paragraph. There can be no assurance that the General Partner will be able to obtain exemptions in the future with respect to investments that do not qualify under the terms of existing exemptions.

INVESTMENT FACTORS

Prospective investments will be evaluated by the General Partner upon selection factors established by the General Partner from time to time. The following are typical of the factors which may be considered by the General Partner:

- (1) the potential return that may be earned from the investment;
- (2) the nature of the risks associated with such investment (e.g., industry risks or risks related to the structure of the

- investment opportunity);
- (3) the degree of diversification in the Partnership's investment portfolio;
 - (4) the financial stability, creditworthiness and reputation of any proposed partners or joint venturers;
 - (5) in the case of Sponsored Programs or indirect investments made through third parties, the background, experience and, where applicable, prior performance of the issuer of the constituent securities;
 - (6) the potential return available in alternative investments; and
 - (7) other considerations relative to a specific investment being considered.

PROPOSED INITIAL INVESTMENTS

The General Partner has approved the purchase by the Partnership of three investments, the details of which are set forth below:

ZML Partners Limited Partnership III ("Zell III") is a limited partnership formed to act as the managing general partner of Zell/Merrill Lynch Real Estate Opportunity Partners Limited Partnership III (the "Fund"). The Fund will seek to acquire a high quality, geographically diversified portfolio of real estate assets, primarily office buildings. The investment period is ten years and Zell III has agreed to use its best efforts to sell the properties of the Fund within 15 years from the initial closing.

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The General Partner has approved the acquisition by the Partnership of a limited partnership interest in Zell III for a purchase price of up to \$2 million, but not to exceed 15% of the Partnership's assets. Such limited partnership interest permits participation in the carried interest of Zell III in the Fund.

PC Accessories, Inc. ("PCA") is a leading distributor of personal computer accessory products. Founded less than three years ago, PCA has developed a broad line of products in the rapidly growing computer accessory industry. MLCP formed PCA Holding Corporation ("Holding") as an acquisition vehicle to acquire PCA and later to merge it with Gemini Holdings, Inc. ("Gemini"), an investment of the 1987 Partnership. Gemini is a leading independent distributor of home electronic and entertainment accessories for sale by discount chains and home centers in the U.S. The General Partner approved the investment by the Partnership of up to \$1.190 million in Holding, but not to exceed 7.5% of the Partnership's assets.

Mail-Well Corporation ("Mail-Well") is a leading manufacturer and seller of a broad line of customized conventional and specialty envelopes and related packaging products designed and printed to customers' specifications. Mail-Well focuses on the higher margin specialty product line as opposed to the commodity type envelope business. Mail-Well was formed in November 1993, by an investor group formed by The Sterling Group and management, to acquire G-P Envelope Holdings Inc. from Georgia Pacific Corporation and to acquire Pavey Envelope and Tag Corporation. The General Partner has approved the investment by the Partnership of up to \$1 million in Mail-Well, but not to exceed 10% of the Partnership's assets.

Pending completion of the offering of Units of the Partnership, the three investments described above were purchased or committed to, on behalf of the Partnership, by affiliates of the General Partner. As a result, the Partnership will not be able to acquire such investments until it receives an order under the Investment Company Act from the Securities and Exchange

Commission permitting such transactions. There can be no assurance that such an order will be obtained.

LEVERAGE

The Partnership Agreement permits the General Partner to borrow funds on behalf of or lend funds to the Partnership. The General Partner will obtain funds for making Partnership investments when it believes such action is desirable. The Partnership may also borrow funds to enable it to make follow-on investments with respect to any direct investments it might make in portfolio companies. However, it is expected that the Partnership would not otherwise incur substantial debt with respect to other types of investments. The Partnership Agreement does not limit the amount of indebtedness which the Partnership may incur. The Investment Company Act generally limits the amount of indebtedness the Partnership may incur to 331/3% of its gross assets. However, the General Partner has obtained an order from the Securities and Exchange Commission applicable to the Partnership which permits the Partnership to enter into nonrecourse loans relating to investments other than securities without regard to such limitation.

The use of leverage would exaggerate increases or decreases in the Partnership's net assets. To the extent that Partnership revenues are required to meet debt service obligations, the Partners may be allocated income (and therefore tax liability) in excess of cash available for distribution.

LIQUIDATION OF INVESTMENTS

The Partnership intends to liquidate its portfolio investments prior to dissolution. Leveraged buyout and venture capital investments typically require from four to seven years to reach a state of maturity before disposition can be considered. Investments in corporate restructuring and recapitalization transactions may also require a substantial holding period. Investments in partnerships involved in real estate investments may also be illiquid for significant periods, including periods extending for the term of the underlying investment vehicle. As a result, the Partnership's investments will generally be held for a significant time period until disposition can be considered through negotiated private sales or sales made in the public market pursuant to exemptions from registration under the Federal securities laws. The Partnership expects to utilize the services of MLPF&S, to the extent permitted by

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the Investment Company Act, in executing transactions for the sale of its investments. In the absence of a specific exemption, the Partnership is generally precluded by the Investment Company Act from selling portfolio securities, including high yield debt securities, to MLPF&S on a principal basis.

REINVESTMENT POLICY

The General Partner has the discretion to reinvest all Partnership revenues. To the extent portfolio investments are disposed of within two years after the closing of the sale of Units, the General Partner will consider reinvesting all or a substantial portion of the proceeds realized by the Partnership. However, the General Partner does not expect to reinvest proceeds from the liquidation of portfolio investments (other than temporary investments) occurring more than two years after the closing of the sale of Units, except in connection with follow-on investments made in existing portfolio companies. The General Partner may also cause the Partnership to maintain reserves for follow-on investments or to apply cash received from investments to the prepayment of any borrowings made by the Partnership. To the extent that cash received by the Partnership is not required for such purposes or to reimburse the General Partner for expenses incurred by it, such cash will be distributed to the Partners at least annually.

INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

The Partnership has adopted the following investment restrictions which may not be changed unless authorized by an amendment of the Partnership Agreement by the vote of a majority-in-interest of the Limited Partners of the Partnership. These restrictions provide that the Partnership may not (i) issue senior securities other than in connection with borrowings described in (iii) below, (ii) make short sales of securities, purchase securities on margin, except for use of short-term credit necessary for the clearance of transactions, or write put or call options, (iii) borrow amounts in excess of 331/3% of its gross assets, except that the Partnership may enter into nonrecourse loans relating to investments other than securities without regard to such limitation, (iv) underwrite securities of other issuers, except insofar as the Partnership may be deemed an underwriter under the Securities Act of 1933 in selling portfolio securities, (v) invest more than 25% of its Partners' capital contributions in the securities of issuers in any particular industry, except for temporary investments in United States Government and Government agency securities, domestic bank money market instruments and money market funds, or (vi) make loans to other persons in excess of 331/3% of its gross assets, provided that investments in privately offered debt securities issued by entities in which the Partnership has an equity participation or with which the Partnership has contracted to acquire an equity participation are not considered loans for purposes of this restriction. In addition, the Partnership will not invest any of its assets in the securities of other investment companies, except to the extent permitted by the Investment Company Act.

TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS

Prior to the expenditure of the capital contributions of the Limited Partners, and pending distributions of available cash, the Partnership will invest funds in various types of marketable securities. These securities include money market instruments, securities issued by or on behalf of states, municipalities and their instrumentalities, the interest from which is exempt from Federal income tax, and securities issued by other investment companies (including unit investment trusts and tax-exempt money market funds sponsored by affiliates of the General Partner). An exemptive order obtained from the Securities and Exchange Commission permits the Partnership to purchase money market instruments, shares of money market funds and certain other securities from affiliates of ML & Co. in principal transactions.

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TAX ASPECTS OF INVESTMENT IN THE PARTNERSHIP

EACH PROSPECTIVE LIMITED PARTNER IS URGED TO CONSULT A PERSONAL TAX ADVISOR WITH RESPECT TO THE MATTERS DISCUSSED BELOW AS THEY RELATE TO SUCH PROSPECTIVE LIMITED PARTNER'S CIRCUMSTANCES.

SCOPE AND LIMITATION

The following discussion of the Federal income tax consequences of an investment in the Partnership, together with the opinions of counsel referred to below, are based upon the existing provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended to date (the "Code"), the regulations promulgated or proposed thereunder (the "Regulations" or the "Proposed Regulations"), current administrative rulings and practices of the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") and existing court decisions, any of which could be changed at any time. Any such changes may or may not be retroactive with respect to transactions prior to the date of such changes and could significantly modify the statements and opinions expressed herein.

At the Closing of the offering of Units, the Partnership will receive the opinion of Brown & Wood ("Tax Counsel") to the effect that:

- (i) the Partnership will be classified as a partnership for Federal

income tax purposes and not as an "association" taxable as a corporation and will not be classified as a publicly traded partnership within the meaning of Code Section 7704(b) (see "Classification as a Partnership" below); and

(ii) the allocations of income, gain, loss, deduction and credit of the Partnership will be respected for Federal income tax purposes, so long as no Limited Partner's capital account becomes negative (see "General Principles of Partnership Taxation--Allocations and Distributions" below).

The Partnership also will request additional opinions of Tax Counsel with respect to the other material Federal income tax issues described in this Prospectus as such matters arise in the course of the Partnership's investment decisions. All such opinions of Tax Counsel will be subject to, and limited by, the assumptions made and matters referred to in such opinions, including the laws, rulings and regulations in effect as of the date of such opinions, all of which are subject to change.

Partners should note that the opinions of Tax Counsel are not binding on the IRS or the courts. The opinions of Tax Counsel regarding the issues specifically identified represent Tax Counsel's judgment based on its analysis of the law, and express what Tax Counsel believes a court would conclude if properly presented with such issues. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that the IRS will not challenge the tax treatment of certain items or, if it does, that it will not be successful. The opinions are based on the applicable statutes, regulations, cases and rulings in effect on the date of the opinions. If any of the authorities on which the opinions are based should change, the conclusions set forth in the opinions may be affected. The opinions of Tax Counsel are also based on certain representations by the General Partner, including a representation that the factual matters referred to herein are accurate and complete as of the date of Closing. If such facts or representations are inaccurate, Tax Counsel's opinion may not apply to such changed circumstances.

OVERVIEW OF TAX ASPECTS

The Code provides that a partnership is not itself subject to Federal income taxation. Rather, each Limited Partner will be required to take into account in computing his Federal income tax liability his allocable share of the Partnership's capital gains and capital losses and other income, losses, deductions, credits and items of tax preference for any taxable year of the Partnership ending within or with the taxable year of such Limited Partner, without regard to whether he has received or will receive any distribution from the Partnership. Partnership revenues may be retained by the Partnership to be applied to working capital reserves, or used to reduce outstanding debts, pay Partnership expenses or repay any Partnership borrowings. In addition, certain of the temporary

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investments which the Partnership may purchase include zero coupon bonds or other obligations having original issue discount. For Federal income tax purposes, accrual of original issue discount will be attributable to Partners as interest income even though the Partnership does not realize any cash flow as a result of such accrual.

The Partnership is required to (i) file annually an information return on Form 1065 and (ii) following the close of the Partnership's taxable years, provide to each Partner a Schedule K-1 indicating such Partner's allocable share of the Partnership's income, gain, losses, deductions, credits, and items of tax preference. Assignees of Limited Partners who are not admitted to the Partnership will not receive any tax information from the Partnership. See "General Principles of Partnership Taxation--Partners, Not Partnership, Subject to Tax" below.

CLASSIFICATION OF A PARTNERSHIP AS A PTP

Under Section 7704 of the Code, as added by the Revenue Act of 1987 (the "1987 Tax Act"), a publicly traded partnership ("PTP") (other than a PTP substantially all of whose income is from specified passive sources) is to be

treated as a corporation for Federal income tax purposes, effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1987.

PTPs are defined in Code Section 7704(b) as partnerships whose interests are (i) traded on an established securities market (i.e., a national exchange, local exchange, or over-the-counter market) or (ii) readily tradeable on a secondary market (or the substantial equivalent thereof). Units in the Partnership will not be listed for trading on an established securities market and the General Partner will use its best efforts to ensure that Units will not be readily tradeable on any secondary market (or substantial equivalent thereof). There can be no assurance, however, that such efforts will be successful. A Limited Partner may not transfer a Unit unless the Limited Partner represents, and provides other documentation, satisfactory in form and substance to the General Partner that such transfer was not effected through a broker-dealer or matching agent which makes a market in Units or which provides a readily available, regular and ongoing opportunity to Partners to sell or exchange their Units through a public means of obtaining or providing information of offers to buy, sell or exchange Units. Prior to recognizing the sale of a Unit, the General Partner must determine that such sale, assignment or transfer will not, by itself or together with any other sales, transfers or assignments, substantially increase the risk of the Partnership being classified as a publicly traded partnership. A transferor will not be required to make the representations described above if the transferor represents that the transfer is effected through an agent whose procedures have been approved by the General Partner as consistent with the requirements for avoiding classification as a publicly traded partnership.

On June 17, 1988, the IRS issued Advance Notice 88-75 (the "Notice"). The Notice provides certain safe harbors which, if satisfied by a partnership, will result in interests in the partnership not being treated as readily tradeable on a secondary market or the substantial equivalent thereof. The Notice provides, in relevant part, that interests in a partnership will not be considered readily tradeable on a secondary market or a substantial equivalent thereof within the meaning of Section 7704(b) of the Code for a taxable year of the partnership if the sum of the percentage interests in partnership capital or profits represented by partnership interests that are sold or otherwise disposed of during the taxable year does not exceed 5% (2% in the case of a partnership that also relies on a separate matching service safe harbor described below) of the total interest in partnership capital or profits (the "5% Safe Harbor"). For this purpose, the following transfers, as well as certain redemptions (collectively, "Safe Harbor Transfers"), will be disregarded: (i) transfers in which the basis of the partnership interest in the hands of the transferee is determined, in whole or in part, by reference to its basis in the hands of the transferor or is determined under Section 732 of the Code; (ii) transfers at death; (iii) transfers between members of a family (as defined in Section 267(c)(4) of the Code); (iv) the issuance of interests by or on behalf of the partnership in exchange for cash, property, or services; (v) distributions from a retirement plan qualified under Section 401(a); and (vi) block transfers. (The term "block transfer" means the transfer by a partner in one or more transactions during any thirty calendar day period of partnership interests representing in the aggregate more than 5 percent of the total interest in partnership capital or profits.)

The Notice also provides that sales through a matching service ("Matched Sales") will be disregarded (the "Matching Service Safe Harbor") for purposes of determining whether partnership interests are to be considered

readily tradeable on a secondary market or the substantial equivalent thereof if: (i) at least a 15 calendar day delay occurs between the day the operator receives written confirmation from the listing customer that an interest in a partnership is available for sale (the "contact date") and the earlier of (A)

the day information is made available to potential buyers regarding the offering of such interest for sale, or (B) the day information is made available to the listing customer regarding the existence of any outstanding bids to purchase an interest in such partnership at a stated price; (ii) the closing of the sale effected through the matching service does not occur prior to the 45th calendar day after the contact date; (iii) the listing customer's information is removed from the matching service within 120 calendar days after the contact date; (iv) following any removal of the listing customer's information from the matching service (other than removal by reason of a sale of any part of such interest), no interest in the partnership is entered into the matching service by such listing customer for at least 60 calendar days; and (v) the sum of the percentage interests in partnership capital and profits represented by partnership interests that are sold or otherwise disposed of other than in Safe Harbor Transfers during the taxable year of the partnership does not exceed 10 percent of the total interest in partnership capital and profits. If a partnership relies on the Matching Service Safe Harbor for its Matched Sales, the 5% Safe Harbor is applied (to sales other than Safe Harbor Transfers and Matched Sales) by substituting 2% for 5%.

The Partnership Agreement provides that the Partnership will satisfy one of such safe harbors. The Partnership Agreement also provides that any transfer of Units to a market maker will be null and void unless the market maker certifies that it is holding such Units for investment purposes. The General Partner has also represented that it intends to exercise its discretion regarding transfers in a manner designed to prevent the Partnership from becoming a PTP. Accordingly, it is not anticipated that the Partnership will be a PTP. There can be no assurance, however, that the General Partner will be successful in its efforts. In addition, new regulations may be adopted that would cause the Partnership to be treated as a PTP. Investors are urged to consider ongoing developments in this area.

Although, as indicated above, it is possible that the Partnership could be treated as a PTP, it is expected that the Partnership will meet the requirements for an exception to the rule that would treat PTPs as corporations. The exception is available to a partnership if 90% or more of its gross income consists of passive-type income ("PTI"). PTI includes certain interest, dividends, rents from real property, gains from the sale or other disposition of real property, and income and gains from certain natural resource activities. The definition of PTI also includes gain from the sale or disposition of capital assets or certain other trade or business property, if such assets or property were held for the production of PTI. Interest or rental income that is contingent on profits or income earned by the borrower or lessee generally does not qualify as PTI. The General Partner expects that the Partnership will meet the 90% of gross income test on an ongoing basis. A partnership that inadvertently fails to meet the requirement that at least 90% of its income be PTI will not be taxed as a corporation if (i) the Secretary of the Treasury determines that the failure was inadvertent, (ii) the partnership takes steps within a reasonable time to meet the requirement and (iii) the partnership and each person holding an interest in the partnership during the failure period agree to make the adjustments directed by the Secretary.

CLASSIFICATION AS A PARTNERSHIP

SIGNIFICANCE OF PARTNERSHIP STATUS

A limited partnership may be classified for Federal income tax purposes as either a "partnership" or an association taxable as a corporation. If the Partnership is classified as a partnership, the Partners will be subject to tax currently on their respective distributive shares of Partnership income and gain, and, subject to certain limitations, will be entitled to claim currently their respective distributive shares of any Partnership losses and credits. If the Partnership were to be classified as an association taxable as a corporation, the Partners therein would be treated as shareholders of a corporation and, consequently, (i) items of income, gain, deduction, loss and credit would not flow through to such Partners to be accounted for on their individual Federal income tax returns, (ii) cash distributions would be

treated as corporate distributions to such Partners, some or all of which might be taxable as dividends and (iii) the taxable income of the Partnership would be subject at the partnership level to the Federal income tax imposed on corporations and, potentially, to state and local corporate income and franchise taxes.

The Partnership will not seek a ruling from the IRS on the question of its classification for Federal income tax purposes as a partnership but rather will rely on an opinion of Tax Counsel as described below. The opinion of Tax Counsel will not be binding upon the IRS.

QUALIFICATION OF THE PARTNERSHIP AS A PARTNERSHIP

At the Closing of the offering of Units, Tax Counsel will deliver its opinion that, under the present provisions of the Code, Regulations, published rulings of the IRS and court decisions, all of which are subject to change, assuming the activities of the Partnership are conducted as described herein and in compliance with the provisions of the Partnership Agreement, and based on certain representations of the General Partner, for Federal income tax purposes, the Partnership will be treated as a partnership.

Tax Counsel's opinion as to the partnership status of the Partnership is based in part upon Section 301.7701-2 of the current Regulations which provides that an organization that qualifies as a limited partnership under the applicable state law will be classified as a partnership for Federal income tax purposes unless it has more corporate characteristics than noncorporate characteristics. The Regulations set forth four principal characteristics of a corporation that must be considered for this purpose: (i) centralized management, (ii) continuity of life, (iii) free transferability of interests and (iv) limited liability. In Tax Counsel's opinion, based upon the assumptions and representations of the General Partner, the Partnership will not have more than two of the foregoing corporate characteristics, and therefore, will be treated as a partnership for Federal income tax purposes rather than an association taxable as a corporation.

In addition to the four specific characteristics mentioned above, the Regulations state that other factors may be significant in classifying an organization. In *Larson v. Commissioner*, 66 T.C. 159 (1976), appeal withdrawn, 1977 acq. 1979-1 C.B. 1, the IRS argued that even if a majority of the specifically enumerated corporate characteristics are absent, an organization may be classified as an association if other factors not specifically discussed in the Regulations are present. The Tax Court, however, rejected this position, holding that if a majority of the relevant specifically identified criteria were absent, the entity would not be taxed as an association unless other factors whose "materiality was unmistakable" were present. In Revenue Ruling 79-106, 1979-1 C.B. 448, the IRS indicated it would follow the *Larson* decision and that it would not consider certain other factors not specifically mentioned in the Regulations to have independent significance for purposes of classifying partnerships.

No assurance can be given that partnership status will not be lost as a result of future changes in the applicable law or Regulations (which changes might be applied retroactively) or due to changes in the manner in which the Partnership in fact is operated. As more fully described below, loss of partnership status and treatment of the Partnership as an "association" taxable as a corporation would have a material adverse effect of the tax treatment of the Partnership, the Partners and on the value of the Units.

In addition to the foregoing considerations concerning classification of the Partnership as a partnership, the General Partner has instituted measures which are intended to reduce the risk of the Partnership being treated as a PTP or an association taxable as a corporation for Federal income tax purposes. Specifically, the General Partner will represent, at the time of Closing, that it will take such actions and implement such procedures as are

necessary to enable the Partnership to comply with one of the safe harbors enumerated in the Notice. In addition, the General Partner will not recognize any transfer of Units if, in the opinion of the Partnership's tax counsel, the manner of such transfer could cause the Partnership to be classified as an association taxable as a corporation for Federal income tax purposes or cause it to be a PTP. Accordingly, at the Closing of the offering of Units, Tax Counsel will deliver their opinion that the Partnership will not be a PTP within the meaning of Section 7704(b) of the Code.

If for any reason the Partnership were treated as an "association" taxable as a corporation, capital gains and losses and other income and deductions of the Partnership would not be passed through to the Limited Partners, and the Limited Partners would be treated as shareholders for tax purposes. Any distributions by the Partnership to each Limited Partner would be taxable to that Limited Partner as a dividend, to the extent of the Partnership's current and accumulated earnings and profits, and treated as gain from the sale of a Partnership interest to the extent it

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exceeded both the current and accumulated earnings and profits of the Partnership and the Limited Partner's tax basis for his interest.

The remainder of the discussion under "Tax Aspects of Investment in the Partnership", including observations as to the tax results of the normal operation of the Partnership and of such events as the Partnership's sale of an interest in portfolio companies or a Partner's sale of an interest in the Partnership, is based on the assumption that the Partnership will be classified as a partnership for Federal income tax purposes. In general, this discussion is limited to the Federal income tax aspects of investment in the Partnership, although reference is made to other tax considerations. See "State and Local Taxes".

GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF PARTNERSHIP TAXATION

PARTNERS, NOT PARTNERSHIP, SUBJECT TO TAX

As discussed above, the Partnership, if recognized as a partnership for Federal income tax purposes, will not itself be liable for any Federal income tax. Although the Partnership must annually file a U.S. Partnership Return of Income, Form 1065, that return is merely an information return. Instead, the Partnership will report to each Partner such Partner's distributive share (generally, as determined under the Partnership Agreement, as discussed under "Allocations and Distributions" below, and reported on Schedule K-1 of Form 1065) of income, gain, loss, deduction, credit and items of tax preference. Each Partner will then report on his own Federal income tax return, much as if the Partner were directly engaged in the investment activities of the Partnership, such Partner's share of those items for the Partnership tax year that ends with or within the Partner's tax year.

A Partner's share of items of Partnership income are included directly in the computations of the Partner's adjusted gross income and taxable income. The Partner's share of any Partnership deductions or losses may, subject to certain exceptions discussed below (see "Basis of Partnership Interest", "'At Risk' Limitation on Deducting Losses", "Passive Activity Loss Limitation", "Deductibility of Operating Expenses" and "Limitations on the Deductibility of Interest") offset the Partner's allocable share of Partnership income and, if sufficient in amount, a Partner's income from other sources.

As a general rule, any cash distributions or constructive distributions (e.g., a decrease in the Partner's share of Partnership liabilities) by the Partnership will be taxable to a Partner only to the extent that such distributions exceed the tax basis of the recipient Partner in the year of receipt or are received in exchange for the recipient Partner's interest in "unrealized receivables" or substantially appreciated "inventory items" under

Section 751 of the Code. See "Basis of Partnership Interest" and "Transfer of a Partnership Interest" below. Conversely, the mere absence of cash or constructive distributions will not, of itself, limit or affect the recognition of taxable income by Partners.

BASIS OF PARTNERSHIP INTEREST

As a general matter, a partner's basis for his interest in a partnership is significant in determining (i) taxable gain or loss to the partner on disposition or liquidation of such partner's interest in the partnership, (ii) the extent to which partnership expenses or losses are deductible by the partner and (iii) the extent to which partnership distributions represent taxable income to the partner. In this respect, a partner's basis for his partnership interest represents a measure of the partner's "investment" in the partnership at any given time for Federal income tax purposes.

A Limited Partner's basis for his interest in the Partnership will initially be the amount of such Partner's cash contribution to the capital of the Partnership, plus such Partner's share, as discussed below, of any Partnership liabilities. Such basis will be increased by (i) the Partner's distributive share of Partnership taxable income, including capital gain, (ii) the Partner's distributive share of Partnership income exempt from tax, if any, and (iii) any increase in the Partner's share of Partnership liabilities. A Partner's basis will be decreased (but not below

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zero) by (i) the Partner's distributive share of cash distributions, (ii) the Partner's distributive share of Partnership losses and deductions, (iii) any decrease in the Partner's share of Partnership liabilities and (iv) the Partner's distributive share of Partnership expenditures that are neither deductible nor properly chargeable to his capital account.

It is anticipated that the Partnership may incur borrowings to make follow-on investments with respect to its direct equity investments. It should also be anticipated that debt financing will be utilized by the Sponsored Programs in which the Partnership may acquire interests. Such borrowings will usually be nonrecourse liabilities by their terms secured solely by the assets of the Partnership or the Sponsored Program and for which no Partner will have any personal liability. Each Limited Partner will be permitted to include his allocable share (as determined under Code Section 752) of any such nonrecourse liabilities in the basis of his Partnership interest, but only to the extent that the amount of such liabilities does not exceed the fair market value of the property securing such liabilities. However, even though a Limited Partner's allocable share of Partnership nonrecourse borrowings will be includable in the tax basis of his Partnership interest, such borrowings will not increase the amount the Limited Partner is considered "at risk" for purpose of the deductibility of Partnership losses. See "'At Risk' Limitation on Deducting Losses".

If recognition of a Partner's distributive share of Partnership losses would reduce the tax basis of the Partner's interest in the Partnership below zero, the recognition of such losses is deferred until such time as the recognition of such losses would not reduce the Partner's basis below zero. To the extent that Partnership cash distributions, or any decrease in a Partner's share of the nonrecourse liabilities of the Partnership (which is considered a constructive cash distribution to the Partners), would reduce a Partner's basis below zero, such distributions constitute taxable income to the recipient Partner. If the Partner is not a "dealer" in securities, the distribution will normally represent a capital gain and, if the Partnership interest has been held for longer than the capital gains holding period (currently one year), the distribution will constitute a long-term capital gain. See "Other Tax Considerations--Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993".

'AT RISK' LIMITATION ON DEDUCTING LOSSES

Under Section 465 of the Code, individuals and certain closely-held corporations are entitled to deduct their distributive shares of partnership losses attributable to partnership activities only to the extent of the

amount they are considered "at risk" with respect to their partnership interests at the end of the taxable year.

A Limited Partner in the Partnership will initially be considered "at risk" with respect to his Partnership interest to the extent of the cash contributed to the Partnership for Units, provided such Units are not financed with borrowings from persons with certain interests (other than as a creditor) in the Partnership activities or with borrowings solely secured by Units. While a Limited Partner's tax basis in his Units will be increased by his allocable share of any nonrecourse liabilities of the Partnership (see "Basis in Partnership Interest" above), such liabilities are not includable in the Partner's amount "at risk". However, the Tax Reform Act of 1986 (the "1986 Act") provides an exception to this general rule that permits certain qualified nonrecourse financing secured by real property to be included in an investor's amount "at risk". This exception may have relevance if the Partnership indirectly invests in real estate through a Sponsored Program.

The amount a Limited Partner is "at risk" in the Partnership will be increased by, among other things, his share of Partnership ordinary income and capital gain. A Limited Partner's amount "at risk" will be reduced by (i) all Partnership distributions to, or on behalf of, the Partner and (ii) his share of Partnership deductions and losses. The Partner's share of Partnership deductions and losses over Partnership income not allowable in any year as a result of the "at risk" limitation is carried forward until such time, if ever, as it is allowable under the "at risk" rules.

If, at the end of any taxable year, the amount a Partner is "at risk" is less than zero (for example, as a result of a cash distribution from the Partnership) the deficit amount "at risk" is "recaptured"; that is, the taxpayer must include in gross income an amount equal to the negative amount "at risk". However, the amount of gross income so recognized to offset the deficit amount "at risk" may be treated as a deduction and carried forward as a suspended loss until such time, if ever, as it is allowable.

The timing, duration and extent of any deferral or "recapture" of losses as a consequence of the "at risk" limitation will depend upon the nature of the Partnership's investments, the amount of Partnership revenue and expenses and the amount and the terms of Partnership leverage. In any event, prospective investors should consider the effect of the "at risk" rules in arranging any financing for a purchase of Units.

PASSIVE ACTIVITY LOSS LIMITATION

Under the passive activity loss provisions of Section 469 of the Code, losses and credits from trade or business activities in which a taxpayer does not materially participate (i.e., "passive activities") will only be allowed against income from such activities. Therefore, such losses cannot be used to offset salary or other earned income, active business income or "portfolio income" (such as dividends, interest, royalties and nonbusiness capital gains) of the taxpayer. Losses and credits suspended under this limitation can be carried forward indefinitely and can be used in later years against income from passive activities. Moreover, a taxable disposition by a taxpayer of the entire interest in a passive activity will cause the recognition of any suspended losses attributable to that activity. The passive activity loss limitation applies to individuals, estates, trusts, and most personal service corporations. A modified form of the rule also applies to closely-held corporations.

The primary activity of the Partnership will be the investment, holding and eventual disposition of privately-offered securities acquired in connection with direct equity investments. Prior to the commitment of Partnership funds to such investments, and pending distributions of available cash to the Partners, the Partnership will temporarily invest funds in various types of marketable securities. Any ordinary income (such as interest or dividend income) derived from either of such investment

activities, or capital gains realized upon disposition of such investments, will be treated as portfolio income. Portfolio income is not considered passive income and, thus, cannot be offset by a Partner's passive losses from other activities of the Partnership (such as investment in certain Sponsored Programs) or other sources. Accordingly, a prospective Limited Partner should not invest in the Partnership with the expectation of using his proportionate share of portfolio income and capital gain from the Partnership to offset losses from his interest in passive activities. On the other hand, a Limited Partner's proportionate share of any capital loss from portfolio investments or any ordinary expense (including any interest expense) allocable to portfolio investments, although they may be subject to the limitations imposed on deductibility of (i) capital losses (see "Other Tax Considerations--Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993"), (ii) itemized investment expenses incurred in the production of portfolio income (see "Deductibility of Operating Expenses") or (iii) investment interest (see "Other Tax Considerations--Limitations on the Deductibility of Interest"), will not be subject to the passive loss limitation rules described above.

ALLOCATIONS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Under Section 704 of the Code, a partner's distributive share of the income, gain, loss and deduction of a partnership is determined in accordance with the partnership agreement unless the allocation of such items does not have a "substantial economic effect" independent of tax consequences. On December 24, 1985 and September 9, 1986, the Treasury Department issued final Regulations relating to a partner's distributive share of tax items and the "substantial economic effect" test. Under such Regulations, an allocation of partnership income, gain, loss or deduction (or item thereof) to a partner will be considered to have "substantial economic effect" if it is determined that (i) the allocation has "economic effect" and (ii) that economic effect is "substantial". An allocation of tax items to partners will be considered to have "economic effect" if (a) the partnership maintains capital accounts in accordance with specific rules set forth in such Regulations and such allocation is reflected through an appropriate increase or decrease in the partners' capital accounts, (b) liquidating distributions (including liquidations of a partner's interest in the partnership) are required to be made in accordance with the partners' respective capital account balances, and (c) any partner with a deficit in his capital account following the distribution of liquidation proceeds would be unconditionally required to restore the amount of such deficit to the partnership. If the first two of these requirements are met, but the partner to whom an allocation is made is not obligated to restore the full amount of any deficit balance in his capital account, the allocation still will be considered to have "economic effect" to the extent the allocation does not cause or increase a deficit balance in the partner's capital account (determined after reducing that account for certain "expected" adjustments, allocations, and distributions specified by the Regulations) if the partnership agreement contains a "qualified income offset" provision.

The Partnership Agreement provides that a capital account is to be maintained for each Partner, that the capital accounts are to be maintained in accordance with applicable tax accounting principles set forth in the Regulations, and that all allocations of Federal tax items to a Partner are to be reflected by an appropriate increase or decrease in the Partner's capital account. In addition, distributions on liquidation of the Partnership (or of a Partner's interest) are to be made in accordance with respective positive capital account balances. Although the Partnership Agreement does not impose any obligation on the part of a Limited Partner to restore any deficit in his capital account balance following liquidation, the Partnership Agreement does contain a "qualified income offset" provision as defined in the Regulations.

In order for the "economic effect" of an allocation to be considered "substantial", the Regulations require that the allocation must have a "reasonable possibility" of "substantially" affecting the dollar amounts to

be received by the partners, independent of tax consequences. An allocation is insubstantial if its after-tax consequences on at least one partner, in present value, are enhanced and it is likely that the allocation will not lessen such consequences for any partner. Also, allocations are insubstantial if they just shift tax consequences within a partnership's tax year or, if they will probably be offset by future allocations.

Based on the Regulations, Tax Counsel is of the opinion that the tax allocations of income, gain, loss, deduction and credit under the Partnership Agreement for Federal income tax purposes will be considered to have "substantial economic effect" (and thus should be respected by the IRS) to the extent such allocations do not result in any Limited Partner having a deficit in his capital account balance. Tax Counsel has advised the Partnership that allocations to Limited Partners that actually result in deficit capital account balances likely would not be recognized for Federal income tax purposes in the absence of an obligation to restore deficit capital account balances. It is extremely unlikely, however, that the Partnership's operations will result in any Limited Partner having a deficit balance in his capital account.

If any allocation fails to satisfy the "substantial economic effect" requirement, the allocated items would be allocated among the Partners based on their respective "interests in the Partnership", determined on the basis of all of the relevant facts and circumstances. Such a determination might result in the income, gains, losses, deductions or credits allocated under the Partnership Agreement being reallocated among the Limited Partners and the General Partner. Such a reallocation, however, would not alter the distribution of cash flow under the Partnership Agreement, resulting in a possible mismatching of taxable income and cash distributed to the Partners.

Retroactive allocations of income, gain, deductions, losses and credits are not permitted under the Federal income tax laws. Accordingly, under the Partnership Agreement, items of income, gain, deduction, loss or credit will be allocable to Partners only for the quarterly periods of the tax year in which they are members of the Partnership. When the Partnership recognizes a transfer of an interest by a Limited Partner the distributive share of any Partnership income, gain, loss, deduction or credit for the taxable year will be allocated between the transferor Partner and the transferee based upon the quarterly periods during the taxable year that each owned such Partnership interest.

DEDUCTIBILITY OF OPERATING EXPENSES

The 1986 Act imposed limitations on individuals with respect to the deductibility of investment expenses by allowing a deduction for itemized expenses incurred for the production of income only to the extent such expenses, combined with certain other itemized deductions, in the aggregate exceed 2% of adjusted gross income. Accordingly, to the extent certain Partnership expenses are not deductible as trade or business expenses, but rather as investment expenses, the Limited Partners might not be able to fully claim their proportionate shares of these expenses as an itemized deduction on their individual income tax returns. To the extent certain Partnership expenses are nondeductible under this new limitation, Limited Partners may have to recognize taxable income in an amount greater than cash available from the Partnership for distribution to the Partners. However, the effect of this limitation should not be significant because the General Partner is responsible for paying Partnership investment expenses in excess of the amount of 1.5% of the aggregate capital contributions of the Limited Partners (which payment will be treated as an additional capital contribution of the General Partner to be reflected in its capital

account). Moreover, the General Partner may attempt to minimize the effect of the investment expense limitation provision under the 1986 Act by investing funds not invested in equity investments in short-term tax-exempt securities.

ORGANIZATION AND SYNDICATION EXPENSES

For Federal income tax purposes, a partnership may not deduct organizational or syndication expenses in the year in which they are paid or incurred. Rather, Section 709(b) of the Code provides that a partnership must amortize amounts paid or incurred to organize the partnership over a period of not less than 60 months. Under Regulation 1.709-2 examples of organizational expenses of a partnership include "legal fees for services incident to the organization of the partnership, such as negotiation and preparation of a partnership agreement; accounting fees for establishing a partnership accounting system; and necessary filing fees". However, the expenses of syndicating a partnership, i.e., the expenses to promote the sale of, or to sell, interests in the partnership (such as most of the printing costs and professional fees incurred in connection with preparation and registration of this Prospectus), are non-amortizable capital assets of the partnership.

The Partnership will pay expenses in connection with its organization and the sale of Units in an amount up to 2% of the proceeds of this offering. The General Partner will bear the remainder of any such costs. The General Partner will allocate expenses between organizational expenses, which can be amortized, and syndication expenses, which cannot be amortized or deducted, but must be capitalized. There can be no assurance, however, that the IRS would not challenge such allocation, attributing a greater amount of such expenditures to nondeductible syndication costs.

TRANSFER OF A PARTNERSHIP INTEREST

The amount of gain recognized on the sale by a Limited Partner of his interest in the Partnership generally will be the excess of the sales price received over his adjusted basis in such interest. The sale by a Limited Partner of an interest held by him for more than one year generally will result in his recognizing long-term capital gain or loss (provided such Limited Partner is not deemed to be a "dealer" in such property). However, to the extent the proceeds of sale are attributable to such Limited Partner's allocable share of Partnership "unrealized receivables" or "substantially appreciated inventory items", as defined in Section 751 of the Code, any gain will be treated as ordinary income. It is not anticipated that the Partnership will have significant amounts, if any, of "unrealized receivables" or "substantially appreciated inventory items". The sale by a Limited Partner of an interest held by him for less than one year generally will result in his recognizing short-term capital gain or loss. See "Other Tax Considerations--Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993". With respect to the allocation of tax items between the transferor and the transferee in the year in which an interest is transferred, see "Allocations and Distributions" above.

It is not expected that a transfer of an interest in the Partnership by gift or upon death will result in recognition of gain or loss. In general, the recipient of an interest in the Partnership by gift will have a tax basis in that interest equal to the transferor's basis increased by the amount of any gift tax paid on the transfer. However, if the fair market value of the interest at the time of the gift is less than this amount, Section 1015 of the Code may reduce the amount of loss the recipient can recognize on a subsequent sale. The recipient of such an interest resulting from a transfer upon death generally would have a tax basis in such interest equal to the fair market value of the interest at the date of death or, where applicable, the estate tax alternate valuation date.

NO ELECTION UNDER SECTION 754

Section 754 of the Code permits a partnership to make an election to adjust the basis of the partnership's assets in the event of a distribution of partnership property to a partner or transfer of a partnership interest. Depending upon particular facts at the time of any such event, such an

election could increase the value of a partnership interest to the transferee (because the election would increase the basis of the partnership's assets for the purpose of computing the transferee's allocable share of partnership tax items) or decrease the value of a partnership interest to the transferee (because the election would decrease the basis of the partnership's assets for that purpose). Because an election under Section 754, once made, cannot be revoked without obtaining the consent of the IRS, because such an election may not necessarily be advantageous to all the Limited Partners, and because of the accounting complexities that can result from having such an election in effect, it is unlikely that the General Partner would make such an election on behalf of the Partnership. The General Partner will advise the Limited Partners prior to any election under Section 754.

TERMINATION OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR TAX PURPOSES

Because of the absence of an established market for the Units, and because investments in the Partnership most likely will be made primarily with a view toward realizing long-term capital appreciation, it is not anticipated that 50% or more of the capital and profits interests in the Partnership will be sold or exchanged within any single 12-month period. However, if 50% or more of such interest were sold or exchanged within any single 12-month period, the Partnership would be deemed terminated for Federal income tax purposes. Among other tax consequences, the effect to a Limited Partner of such a deemed termination would be that he would recognize gain to the extent that his allocable share of the Partnership's cash on the date of termination exceeded the adjusted tax basis of his interest in the Partnership.

LIQUIDATION OF THE PARTNERSHIP

In the event of the liquidation of the Partnership, the Limited Partner will recognize gain (i) to the extent that the cash received in the liquidation exceeds the tax basis for such Partner's interest in the Partnership, adjusted by such Partner's share of income, gain or loss arising from normal operations or the sale of any property held by the Partnership in the year of dissolution or (ii) if the cash so received does not exceed such Partner's basis, as so adjusted, to the extent such cash is treated as received in exchange for such Partner's interest in "unrealized receivables" and substantially appreciated "inventory items". Such gain would be capital gain, except to the extent treated as ordinary income because attributable to "unrealized receivables" and substantially appreciated "inventory items" held by the Partnership.

Capital loss will be recognized in the event only cash, "unrealized receivables" and "inventory items" are distributed, and only to the extent the adjusted basis of a Limited Partner's interest in the Partnership exceeds the sum of money distributed and such Limited Partner's acquired basis for "unrealized receivables" and substantially appreciated "inventory items".

Income, gain, losses, deductions, credits and items of tax preference of the Partnership realized prior to the liquidation of the Partnership will be allocated to the Limited Partners in accordance with the Partnership Agreement.

TAX RETURNS AND INFORMATION; AUDITS

The Partnership has adopted the calendar year as its tax year. The Code requires entities, such as the Partnership, in which interests are publicly offered for sale pursuant to a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, to adopt an accrual method of accounting for Federal income tax purposes. Within 75 days or as soon as practicable, after the close of the taxable year, the Partnership will furnish each Limited Partner (and the assignees of the Partnership interest of any Partner) copies of (i) the Partnership Schedule K-1 indicating the Partner's distributive share of tax items and (ii) such additional information as is reasonably necessary to permit the Limited Partners to prepare their own Federal, state and local tax returns.

The Code provides for a single unified audit of partnerships at the partnership level rather than separate audits of individual partners. Under this procedure, a "Tax Matters Partner" must be appointed to represent the partnership in connection with IRS audits and other administrative and judicial proceedings. (The General Partner will act as Tax Matters Partner of the Partnership.) The IRS must send notice of a commencement of a partnership level audit to each partner with a 1% or more interest in the partnership and to the Tax Matters Partner. All partners may participate in administrative proceedings relating to the determination of partnership items; however, the Tax Matters Partner has the primary responsibility for representing the partnership in an audit and for contesting any adverse determinations. A settlement agreement between the IRS and one or more partners binds all parties to the agreement, and all other partners have the right to enter into consistent agreements. The final result of the partnership proceeding will be binding on all partners (other than partners agreeing to or being bound by a settlement with the IRS), and any resulting deficiency may be assessed and collected by notice and demand at any time after the determination becomes final.

The Code also provides that (i) a partner must report a partnership item consistent with its treatment on the partnership return, unless the partner files a statement which identifies the inconsistency, and (ii) the statute of limitations for assessment of tax with respect to partnership items (or affected items) under the new partnership level proceedings will generally be three years from the date of filing of the partnership return or the last date without extension for filing such return, whichever date is later. Notwithstanding the partnership level audit procedures, the IRS may assess a deficiency against any partner where treatment of an item in his individual return is inconsistent with the treatment on the partnership return.

Any costs which the Partnership or the General Partner may incur with respect to a "unified" partnership audit and related administrative or judicial proceedings would reduce the cash otherwise available for distribution to the Partners or otherwise be borne by the Partners.

The "unified" partnership audit procedures may increase the likelihood of IRS audits for organizations such as the Partnership.

ACCURACY RELATED PENALTIES

The Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1989 adopted, in Section 6662 of the Code, a general accuracy related penalty encompassing many of the penalty provisions of prior law, with certain amendments. In particular, Section 6662 imposes a 20% penalty on the portion of any underpayment of tax attributable to, among other things, negligence or disregard of rules or regulations. The General Partner believes that, based upon the nature of the anticipated investments of the Partnership, it will be able to properly characterize the tax treatment of the income generated from such investments so as to facilitate accurate reporting by the Limited Partners. Accordingly, the 20% penalty imposed under Section 6662 should not apply to Limited Partners with respect to their investment in the Partnership.

OTHER TAX CONSIDERATIONS

REVENUE RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1993

The Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993 (the "1993 Act"), which was enacted on August 10, 1993, raises the top income tax rate for individuals to 39.6 percent for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1992. The 1993 Act makes permanent a phase-out of personal exemptions and a limit on itemized deductions for certain high-income taxpayers. Under the 1993 Act, an individual's net capital gains (i.e., long-term capital gains) remain subject to a maximum marginal tax rate of 28 percent. The deductibility of capital losses, however, is still limited.

LIMITATIONS ON THE DEDUCTIBILITY OF INTEREST

Section 163(d) of the Code substantially limits the deductibility of interest on funds borrowed to purchase or hold property held for investment. "Investment interest" generally is deductible by a noncorporate taxpayer only to the extent of "net investment income". With certain limitations, excess investment interest not allowed as a deduction

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in one taxable year may be carried forward and deducted in subsequent taxable years to the extent that there is sufficient net investment income in such subsequent taxable years. The deductibility of interest also affects an investor's potential minimum tax liability. See "Alternative Minimum Tax".

Investment interest is broadly defined as interest which is paid or accrued on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry property held for investment including generally the purchase of Units. Interest taken into account in determining a taxpayer's passive losses, including generally any interest incurred or continued by a taxpayer to purchase or carry an interest in a partnership to which the passive loss rules apply, is not considered investment interest for purposes of the investment interest limitations. See "General Principles of Partnership Taxation--Basis of Partnership Interest; Passive Activity Loss Limitation".

In addition to the "investment interest" limitation described above, Section 265 (a) (2) of the Code disallows certain deductions for interest paid by a taxpayer or a related person on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry tax-exempt obligations. A Limited Partner for whom tax-exempt obligations constitute a significant portion of such Limited Partners net worth should consider the impact of Section 265 (a) (2) of the Code on his ability to deduct his allocable share of the Partnership's interest expense.

ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX

The alternative minimum tax, which applies to individuals, is determined by: (i) adding "tax preference" items to the individual's adjusted gross income (as reduced by certain itemized deductions and as otherwise adjusted pursuant to Sections 56 and 58 of the Code), (ii) subtracting therefrom the statutory exemption (\$33,750 for single taxpayers, \$45,000 for married taxpayers filing joint returns; but such exemptions are phased out for alternative minimum taxable incomes above \$112,500 for single taxpayers and \$150,000 for joint returns) and (iii) computing a tax at the rate of 26% on the first \$175,000 of alternative minimum taxable income in excess of the exemption amount, and 28% on alternative minimum taxable income that is more than \$175,000 above the exemption amount. For married individuals filing separate returns, the 28% rate applies to alternative minimum taxable income that is more than \$87,500 above the applicable exemption amount. If the alternative tax so computed exceeds the individual's regular tax, then he or she must pay an additional tax equal to the excess.

Each Limited Partner must include his or her allocable share of the Partnership's tax preference items in the computation of the applicable minimum tax. It is anticipated that the Partnership will not generate any significant items of tax preference for Limited Partners. However, for investors with substantial tax preference items from sources other than the Partnership, the imposition of the alternative minimum tax could reduce the after-tax economic benefits of investment in the Partnership. Prospective investors are urged to consult their tax advisors with regard to the specific effect of the new alternative minimum tax on an investment in the Partnership.

FRINGE BENEFITS

Unless excluded under Section 132 of the Code or some other statutory provision, employee "fringe benefits" are includable in gross income. Under the Partnership Agreement, the General Partner will bear various expenses in

connection with the organization of the Partnership (to the extent such expenses exceed 2%) and operation of the Partnership (to the extent such expenses exceed 1.5% of the proceeds of this offering) and will bear any sales or brokerage commissions charged in connection with the Partnerships investments. Payment by the General Partner of such expenses in excess of such amounts of the Limited Partners' capital contributions will be treated as an additional capital contribution of the General Partner under the Partnership Agreement and the General Partner's capital account will be credited to reflect such additional contribution.

Since Units are being solely offered to ML & Co. employees and non-employee directors, it is possible that the IRS would view the General Partner's payment of such expenses as an indirect method of compensating the employee-Limited Partner (i.e., a fringe benefit). If the IRS were successful in such characterization, a Limited Partner's pro rata share of such expenses (equal to the fair market value of the underlying goods and services rendered the Limited Partner) might be includable in the Limited Partner's gross income as additional compensation. The Limited Partner may not, however, be allocated a Partnership deduction for such fees and expenses in an

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amount corresponding to such income inclusion because some of such fees and expenses would be attributable to non-deductible syndication expenses, or investment expenses subject to the new limitation imposed on the deductibility of itemized miscellaneous expenses, or treated as part of the capitalized cost of the Partnerships portfolio assets. See "General Principles of Partnership Taxation--Deductibility of Operating Expenses; Organization and Syndication Expenses" above.

STATE AND LOCAL TAXES

In addition to the Federal income tax consequences described above, prospective Limited Partners should consider potential state and local tax consequences of an investment in the Partnership. State and local laws often differ from Federal income tax law with respect to the treatment of specific items of income, gain, loss, deductions and credit. A Limited Partner's distributive share of the taxable income or loss of the Partnership generally will be required to be included in determining his reportable income for state and local tax purposes in the jurisdiction in which he is a resident. In addition, a number of other states in which the Partnership may do business or own properties may impose a tax on non-resident Limited Partners determined with reference to their allocable shares of Partnership income derived by the Partnership from such state. Partners may be subject to tax return filing obligations and income, franchise, estate, inheritance or other taxes in other jurisdictions in which the Partnership does business, as well as in their own states or localities of residence or domicile. Also, any tax losses derived through the Partnership from operations in such states may be available to offset only income from other sources within the same state. To the extent that a non-resident Limited Partner pays tax to a state by virtue of Partnership operations within that state, he may be entitled to a deduction or credit against tax owed to his state of residence with respect to the same income. In addition, estate or inheritance taxes might be payable in a jurisdiction in which the Partnership owns property upon the death of a Limited Partner. Prospective Limited Partners are urged to consult their tax advisors with respect to possible state and local income and death tax consequences of an investment in the Partnership.

TAX CONSIDERATIONS FOR FOREIGN INVESTORS

The tax treatment applicable to a non-resident alien who invests in the Partnership is complex and will vary depending upon the particular circumstances of each Limited Partner. Each foreign investor is urged to consult with his tax counsel concerning the U.S. Federal, state and local and foreign tax treatment of his investment in the Partnership. In general, the U.S. tax treatment will vary depending upon whether the Partnership is deemed to be engaged in a U.S. trade or business. At present, it is uncertain whether, or at which point in time, the Partnership will be so engaged.

If the Partnership is not engaged in a U.S. trade or business in the tax year, the foreign Limited Partner would, in general, be subject to a 30% (or lower treaty rate) withholding tax with respect to his share of the Partnerships U.S. source interest, dividends and most other portfolio or investment income for such year, but would be exempt from U.S. taxation on his share of capital gains realized by the Partnership if he is not present in the United States for 183 days or more in the calendar year in which the Partnership's year ends.

If the Partnership is engaged in a U.S. trade or business in the tax year, the foreign Limited Partner would be required to file a U.S. Federal income tax return and would be taxed in the United States at graduated Federal income rates upon that portion of his net income from the Partnership for such year which is "effectively connected" with such business. Moreover, under a Code provision added by the 1986 Act and subsequently amended in the Technical and Miscellaneous Revenue Act of 1988, the Partnership would be required to withhold an amount equal to the U.S. tax on the foreign partners distributive share (whether or not actually distributed) of income which is attributable to "effectively connected income" with the Partnerships conduct of a trade or business in the United States. Such withholding tax would be required to be made by the Partnership on a quarterly basis. However, this provision would not apply, and withholding at 30% (or reduced treaty rates) would continue to apply to distributions attributable to dividends, interest, and other items of income subject to tax under Code Sections 871 or 881. For tax treaty purposes, the foreign Limited Partner would generally be deemed to have a "permanent establishment" in the United States in any year in which the Partnership is engaged in a U.S. trade or business.

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A non-resident alien's interest in the Partnership would be subject to U.S. Federal estate taxation if the investor dies while owning such interest.

The above general guidelines are subject to modification by a tax treaty. Moreover, the internal tax rules of the foreign investor's home country must also be considered in determining the advisability of an investment in the Partnership.

BACKUP WITHHOLDING

When a Unit is sold through a broker, the proceeds of the sale may constitute a "reportable payment" under the Federal income tax rules regarding backup withholding. Backup withholding, however, would apply only if the Limited Partner (i) failed to furnish and certify his Social Security number or other taxpayer identification number to the person subject to the backup withholding requirement (e.g., the broker) or (ii) furnished an incorrect Social Security number or taxpayer identification number. If backup withholding were applicable to a Limited Partner, the person subject to the backup withholding requirement would be required to withhold 31% of each distribution to such Partner and to pay such amount to the IRS on behalf of such Partner.

POSSIBLE CHANGES IN LAW

The rules dealing with Federal income taxation are under continual review by Congress and the IRS, resulting in frequent revisions of the Federal tax laws and regulations promulgated thereunder and revised interpretations of established concepts. No assurance can be given that, during the term of the Partnership, applicable Federal income tax laws or the interpretations thereof will not be changed in a manner that would have a material adverse effect on an investment in the Partnership.

IMPORTANCE OF OBTAINING PROFESSIONAL ADVICE

The foregoing analysis is not intended as a substitute for careful tax

planning. The tax matters relating to the Partnership and the transactions described herein are complex and are subject to varying interpretations. Moreover, the effect of existing income tax laws and possible changes in such laws will vary with the particular circumstances of each investor. In addition, with the exception of those issues specifically referred to as the subject of the opinion of Tax Counsel to the Partnership, no opinion as to the tax consequences of an investment in the Partnership has been obtained by the Partnership. Accordingly, as previously stated, each prospective Limited Partner should consult with and rely on his own advisors with respect to the possible tax consequences of an investment in the Partnership.

SUMMARY OF THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

The form of the Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership (the "Partnership Agreement") is included as Exhibit A to this Prospectus. It is recommended that each prospective purchaser read it in its entirety.

Certain provisions of the Partnership Agreement have been described elsewhere in this Prospectus. With regard to various transactions and relationships of the Partnership with the General Partner and its affiliates, see "Conflicts of Interest", with regard to the management of the Partnership, see "The Partnership" and "The General Partner and Its Affiliates", with regard to the transfer of Limited Partners' Units, see "Transferability of Units", and with regard to reports to be made to the Limited Partners, see "Reports".

The following briefly summarizes certain provisions of the Partnership Agreement which are not described elsewhere in this Prospectus. All statements made below and elsewhere in this Prospectus relating to the Partnership Agreement are hereby qualified in their entirety by reference to the Partnership Agreement. Capitalized terms used in this summary have the meanings ascribed to them in the Partnership Agreement.

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TERM

The Partnership shall continue in full force and effect until December 31, 2034, or until dissolution prior thereto.

PARTNERSHIP CAPITAL

No Partner shall be entitled to interest on any Capital Contribution to the Partnership or on such Partner's Capital Account. No Partner, other than the Initial Limited Partner, has the right to withdraw, or to receive any return of, his or her Capital Contribution. However, upon the death of a Limited Partner, the legal representative of such Partner may cause the interest of such Partner to be purchased as described under "Transferability of Units". No Partner has the right to receive property other than cash in return for his or her Capital Contribution.

ANNUAL APPRAISAL

The Partnership Agreement provides that, beginning December 31, 1994 and each succeeding December 31 (the "Valuation Date"), the General Partner will make an Appraisal or have an Appraisal made of all of the assets of the Partnership as of such date. The Appraisal, which may be made by independent third parties appointed by the General Partner, is to be based on such methods relating to the valuation of the Partnership's assets and liabilities as are deemed appropriate by the General Partner or an independent third party. A copy of the Appraisal will be sent to the Limited Partners within 120 days, or as soon as practicable, after the end of the Partnership's fiscal year, which ends December 31. See "Reports" for information as to the valuation procedures expected to be utilized with respect to private equity investments.

VOTING RIGHTS

Under the Partnership Agreement, either the General Partner or 10% or more in Interest of the Limited Partners may propose any act or other matter to which the Consent of any Partner is required. Within 20 days of the making of any such proposal, the General Partner must give all Partners Notification of such proposal (including the text of any amendment or document, a statement of its purposes and a favorable opinion of counsel, pursuant to Section 10.1A of the Partnership Agreement). Any matter requiring the Consent of any or all of the Limited Partners may be considered at a meeting of the Partners held not less than 15 nor more than 30 days after Notification to the Limited Partners of any proposal. Any Consent required by the Partnership Agreement shall be deemed to have been given only when the General Partner has actually received the written Consents of the Partners to the doing of the act or to such matter for which the Consent was solicited, or after the affirmative vote of the Partners to the doing of such act or to such matter at a meeting called to consider the same. Any Consent so given will be nullified if a written nullification by a Limited Partner of his Consent is actually received by the General Partner prior to the time such proposed act or such matter is actually voted upon.

Among other matters subject to approval by the Limited Partners are admission of a successor General Partner, Removal of the General Partner, Sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Partnership, certain amendments to the Partnership Agreement, and dissolution of the Partnership prior to January 1, 2000. However, as provided in detail in Section 11.3 of the Partnership Agreement, unless, at the time of the giving or withholding of Consent for certain actions by the Limited Partners, counsel retained by the Partnership at such time is of the opinion that the giving or withholding of Consent for such action is permitted by the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act, does not impair the liability of the Limited Partners and does not adversely affect the tax status of the Partnership, certain voting rights of the Limited Partners may be restricted.

LIABILITY OF PARTNERS TO THIRD PARTIES

The General Partner will be generally liable for all obligations of the Partnership.

The Partnership Agreement provides that no Limited Partner shall be personally liable for the debts of the Partnership beyond the amount committed by such Limited Partner to the capital of the Partnership and such Limited Partner's share of the Partnership's assets and undistributed profits. See "Risk and Other Important

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Factors--Possible Loss of Limited Liability". In the event the Partnership is unable otherwise to meet its obligations, the Limited Partners might, under applicable law, be obligated under some circumstances to return distributions previously received by them. See "Risk and Other Important Factors--Repayment of Certain Distributions".

DISSOLUTION

The Partnership shall be dissolved upon: the expiration of its term; the Incapacity, Removal or withdrawal of the General Partner and failure to designate a successor; the Sale or other disposition at one time of all or substantially all of the assets of the Partnership; an election prior to January 1, 2000 to dissolve by the General Partner with the Consent of a Majority-in-Interest of the Limited Partners; the failure of the Limited Partners to approve, by Consent of a Majority-in-Interest, the admission of a successor General Partner to the General Partner pursuant to Section 6.1A of the Partnership Agreement; after January 1, 2000, the General Partner's election to dissolve the Partnership; or the occurrence of any other event causing dissolution of the Partnership under the laws of the State of Delaware.

AMENDMENT

Subject to the provisions of Section 10.1 thereof, the Partnership Agreement may be amended by action of a Majority-in-Interest of the Limited Partners. However, without the Consent of all Partners, Section 4.3C of the Partnership Agreement (relating to certain restrictions on the General Partner's authority), Article Ten (relating to amendment of the Partnership Agreement) and Section 11.3 (relating to certain limitations on Limited Partners' voting rights) may not be amended. Also, without the Consent of each Partner who may be adversely affected, the Partnership Agreement may not be amended to (i) enlarge the obligation of any Partner under the Partnership Agreement or convert a Limited Partner's Interest into a General Partner's Interest; (ii) modify the limited liability of a Limited Partner; or (iii) alter the provisions of the Partnership Agreement relating to distributions of Distributable Cash and allocations of Profits and Losses. In addition, Sections 6.1 and 6.2 (relating to successors to the General Partner) may not be amended without the Consent of the General Partner. As a result of the limitations on Limited Partners' voting rights described above under "Voting Rights", there may be situations when Limited Partners are not permitted to vote on amendments of the Partnership Agreement. However, in accordance with Section 10.1 of the Partnership Agreement, under certain circumstances the General Partner, without the Consent of a Majority-in-Interest of the Limited Partners, may amend the Partnership Agreement if, in its opinion, such amendment does not have a material adverse effect on the Limited Partners or the Partnership.

ELECTIONS

All elections required or permitted to be made by the Partnership under the Code may be made by the General Partner in such manner as it deems most advantageous to individual taxpayers who are (i) married and filing joint returns, (ii) not "dealers" for Federal income tax purposes, and (iii) in the highest marginal Federal income tax bracket.

APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL PARTNER AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Each Limited Partner irrevocably constitutes and appoints the General Partner such Limited Partner's true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority in such Limited Partner's name, place and stead to make, execute, acknowledge and file such documents, instruments and conveyances as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of the Partnership Agreement.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE PARTNERSHIP

The principal business office of the Partnership shall be at South Tower, World Financial Center, 225 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10080-6123, unless changed by the General Partner. The business of the Partnership may also be conducted at such additional places as the General Partner may determine.

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APPLICABLE LAW

The Partnership Agreement will be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware.

OFFERING AND SALE OF UNITS

OFFERING OF UNITS

MLPF&S has entered into an Agency Agreement with the Partnership and the General Partner pursuant to which MLPF&S has agreed to act as selling agent for the Partnership and the General Partner to assist in the sale of the

Units to Qualified Investors on a "best efforts" basis. MLPF&S and its affiliates will not receive, directly or indirectly, any payments or compensation in connection with the offering and sale of Units.

The Agency Agreement contains cross-indemnification clauses with respect to certain liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933.

The offering will terminate not later than June 9, 1994, or such subsequent date, not later than July 7, 1994, as the parties may determine (the "Offering Termination Date"), except that unless 5,000 Units are subscribed for by the Offering Termination Date, none will be sold and all payments received will be refunded with interest, if any, actually earned. If properly-executed subscriptions for 5,000 or more Units (up to the maximum of 30,000) are received by the Offering Termination Date, and all conditions precedent to closing are met, all such subscriptions will be accepted and such investors will be admitted to the Partnership as Limited Partners.

If properly-executed subscriptions for more than 30,000 Units are received, the General Partner may, in its sole discretion, reject, in whole or in part, any Limited Partner's subscription.

INVESTOR SUITABILITY STANDARDS

Only Qualified Investors will be eligible to purchase Units. See "Investor Suitability Standards" on page 2.

MAXIMUM PURCHASE BY QUALIFIED INVESTORS

The Partnership has imposed restrictions on the maximum amount of Units which may be purchased by any Qualified Investor. An employee of ML & Co. or its subsidiaries may only purchase Units in an amount which does not exceed 15% of such employee's cash compensation from ML & Co. or its subsidiaries received with respect to 1993 on an annualized basis unless the employee either (x) has a net worth, individually or jointly with the employee's spouse, in excess of \$1,000,000 at the time of purchase of the Units, or (y) had an individual income in excess of \$200,000 in each of 1992 and 1993 or joint income with the employee's spouse in excess of \$300,000 in each of those years and reached or has a reasonable expectation of reaching the same level in 1994. An employee of ML & Co. who meets the requirements of clause (x) or (y) above may purchase Units in an amount which does not exceed 75% of the employee's compensation in respect of 1993 on an annualized basis. A non-employee director of ML & Co. may only purchase Units in an amount which does not exceed two times the director's fees (including committee fees, but not including reimbursement of expenses) received from ML & Co. during 1993. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Qualified Investor will only be permitted to purchase Units in the Partnership in an aggregate amount in excess of \$250,000 if the offering is not fully subscribed. In the event that the offering is not fully subscribed, Qualified Investors will be permitted to invest up to the specified percentage of his or her 1993 compensation (or directors fees, as applicable), provided that such amount is equal to less than 10% of the outstanding limited partnership interests of the Partnership.

SUBSCRIPTION TO PURCHASE UNITS

Each Qualified Investor who desires to purchase any Units must:

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(a) subscribe to purchase five or more Units;

(b) complete, date, execute and deliver to KECALP Inc., South Tower, World Financial Center, 225 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10080-6123, one copy

of the Signature Page and Power of Attorney, a form of which is attached as part of the Subscription Agreement attached to this Prospectus as Exhibit B; and

(c) authorize an amount equal to \$1,000 for each Unit that the prospective purchaser desires to purchase to be debited from his MLPF&S securities account.

The General Partner will not, under any circumstances, accept subscriptions for a fractional interest in a Unit.

PAYMENT FOR UNITS

Each Qualified Investor who subscribes to purchase Units will, by execution of the Subscription Agreement, agree to make a capital contribution of \$1,000 for each Unit subscribed for and authorize that amount to be debited from his MLPF&S securities account specified on his Signature Page and Power of Attorney. If sufficient funds are not already available in the Qualified Investor's MLPF&S securities account, the Qualified Investor must deposit additional funds so that the full amount of the capital contribution for the Units for which the investor has subscribed will be available in such account.

Not more than 30 days after any Qualified Investor enters into a Subscription Agreement, the General Partner will notify such investor whether such investor's subscription will be rejected (and any subscription not so rejected will be accepted, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions referred to below). Amounts paid by an investor whose subscription is rejected will be promptly returned with interest, if any, actually earned and received thereon, as provided below.

MLPF&S will promptly debit subscription amounts upon subscription from subscribers' MLPF&S securities accounts and deposit such funds in an escrow account with The Bank of New York, for the benefit of investors. The bank escrow agent for such account may, at the direction of MLPF&S, invest such payment in U.S. government securities, bank time deposits, certificates of deposit of a domestic bank which mature prior to the Closing of the purchase of Units or bank money market accounts. The Qualified Investors' funds in such account, but not the interest earned thereon, will be released to the Partnership only if each of the following conditions has been satisfied:

(a) on the date of Closing, Qualified Investors have subscribed for at least 5,000 Units;

(b) on the date of Closing, the escrow agent has received the full payment of the capital contributions for the Units which the Partnership will issue and sell at such Closing; and

(c) on the date of Closing, Brown & Wood has delivered its opinion that the Partnership will be treated as a partnership for Federal income tax purposes and will not be treated as a publicly traded partnership within the meaning of Section 7704(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

If such conditions are not timely satisfied, all the investors' funds so held in such account will be returned to the investors. If all of such conditions are timely satisfied, each investor who has subscribed to purchase Units to be issued and sold at such Closing will become a Limited Partner and thereafter (but only thereafter) such investor's capital contributions will be paid to the Partnership, to be applied by it as described in this Prospectus. Any interest earned on funds held in escrow will be paid to subscribers in proportion to their respective subscription amounts and the length of time their subscription amounts were on deposit.

Each Limited Partner will be entitled to the distributive share of items of income, gain, deduction, loss or credit and cash distributions allocable to such Limited Partners interest in the Partnership, as provided in the Partnership Agreement, without regard to the dates on which any Limited

TRANSFERABILITY OF UNITS

RESTRICTIONS

The Partnership is designed as an investment vehicle for Qualified Investors only. The Partnership has obtained exemptions from certain provisions of the Investment Company Act on the basis that, with certain exceptions, only Qualified Investors will become Limited Partners. PURCHASERS OF UNITS SHOULD VIEW THEIR INTEREST IN THE PARTNERSHIP AS A LONG-TERM, ILLIQUID INVESTMENT.

No transfer or assignment by a Limited Partner of his or her interest in the Partnership shall be effective unless made in accordance with the provisions of the Partnership Agreement. The Partnership Agreement prohibits transfer or assignment by a Limited Partner of his or her interest in the Partnership to any person who is not a Qualified Investor, except transfers to a member of his or her immediate family or transfers resulting by operation of law. (For this purpose, the members of a Limited Partner's immediate family consist of the partner's spouse and children.) No transfer of a Limited Partner's interest may be made without the consent of the General Partner, which consent may be withheld in the sole discretion of the General Partner. No sale, assignment or transfer of, or after which the transferor and transferee would each hold, an interest representing a capital contribution of less than \$1,000, will be permitted or recognized for any purpose without the consent of the General Partner, which consent will be granted only for good cause shown.

The sale or transfer of a Partnership interest may result in adverse income tax consequences to the transferor. Limited Partners are advised to consult their tax advisors prior to any such transfer. See "Tax Aspects of Investment in the Partnership--Transfer of a Partnership Interest".

No transfer, assignment or negotiation of an interest in the Partnership will be recognized or effective if such transfer or assignment, together with all other such transfers on the books of the Partnership during the immediately preceding 12 months, would result in the transfer of 50% or more of the Units. See "Tax Aspects of Investment in the Partnership--General Principles of Partnership Taxation--Termination of the Partnership for Tax Purposes". In addition, pursuant to the Partnership Agreement, the Partnership will satisfy one or more safe harbor limitations from classification as a publicly traded partnership which would impose more restrictive numerical limitations on the number of Units transferred. One safe harbor under current law would restrict transfers (except for certain exempt transfers) of 5% or more Units during the same taxable year. Transfers, assignments or negotiations, the recognition and effectiveness of which are so suspended and deferred, will be recognized (in chronological order to the extent practicable) when, and to the extent that, such recognition will not result in there having been transfers of Units in excess of the limitations referred to above.

The General Partner has the authority to amend the transferability provisions of the Partnership Agreement in such manner as may be necessary or desirable to preserve the tax status of the Partnership.

Further, no sale, exchange, transfer or assignment of a Limited Partner's interest may be made if the sale of such interest would, in the opinion of counsel for the Partnership, result in a termination of the Partnership for purposes of Section 708 of the Code, violate any applicable Federal or state securities laws, cause the Partnership to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation for Federal income tax purposes, cause the Partnership to be classified as a publicly traded partnership and taxable as a corporation for Federal income tax purposes, or cause all or a portion

of the Partnerships assets to be treated as "tax-exempt use property" under Section 168(j) of the Code.

ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN LIMITED PARTNERS' INTERESTS BY THE GENERAL PARTNER OR THE PARTNERSHIP

Upon the death of a Limited Partner, the legal representative(s) of such Limited Partner may tender, and the General Partner shall purchase the interest in the Partnership held by such Limited Partner at a purchase price equal to the value of the interest determined at the next annual Valuation Date. To have Units repurchased, the estate of

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a Limited Partner must notify the General Partner of its election to have the Units repurchased within 30 days after the date the appraisal is sent to the Limited Partners. The Partnership, rather than the General Partner, may purchase such interest if it is determined the purchase is in the best interests of the Partnership. If the General Partner purchases any such interest for its own account pursuant to this provision, it shall be entitled to the rights of an assignee of such interest, including the right to vote as if it were a Substituted Limited Partner, and it may become a Substituted Limited Partner. The General Partner may sell any interest acquired pursuant to this provision and the purchaser will be entitled to be admitted as a Substituted Limited Partner effective as of the date of payment to the General Partner for such interest.

ASSIGNEES

An assignee of a Limited Partner does not automatically become a Substituted Limited Partner, but has the right to receive the same share of profits, losses and distributable cash of the Partnership to which the assignor Limited Partner would have been entitled. A Limited Partner who assigns all of his Partnership interest ceases to be a Limited Partner, and shall not retain any statutory rights as a Limited Partner. The assignee of a Partnership interest who does not become a Substituted Limited Partner and desires to make further assignment of such interest is subject to all of the restrictions on transferability of Partnership interests described in this Prospectus and the Partnership Agreement.

In the event of the death, incapacity or bankruptcy of a Limited Partner, his or her legal representatives will have all the rights of a Limited Partner for the purpose of settling or managing his or her estate and such power as the decedent, incompetent or bankrupt Limited Partner possessed to assign all or any part of his interest in the Partnership, and to join with such assignee in satisfying conditions precedent to such assignees becoming a Substituted Limited Partner. In the event of the death of a Limited Partner, but not in the event of adjudication of incompetence or bankruptcy, the deceased Limited Partner's interest may be distributed as part of the estate, transferred by operation of law, tendered to the General Partner as described above, or assigned to another Qualified Investor.

A purported sale, assignment or transfer of a Limited Partner's interest will be recognized by the Partnership on the first day of the fiscal quarter following the quarter in which the Partnership has received written notice of such sale, assignment or transfer in form satisfactory to the General Partner, signed by both parties, containing the purchaser's, assignee's or transferee's acceptance of the terms of the Partnership Agreement and a representation by the parties that the sale or assignment was made in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

SUBSTITUTED LIMITED PARTNERS

No Limited Partner has the right to substitute an assignee as a Limited Partner in his or her place. The General Partner, however, has the right in its sole and absolute discretion, to permit such assignee to become a Substituted Limited Partner and any such permission by the General Partner is

binding and conclusive without the consent or approval of any Limited Partner. Any Substituted Limited Partner must, as a condition to receiving any interest in the Partnership, sign a Signature Page and Power of Attorney, pay the reasonable legal fees and filing and publication costs of the Partnership and the General Partner in connection with his or her substitution as a Limited Partner and satisfy the other conditions specified in Section 10.2 of the Partnership Agreement. Notwithstanding the actual time of the admission of a Substituted Limited Partner, for purposes of allocating profits, losses and distributable cash (as those terms are defined in the Partnership Agreement), a person will be treated as having become a Limited Partner as of the date on which the sale, assignment or transfer of such person's interest was recognized by the Partnership, as described above, even if that person does not in fact become a Substituted Limited Partner.

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REPORTS

Financial information contained in all reports to the Limited Partners will be prepared on an accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and will include, where applicable, a reconciliation to information furnished to the Limited Partners for income tax purposes. Federal and state tax information will be provided to the Limited Partners within 75 days following the close of each calendar year or as soon as practicable thereafter. Financial statements, which will be prepared annually, will be certified by independent auditors and will be furnished within 120 days following the close of the calendar year. A statement of appraisal of the value of Partnership assets will be provided with the financial statements. Limited Partners also have the right under applicable law to obtain other information about the Partnership and may, at their expense, obtain a list of the names and addresses of all of the Limited Partners for any proper purpose.

In connection with the appraisal of the value of the Partnership's investments in portfolio companies that are not publicly traded, there is a range of values which is reasonable for such investments at any particular time. The General Partner presently expects that the following procedures will be utilized with respect to these investments. In the early stages of development, these investments will typically be valued based on their original cost to the Partnership (the "cost method"). The cost method will be utilized until significant developments affecting the portfolio company provide a basis for use of an appraisal valuation (the "appraisal method"). The appraisal method will be based on such factors affecting the portfolio company as earnings and net worth, the market prices for similar securities of comparable companies and an assessment of the company's future prospects. In the case of unsuccessful operations, the appraisal may be based on liquidation value. Valuations based on the appraisal method are necessarily subjective. The General Partner will also use third party transactions (actual or proposed) in the portfolio company's securities as the basis of valuation (the "private market method"). The private market method will be used only with respect to actual transactions or actual firm offers by sophisticated, independent investors. The valuation of debt securities that are not publicly traded will be determined by or under the direction of the General Partner. The General Partner expects that the private market method of valuation will be the primary method utilized with respect to these securities. Securities with legal, contractual or practical restrictions on transfer may be valued at a discount from their value determined by the foregoing methods to reflect the effect of such restrictions.

EXPERTS

The financial statements included in this Prospectus have been examined by Deloitte & Touche, independent auditors, as indicated in their opinions with respect thereto, and are included herein in reliance upon the authority of that firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

LEGAL MATTERS

The legality of the securities offered hereby will be passed upon by Brown & Wood, One World Trade Center, New York, New York 10048, as counsel to the Partnership and the General Partner, who may rely as to matters of Delaware law upon the opinion of Richards, Layton & Finger, One Rodney Square, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

The statements under the heading "Tax Aspects of Investment in the Partnership" have been reviewed by Brown & Wood.

EXEMPTIONS FROM THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940

The Partnership will operate as a non-diversified, closed-end, management investment company registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Investment Company Act. However, an

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exemptive order was obtained from the Commission in 1982 pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act that exempts the Partnership, as an "employees securities company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act, from certain provisions of such Act. The exemptive order relates to the following provisions of the Investment Company Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder:

Section 8(b) to exempt the Partnership from filing annual amendments to its Registration Statement under the Investment Company Act;

Section 10(a) to permit the Partnership to include the General Partner as the sole general partner and to permit all of the directors and officers of the General Partner to be persons who are employees of ML & Co. or its affiliates;

Section 10(b) to permit the Partnership to employ subsidiaries of ML & Co. to act as broker and principal underwriter for the Partnership;

Section 10(f) to permit the Partnership to purchase securities in underwritten offerings, a principal underwriter of which may be an affiliate of the General Partner;

Section 14(a) to permit the Partnership to offer Units to Qualified Investors prior to the time the Partnership has a net worth of \$100,000;

Section 15(a) to permit the General Partner to act from time to time as investment adviser to the Partnership without a written contract and without the approval of the Limited Partners;

Section 16(a) to permit ML & Co. to appoint and replace the directors of the General Partner in accordance with the Partnership Agreement;

Section 17(a) to permit ML & Co. and its subsidiaries to engage in certain transactions as principal with the Partnership in addition to transactions as agent, including transactions involving money market securities and real estate;

Section 17(d) to permit the Partnership to engage in transactions in which certain affiliated persons of the Partnership may also be participants;

Section 17(f) to permit ML & Co. or one of its subsidiaries to act as custodian without a written contract;

Section 17(g) to permit the Partnership to comply with requirements applicable to fidelity bonds without the necessity of having a majority of the Board of Directors of the General Partner which are not "interested

persons" take such action and make such approvals as are set forth in Rule 17g-1 under the Investment Company Act;

Section 18(a)(1) to exempt the Partnership from certain limitations on borrowings so that the Partnership may enter into nonrecourse loans relating to investments other than securities without regard to the restrictions on "asset coverage" contained in the Investment Company Act;

Section 18(i) to permit the Limited Partners to have only those rights with respect to the management of the Partnership as are set forth in the Partnership Agreement;

Section 19(b) to permit the Partnership to distribute long-term capital gains more frequently than annually;

Section 20(a) to exempt the Partnership from the proxy requirements set forth in the rules under the Investment Company Act;

Section 23(c) to permit the Partnership to repurchase Partnership interests pursuant to the terms of the Partnership Agreement;

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Section 30(a), (b) and (d) to exempt the Partnership from filing annual and quarterly reports with the Commission and from sending semi-annual reports to Limited Partners; and

Section 32(a) to permit the General Partner to select independent certified public accountants for the Partnership without submitting their selection to the Limited Partners for ratification or rejection.

On May 7, 1991, the Commission issued an order amending the order described above to expand the categories of investments in which the Partnership and other partnerships managed by the General Partner may participate with ML & Co. and its affiliates. The transactions in which such joint investments may be made relate generally to equity and equity-related investments in buyout transactions and other transactions structured by ML & Co. or its affiliates or in which ML & Co. or its affiliates have an equity or equity-related investment. The order requires, among other things, that the General Partner make specified findings before the Partnership participates in such investments and that the General Partner, at least annually, provide to the Limited Partners a list of such investments in which the Partnership has invested with ML & Co. or its affiliates. The Partnership has applied for additional exemptive relief with respect to co-investments by the Partnership and affiliated co-investors.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This Prospectus does not contain all the information set forth in the Registration Statement that the Partnership has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C., under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Investment Company Act. For further information pertaining to the securities offered hereby, reference is made to the Registration Statement including the exhibits filed as a part thereof.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Merrill Lynch KECALP L.P. 1994:

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of Merrill Lynch KECALP L.P. 1994 as of February 4, 1994. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Partnership's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such balance sheet presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Merrill Lynch KECALP L.P. 1994 at February 4, 1994, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Deloitte & Touche
New York, New York
March 24, 1994

MERRILL LYNCH KECALP L.P. 1994

BALANCE SHEET

February 4, 1994

Assets

Cash	\$100
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PARTNERS' CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Capital Contributions:

General Partner	\$ 99
Initial Limited Partner	1

	\$100
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NOTES TO BALANCE SHEET

1. Organization and Purpose

Merrill Lynch KECALP L.P. 1994 (the "Partnership") was formed as of January 4, 1994 and the Certificate of Limited Partnership was filed under the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act on January 6, 1994. The only transactions to date have been capital contributions of \$99 by KECALP Inc. ("KECALP" or the "General Partner") and \$1 by the Initial Limited Partner. The Initial Limited Partner purchased an interest in the Partnership for \$1 to permit the formation of the Partnership. KECALP is a Delaware corporation, formed in June 1981 and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. The General Partner is authorized to admit additional limited partners to the Partnership if, after the admission of such additional limited partners, the capital contributions of all additional limited partners would not be less than \$5,000,000 and not more than \$30,000,000. The Partnership is an "employees securities company" under the Investment Company Act of 1940. KECALP will pay the organizational expenses of the Partnership incurred prior to the commencement of the offering of the Partnership's units. The Partnership has agreed to reimburse KECALP for such costs. Deferred organizational expenses of the Partnership will be amortized on a straight line basis over a period not to exceed five years from the commencement of the Partnership's operations. In the event that the Partnership liquidates before the deferred organizational expenses are fully amortized, KECALP shall bear such unamortized deferred organizational expenses for the Partnership.

2. Business

The Partnership intends to seek long-term capital appreciation. The Partnership shall not engage in any other business or activity. The Partnership term extends to December 31, 2034. However, pursuant to the Partnership Agreement, the General Partner may dissolve the Partnership, without the consent of the Limited Partners, at any time after January 1, 2000.

3. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Partnership will be the year ending December 31 of each year.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To KECALP Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of KECALP Inc. as of December 25, 1992. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Corporation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such balance sheet presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of KECALP Inc. at December 25, 1992 in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

INVESTORS WILL NOT ACQUIRE ANY INTEREST IN THIS COMPANY

KECALP INC.

BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 25, 1992

ASSETS

Cash	\$	17,502
Other receivable		246,875
Investment in limited partnerships (Note 1)		663,783

TOTAL	\$	928,160
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

Liabilities:

Due to Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (Note 4)	\$	127,065
Deferred federal and state income taxes		35,333
Accrued expenses		34,000
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Total liabilities		196,398

STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY: (Note 1)

Common stock \$1 par value; authorized and outstanding 1,000 shares (Note 3)	\$	1,000
Additional paid-in-capital (Note 3)		9,435,556
Capital contribution receivable (Note 2)		(8,100,000)
Deficit		(604,794)

Total stockholders equity		731,762

TOTAL	\$	928,160
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See notes to balance sheet and independent auditors' report.

KECALP INC.

NOTES TO BALANCE SHEET

1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

KECALP Inc. ("KECALP"), a Delaware corporation, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Merrill Lynch Group Inc. ("ML Group"). ML Group is a

wholly-owned subsidiary of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. ("ML & Co."). KECALP is the General Partner of six Delaware limited partnerships, Merrill Lynch KECALP Growth Investments Limited Partnership 1983 (the "1983 Partnership"), Merrill Lynch KECALP L.P. 1984 (the "1984 Partnership"), Merrill Lynch KECALP L.P. 1986 (the "1986 Partnership"), Merrill Lynch KECALP L.P. 1987 (the "1987 Partnership"), Merrill Lynch KECALP L.P. 1989 (the "1989 Partnership") and Merrill Lynch KECALP L.P. 1991 (the "1991 Partnership"), collectively referred to as the "Partnerships". As General Partner, KECALP manages the Partnerships, pays certain of their expenses and maintains a one percent ownership interest in each of the Partnerships.

The 1983 Partnership and the 1984 Partnership intend to seek long-term capital appreciation and the tax advantages associated with certain investments, primarily through the purchase of speculative, tax-oriented investments in real estate, oil and gas properties, personal property and/or indirect interests therein. At least 25 percent of the total proceeds will be invested in real estate. The investment objectives of the 1986, 1987, 1989 and 1991 Partnerships are to seek long-term capital appreciation with a substantial portion of its total proceeds invested in venture capital and leveraged buyout investments. The Partnerships may purchase other investments that KECALP deems appropriate. The Partnerships shall not engage in any other business or activity.

Investment in Partnerships - The investment in the Partnerships is recorded at cost and adjusted for KECALP's share of the undistributed net realized income or loss (which excludes unrealized appreciation or depreciation of investments, in accordance with the agreements of the respective Partnerships).

Capital Requirements - As a condition to the closing of the sales of units of limited partnership interest, KECALP has agreed to maintain a net worth as required in accordance with applicable U.S. income tax regulations and rulings of the Internal Revenue Service. ML & Co. provides capital to KECALP by a demand promissory note or other investment to satisfy the requirement that KECALP have such net worth (see Note 2).

2. CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION RECEIVABLE

The Capital Contribution receivable represents promissory notes from ML & Co. The notes are due on demand and bear interest at rates of 8.8% to 9.5% per year compounded semiannually. Intercompany interest and taxes are not paid, but KECALP's obligations have been settled through an adjustment of the intercompany receivable account.

3. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

KECALP is obligated to pay certain expenses, fees, sales or brokerage commissions, and other expenditures (except for debt service and interest expense) of the Partnerships.

KECALP is required to maintain an investment in the Partnerships of approximately 1% of the Partnerships net assets less (plus) unallocated net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments.

4. DUE TO MERRILL LYNCH & CO.

The Corporation has been authorized to borrow funds, as needed, from Merrill Lynch & Co. The Corporation is to repay this loan with interest based on the daily brokers call rate.

5. INCOME TAXES

The results of operations of KECALP are included in the consolidated

Federal income tax returns of
ML&Co., Inc. It is the policy of ML&Co., Inc. to allocate to KECALP the
Federal and state tax expense associated with such operating results in its
consolidated tax return, including the recognition of deferrred tax
assets.

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EXHIBIT A

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MERRILL LYNCH KECALP L.P. 1994
(A DELAWARE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP)

AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT

OF

LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

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AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
OF MERRILL LYNCH KECALP L.P. 1994

Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Merrill Lynch KECALP L.P. 1994 (the "Partnership") dated -----, 1994, among KECALP Inc., a Delaware corporation, as General Partner, James V. Caruso, the Initial Limited Partner, and those Persons who shall be admitted as Additional Limited Partners and as Substituted Limited Partners.

Whereas, pursuant to a Certificate of Limited Partnership dated as of January 4, 1994, and filed with the Delaware Secretary of State on January 4, 1994, and an Agreement of Limited Partnership, dated January 4, 1994 (the "Original Agreement"), KECALP Inc. and James V. Caruso have heretofore formed the Partnership under the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act;

Whereas, KECALP Inc., the Initial Limited Partner, and the Additional Limited Partners, as defined herein, desire to amend and restate in its entirety the terms and provisions of the Original Agreement governing the Partnership;

Now, Therefore, in consideration of the mutual promises made herein, the parties, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE ONE

Defined Terms

The defined terms used in this Agreement shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meanings specified in this Article One. The singular shall include the plural and the masculine gender shall include the feminine, and vice versa, as the context requires.

"Act" means the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act (6 Del. C.17-101 et seq.), as amended from time to time and any successor to the said Act.

"Additional Limited Partners" means those Persons admitted to the Partnership pursuant to Section 3.3 and shown as limited partners of the Partnership on the books and records of the Partnership.

"Affiliate" means when used with reference to a specified Person, (i) any Person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls or is controlled by or is under common control with the specified Person, (ii) any Person that is an officer, partner (excluding unrelated third parties who are joint venturers or participants in joint ventures electing to be taxed as partners for Federal income tax purposes) or trustee of, or serves in a similar capacity with respect to, the specified Person or of which the specified Person is an officer, partner or trustee, or with respect to which the specified Person serves in a similar capacity, (iii) any Person that, directly or indirectly, is the beneficial owner of 5% or more of any class of equity securities of the specified Person or of which the specified Person is directly or indirectly the owner of 5% or more of any class of equity securities and (iv) any member of the immediate family of the specified Person or his or her spouse.

"Agreement" means this Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership, as originally executed and as amended and restated from time to time, as the context requires.

"Appraisal" means the statement of valuation of the assets of the

"Auditors" means Deloitte & Touche or such other nationally or regionally recognized firm of independent auditors as shall be engaged by the Partnership.

"Capital Account", as to any Partner, means the sum of a Partner's Capital Contributions, increased by his share of any Profits, and decreased by his share of any Losses and by his share of any Partnership Distributable Cash reasonably expected to be distributed to such Partner and other assets distributed to such Partner or on behalf of such Partner in payment of any taxes or other expenses allocable to such Partner and as otherwise increased or decreased in accordance with the tax accounting principles set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv) of the Code.

"Capital Contribution" means the total amount of money contributed to the Partnership by all Partners or any class of Partners or any one Partner (or the predecessor holders of the Interests of such Partners or Partner), as the context requires, upon the formation of the Partnership or the admission of such Partner to the Partnership, or as that money is contributed to the Partnership.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or any corresponding provision of succeeding law).

"Consent" means the approval of a Person, given as provided in Section 11.1, to do the act or thing for which the approval is solicited, or the act of granting such approval, as the context may require. Reference to the Consent of a specified percentage in Interest of the Limited Partners means the Consent of Limited Partners whose combined Capital Contributions represent, at the time in question, at least such specified percentage of the Capital Contributions of all the then Limited Partners.

"Distributable Cash" means, with respect to any fiscal period of the Partnership, the cash assets of the Partnership on hand at the end of such fiscal period (but not including the Capital Contribution to the Partnership) less amounts required to be retained out of such cash assets in the sole judgment of the General Partner to pay the Partnership's liabilities whether accrued or anticipated to accrue in the future or to make permissible investments.

"Fiscal Year" means the calendar year.

"General Partner" means KECALP Inc., a Delaware corporation whose business address is South Tower, World Financial Center, 225 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10080-6123, and any successor to it in its capacity as general partner of the Partnership.

"Incapacity" or "Incapacitated" means the entry of an order for relief in a case under Title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") ("bankruptcy") (except that, in the case of the General Partner, the term "bankruptcy" shall mean only the being subject to Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code) or the incompetence, insanity, interdiction, death, incapacity, disability, dissolution or termination (other than by merger or consolidation), as the case may be, of any Person.

"Income" means the gross income of the Partnership as determined for Federal income tax purposes including capital gains and Code Section 1231 gains (but not losses).

"Initial Limited Partner" means James V. Caruso.

"Interest" means the entire ownership interest of a Partner in the Partnership at any particular time, including the right of such Partner to any and all benefits to which a Partner may be entitled as provided in this

Agreement, together with the obligations of such Partner to comply with all the terms and provisions of this Agreement. Reference to a specified percentage in Interest of the Limited Partners shall mean Limited Partners whose Capital Contributions represent, at the time in question, at least such specified percentage of the Capital Contributions of all the then Limited Partners.

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"Limited Partner" means any Person who is a limited partner of the Partnership as shown on the books and records of the Partnership (whether the Initial Limited Partner, an Additional Limited Partner or a Substituted Limited Partner) at the time of reference thereto, in such Person's capacity as a limited partner of the Partnership.

"Majority-in-Interest" means the Limited Partners whose aggregate Capital Contributions represent over 50% of the aggregate Capital Contributions of all Limited Partners.

"Notification" means a writing, containing the information required by this Agreement to be communicated to any Person, sent by first class mail, postage prepaid, to such Person at the last known address of such Person, five days after the mailing thereof being deemed the date of the giving of Notification; provided however, that any communication containing the information sent to the Person and actually received by the Person shall constitute Notification for all purposes of this Agreement.

"Partner" means the General Partner or a Limited Partner.

"Partnership" means the limited partnership governed hereby, as said limited partnership may from time to time be constituted.

"Partnership Account" means the bank account or bank accounts to be maintained by the General Partner on behalf of the Partnership with any bank in the United States having assets in excess of \$100,000,000.

"Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, trust or other entity.

"Profits" or "Losses" means the profits or losses of the Partnership for Federal income tax purposes including, without limitation, each item of Partnership Income, gain, loss, deduction or credit.

"Prospectus" means the prospectus contained in the registration statement filed by the Partnership on Form N-2 at the time such registration statement was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission; except that if a prospectus filed by the Partnership pursuant to Rule 497(b) or 497(d) under the Securities Act of 1933 differs from the prospectus contained in the registration statement, as aforesaid, then the term "Prospectus" refers to the Rule 497(b) or 497(d) prospectus from and after the time it is mailed to the Securities and Exchange Commission for filing.

"Remove", "Removed" or "Removal" when used in reference to the removal of the General Partner means the termination of all management powers, duties and responsibilities of the General Partner pursuant to Section 6.5, but not the elimination of the General Partner as a Partner.

"Sale" means any event, action or transaction that is, for Federal income tax purposes, considered a sale, exchange or abandonment by the Partnership of any Partnership property.

"State" means the State of Delaware.

"Substituted Limited Partner" means any Person admitted to the Partnership as a Limited Partner pursuant to the provisions of Section 7.4 and who is shown on the books and records of the Partnership as a limited partner of the Partnership.

"Unit" means an Interest in the Partnership attributable to an aggregate payment of \$1,000 to the Partnership by, or on behalf of, the Limited Partner who originally acquired the Interest.

"Valuation Date" means each of the dates described in Section 9.4.

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ARTICLE TWO

Organization

Section 2.1 Governance

The undersigned parties hereto hereby agree that the rights and liabilities of the Partners shall be as provided in the Act except as herein otherwise expressly provided.

Section 2.2 Name, Place of Business and Office; Registered Agent

The name of the limited partnership heretofore formed and hereby continued shall be Merrill Lynch KECALP L.P. 1994. The business of the Partnership may be conducted under any other name deemed necessary or desirable by the General Partner in order to comply with local law. The Partnership shall maintain a registered office in the State c/o The Corporation Trust Company, Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware 19801. The Partnership shall maintain its principal office at South Tower, World Financial Center, 225 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10080-6123. The General Partner may at any time change the location of the Partnership's offices and may establish additional offices, if it deems it advisable. The name and address of the Partnership's registered agent for service of process in the State is The Corporation Trust Company, Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware 19801. The General Partner has filed the certificate of limited partnership of the Partnership and shall file any amendment to the certificate of limited partnership of the Partnership as required by the Act in the proper office in the State and shall take such steps as are necessary to qualify the Partnership to conduct business in other jurisdictions in which it owns properties or conducts business and otherwise to insure that the Limited Partners will have limited liability with respect to the activities of the Partnership in such other jurisdictions.

Section 2.3 Purpose

The purpose and character of the business of the Partnership is to invest the funds of the Partnership in various speculative and non-speculative investments, seeking, among other things, long-term capital appreciation, and to engage in any and all activities necessary or incidental thereto.

Section 2.4 Term

The Partnership term commenced on January 4, 1994, and shall continue in full force and effect until December 31, 2034, or until dissolution prior thereto pursuant to the provisions hereof.

ARTICLE THREE

Partners and Capital

Section 3.1 General Partner

A. The name, residence, business or mailing address and Capital Contribution of the General Partner are set forth in the books and records of the Partnership, as amended from time to time, and are incorporated herein by reference.

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B. The General Partner, as general partner of the Partnership, shall be deemed to have made additional Capital Contributions to the Partnership to the extent it pays expenses of the Partnership pursuant to this Agreement which are not reimbursed to it by either the Partnership or an Affiliate of the General Partner.

Section 3.2 Initial Limited Partner

A. The name, business address and Capital Contribution of the Initial Limited Partner are James V. Caruso, South Tower, World Financial Center, 225 Liberty Street, New York, N.Y. 10080-6123 and his Capital Contribution is \$1.00.

B. Upon the admission of Additional Limited Partners pursuant to Section 3.3, the Initial Limited Partner shall withdraw from the Partnership and receive forthwith the return of his Capital Contribution without interest or deduction.

Section 3.3 Additional Limited Partners

A. The General Partner is authorized to admit Additional Limited Partners to the Partnership pursuant to the terms contained in the Prospectus

and this Agreement. The manner of the offering of Additional Limited Partners Units, the terms and conditions under which subscriptions for such Units will be accepted, and the manner of and conditions to the sale of Units to subscribers therefor and the admission of such subscribers as Additional Limited Partners will be as provided in the Prospectus and subject to any provisions thereof.

B. The name, residence, business or mailing address and Capital Contribution of each Additional Limited Partner shall be set forth in the books and records of the Partnership, as amended from time to time.

C. No Limited Partner shall be required to make any additional contributions to the capital of the Partnership.

Section 3.4 Partnership Capital

A. No Partner shall be paid interest on any Capital Contribution to the Partnership.

B. No Partner, other than the Initial Limited Partner pursuant to Section 3.2, shall have the right to withdraw any part of his Capital Contribution or to receive any return of any portion of his Capital Contribution except as otherwise provided herein.

C. Under circumstances involving a return of any Capital Contribution, no Partner shall have the right to receive property other than cash, except as may be specifically provided in this Agreement.

D. The General Partner shall make additional contributions to the capital of the Partnership in an amount sufficient to pay for Partnership

expenses allocable to it pursuant to Section 4.4A.

Section 3.5 Liability of Partners

A. No Limited Partner shall be liable for the debts, liabilities, contracts or any other obligations of the Partnership, except to the extent of his Capital Contribution and his share of the Partnership's assets and undistributed profits, or for the debts or liabilities of any other Partner. To the extent provided by law, a Limited Partner may, under certain circumstances, be required to return, for the benefit of Partnership creditors, amounts previously distributed to such Limited Partner.

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B. A Limited Partner shall be liable only to make the payment of his Capital Contribution as set forth in Sections 3.2A and 3.3B.

C. No Limited Partner shall be required to lend funds to the Partnership or make any further contribution to the capital of the Partnership.

D. The General Partner shall not be required to contribute to the capital of, or loan, the Partnership any funds other than the General Partner's Capital Contributions to the capital of the Partnership as set forth in Sections 3.1 and 3.4D. Neither the General Partner nor any of its Affiliates shall have (i) any personal liability for the return or repayment of the Capital Contribution of any Limited Partner or (ii) to repay to the Partnership any portion or all of any negative amount of the General Partner's Capital Account, except as otherwise provided in Section 8.2D.

Section 3.6 Lender as Partner

No creditor who makes a nonrecourse loan to the Partnership shall have or acquire, at any time as a result of making the loan, any direct interest in the profits, capital or property of the Partnership, other than as a secured creditor.

ARTICLE FOUR

Management

Section 4.1 Powers of the General Partner

A. The General Partner shall manage the affairs of, and shall control the business of, the Partnership and shall have all powers necessary to manage and control the Partnership's affairs and business and fulfill the purposes of the Partnership, including, by way of illustration and not by way of limitation:

(i) The power and duty to invest the balance (after the setting aside of suitable reserves) of the Capital Contributions of the Partners and reinvest revenues of the Partnership in accordance with the purpose of the Partnership and in keeping with its investment objectives as stated in the Prospectus.

(ii) The power to acquire securities or property of all types on behalf of the Partnership, including, without limitation, stocks, bonds, debentures, notes, shares in investment companies, general and limited partnership interests, investment contracts and interests in trusts.

(iii) The power to enter into transactions and make investments with or through Affiliates of the General Partner and to participate in investment transactions sponsored or underwritten (either on a best

efforts or firm commitment basis) by Affiliates of the General Partner or in entities as to which Affiliates of the General Partner serve as investment adviser or placement agent.

(iv) The power to purchase interests in entities sponsored by Affiliates of the General Partner or in which Affiliates of the General Partner have an interest, including, but not limited to, limited partnership interests in limited partnerships in which such Affiliates serve as general partner.

(v) The power to cause securities owned by the Partnership to be registered in the Partnership name or in the name of a nominee or to be held in street name, as it shall elect.

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(vi) The power and duty to maintain the books and records of the Partnership in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.1.

(vii) The power to reserve funds out of Partnership Income or borrow money in the name of the Partnership from any bank or other lending institution in the United States or from an Affiliate of the General Partner for the purpose of leveraging investments of the Partnership, paying assessments levied on Partnership investments or paying other costs of the Partnership (other than costs that the General Partner is obligated to pay) and in connection with any borrowing, to mortgage, pledge, encumber, and hypothecate the assets of the Partnership.

(viii) The power to lend money to the Partnership on commercially reasonable terms.

(ix) The power to make temporary investments of Partnership capital in all types of securities, including, without limitation, short-term U.S. Government and Government agency securities, certificates of deposit, interest-bearing deposits in U.S. banks, securities issued by or on behalf of states, municipalities and their instrumentalities, the interest from which is exempt from Federal income tax, securities issued by other investment companies (including unit investment trusts and taxable and tax-exempt money market funds sponsored and/or advised by Affiliates of the General Partner) prior to long-term investment or pending cash distributions to the Partners.

(x) The power to seek exemptions from provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940 from the Securities and Exchange Commission.

(xi) The power to enter into a sales agency agreement relating to the offering and sale of Units by the Partnership with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, or any other Affiliate of the General Partner.

(xii) In addition to and not in limitation of any rights and powers conferred by law or other provisions of this Agreement, and except as limited, restricted or prohibited by the express provisions of this Agreement, the General Partner shall have and may exercise on behalf of the Partnership all powers and rights necessary, proper, convenient or advisable to effectuate and carry out the purpose, business and objectives of the Partnership including the power to have investment opportunities evaluated by an advisory committee selected by the General Partner.

B. In order to expedite the handling of the Partnership's business, it is understood and agreed that any document executed by the General Partner while acting in the name and on behalf of the Partnership shall be deemed to be the action of the Partnership vis-a-vis any third parties (including the Limited Partners as third parties for such purpose).

C. In the event the original General Partner withdraws as provided in Article Six, is Incapacitated or is Removed, any additional or successor General Partner or General Partners shall possess all the power and authority of the original General Partner. Any remaining and any additional and successor General Partner is authorized to and shall continue the business of the Partnership. The General Partner may admit an additional or successor General Partner provided that if it subsequently wishes to withdraw or transfer its interest, Sections 6.1 and 6.2 shall be complied with as to the additional or successor General Partner prior to its becoming a sole General Partner, and provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

(i) appropriate filings are made under the Act and in such other jurisdictions as the Partnership's business requires;

(ii) the Interest of Limited Partners will not be adversely affected; and

(iii) the sole General Partner shall not be Incapacitated.

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In the event an additional or successor General Partner is admitted, the term "General Partner" as used in this Agreement shall include the additional or successor General Partner.

Section 4.2 Prohibited Transactions

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the following transactions are specifically prohibited to the Partnership:

(i) The Partnership shall not make any loans to the General Partner or any of its Affiliates unless permitted by the Investment Company Act of 1940 or an order of exemption therefrom;

(ii) The Partnership shall not sell or lease any property to the General Partner or any of its Affiliates except on terms at least as favorable as those obtainable from unaffiliated third parties and except that this provision shall not prohibit any transaction contemplated by Section 8.2 or permitted by the terms of any partnership agreement or investment contract into which the Partnership may enter by virtue of its investment as a general or limited partner, where an Affiliate of the General Partner also acts as general partner of such partnership;

(iii) No funds of the Partnership shall be kept in any account other than a Partnership Account, and funds shall not be commingled with the funds of any other Person, and the General Partner shall not employ, or permit any other Person to employ, such funds in any manner except for the benefit of the Partnership; it being understood that the General Partner may invest temporarily Partnership funds in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.1 (A) (ix); and

(iv) No expense of the Partnership shall be billed except directly to the Partnership (but shall be paid pursuant to the terms of this Agreement), and no reimbursements shall be made therefor to the General Partner or any of its Affiliates except as permitted by Section 4.5.

Section 4.3 Restrictions on the Authority of the General Partner

A. The General Partner shall not have the authority to:

(i) do any act in contravention of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as applied to the Partnership; or

(ii) do any act that would make it impossible to carry on the

ordinary business of the Partnership.

B. The General Partner shall not perform any act that would subject any Limited Partner to liability as a general partner in any jurisdiction.

C. Without the Consent of a Majority-in-Interest of the Limited Partners, the General Partner shall not have the authority to:

(i) lease, sell, or otherwise dispose of at any one time all or substantially all of the assets of the Partnership;

(ii) elect to dissolve the Partnership prior to January 1, 2000;

(iii) issue senior securities other than in connection with the borrowings described in (v) below;

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(iv) make short sales of securities, purchase securities on margin, except for use of short-term credit necessary for the clearance of transactions, or write put or call options;

(v) borrow amounts in excess of 331/3% of the Partnership's gross assets, or otherwise as permitted under the Investment Company Act of 1940, except that the Partnership may enter into nonrecourse loans relating to investments other than securities without regard to such limitation;

(vi) underwrite securities of other issuers, except insofar as the Partnership may be deemed an underwriter under the Securities Act of 1933 in selling portfolio securities;

(vii) invest more than 25% of its Partners' Capital Contributions in the securities of issuers in any particular industry, except for real estate investments and for temporary investments in U.S. Government and Government agency securities, domestic bank money market instruments and money market funds;

(viii) make loans to other Persons in excess of 331/3% of the Partnership's gross assets, provided that investments in privately-offered debt securities issued by entities in which the Partnership has an equity participation or with which the Partnership has contracted to acquire an equity participation shall not be considered loans for purposes of this paragraph; or

(ix) alter the investment objective and business purpose of the Partnership.

D. The General Partner shall not borrow funds on behalf of the Partnership except in accordance with Section 4.1A (vii) and (xii).

E. The General Partner shall not cause the Partnership to consent to, or join in, any waiver, amendment, or modification of the terms of any partnership agreement, limited partnership agreement, management agreement or investment contract to which it is a party unless, in the good faith judgment of the General Partner, such waiver, amendment, or modification would be in the best interest of the Partnership.

Section 4.4 Duties and Obligations of the General Partner

A. The General Partner shall pay all expenses (but not income, personal property, franchise or other taxes) incurred in the organization and operation of the Partnership, including, without limitation, Auditors' fees, legal fees, postage, printing costs, Appraisal costs, general and administrative costs and expenses and, in addition, any brokerage commissions, selling agents' fees, advisory fees or similar charges incurred

in investing Partnership funds. The General Partner is not obligated to pay from its own funds, debt service or other interest charges incurred in connection with the making of Partnership investments and is entitled to indemnification in accordance with Section 4.7.

B. The General Partner shall take all action that may be necessary or appropriate for the continuation of the Partnership's valid existence as a limited partnership under the laws of the State, and for the acquisition, holding and disposition, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and applicable laws and regulations, of the investments of the Partnership.

C. The General Partner shall devote to the Partnership the time that it deems to be necessary to conduct the Partnership business and affairs in the best interests of the Partnership and use its best efforts to obtain a suitable investment portfolio for the Partnership.

D. The General Partner shall be under an obligation to conduct the affairs of the Partnership in the best interest (or not opposed to the best interest) of the Partnership, including the safekeeping and use of all Partnership funds and assets (whether or not in the immediate possession or control of the General Partner) and the use thereof for

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the benefit of the Partnership. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the General Partner may, in its sole and absolute discretion, elect to dissolve the

Partnership at any time after January 1, 2000, and, upon liquidation, to purchase Partnership assets in accordance with Section 8.2. The General Partner shall at all times act with integrity and good faith and exercise due diligence in all activities relating to the conduct of the business of the Partnership and in resolving conflicts of interest.

E. The General Partner will use its best efforts at all times to maintain its net worth at a level that is sufficient to meet all present and future requirements set by statute, Treasury Regulations, the Internal Revenue Service or the courts applicable to a corporate general partner in a limited partnership to insure that the Partnership will not fail to be classified for Federal income tax purposes as a partnership, rather than as an association taxable as a corporation, on account of the net worth of the General Partner.

F. The General Partner shall prepare or cause to be prepared and shall file on or before the due date (or any extension thereof) any Federal, state or local tax returns required to be filed by the Partnership. The General Partner shall cause the Partnership to pay, from Partnership funds, any taxes payable by the Partnership.

G. The General Partner shall, from time to time, submit to any appropriate Federal or state securities administrator, or any other regulatory authorities having jurisdiction, all documents, papers, statistics and reports required to be filed with or submitted to such authority.

H. The General Partner shall use its best efforts to cause the Partnership to be formed, reformed, qualified to do business, or registered under any applicable assumed or fictitious name statute or similar law in any jurisdiction in which the Partnership then owns property or transacts business, if such formation, reformation, qualification or registration is necessary in order to protect the limited liability of the Limited Partners or to permit the Partnership lawfully to own property or transact business.

I. The General Partner shall, from time to time, prepare and file all amendments to this Agreement, the certificate of limited partnership of the Partnership and other similar documents that are required by law to be filed and recorded for any reason, in the office or offices that are required under the laws of the State or any other jurisdiction in which the Partnership is

then qualified or formed. The General Partner shall do all other acts and things (including making publications or periodic filings of this Agreement or amendments thereto or other similar documents) that may now or hereafter be required, or deemed by the General Partner to be necessary, (i) for the perfection and continued maintenance of the Partnership as a limited partnership under the laws of the State and each other state in which the Partnership is then qualified or formed, (ii) to protect the limited liability of the Limited Partners under the laws of the State and each other state in which the Partnership is then qualified or formed, and (iii) to cause such certificates or other documents to reflect accurately the agreement of the Partners, the identity of the Limited Partners and the General Partner and the amounts of their respective Capital Contributions as may be required by such laws.

J. The General Partner shall monitor the activities of entities invested in by the Partnership and keep the Limited Partners informed of such activities in the manner provided in this Agreement.

K. The General Partner shall inform each Limited Partner of all administrative and judicial proceedings for an adjustment at the Partnership level for Partnership tax items and forward to each Limited Partner within 30 days of receipt all notices received from the Internal Revenue Service regarding the commencement of a partnership level audit or a final partnership administrative adjustment and will perform all other duties imposed by Sections 6221 through 6232 of the Code on the General Partner as "tax matters partner" of the Partnership, including (but not limited to) the following: (a) the power to conduct all audits and other administrative proceedings (including windfall profit tax audits) with respect to Partnership tax items; (b) the power to extend the statute of limitations for all Partners with respect to Partnership tax items; and (c) the power to file a petition with an appropriate Federal court for review of a final partnership administrative adjustment. The General Partner shall be the "tax matters partner" of the Partnership.

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Section 4.5 Compensation and Reimbursement of the General Partner

A. Except as provided in Article Five, the General Partner shall not receive any salary, fees or Profits from the Partnership.

B. The General Partner shall be entitled to reimbursement from the Partnership for expenses it incurs up to an amount equal to 2% of the Limited Partners' Capital Contributions in connection with the organization of the Partnership and the offering of the Units and, commencing in 1994 and annually in each calendar year thereafter, for expenses it incurs up to an annual amount equal to 1.5% of the Limited Partners' Capital Contributions in connection with the operation of the Partnership. Except as provided in this Article Four and Article Eight, neither the General Partner nor its Affiliates shall be reimbursed out of Partnership funds for expenses incurred by them on behalf of the Partnership.

Section 4.6 Other Businesses of Partners

Subject to Section 4.4C, any Partner, and any Affiliate of any Partner may engage in or possess any interest in other business ventures of any kind, nature or description, independently or with others, for his, her or its own account or for the account of others. Neither the Partnership nor any Partner as a result of this Agreement shall have any rights or obligations in or to such independent ventures or the income or profits or losses derived therefrom.

Section 4.7 Indemnification

Neither the General Partner nor any of its officers, directors, stockholders, employees, or agents shall be liable to the Partnership or the Limited Partners for any act or omission based on errors of judgment, or other fault in connection with the business or affairs of the Partnership so long as the Person against whom liability is asserted acted in good faith on behalf of the Partnership and in a manner reasonably believed by such Person to be within the scope of its authority under this Agreement and in or not opposed to the best interests of the Partnership, but only if such action or failure to act does not constitute negligence or misconduct, and, with respect to any criminal proceeding, such Person had no reasonable cause to believe its conduct was unlawful. The General Partner and its officers, directors, stockholders, employees, and agents will be indemnified by the Partnership to the fullest extent permitted by law for any (a) fees (including, without limitation, legal fees), costs and expenses incurred in connection with or resulting from any claim, action or demand, or threatened claim, action or demand, against the General Partner, the Partnership or any of their officers, directors, stockholders, employees, or agents that arises out of or in any way relates to the Partnership, its properties, business or affairs and (b) losses or damages resulting from such claims, actions and demands, or threatened claims, actions or demands, including amounts paid in settlement or compromise (if recommended by attorneys for the Partnership) of any such claim, action or demand or threatened claims, actions or demands; provided, however, that this indemnification shall apply only so long as the Person against whom a claim, action or demand is asserted or threatened to be asserted has acted in good faith on behalf of the Partnership and in a manner reasonably believed by such Person to be within the scope of his or its authority under this Agreement and in or not opposed to the best interests of the Partnership, but only if such action or failure to act does not constitute negligence or misconduct. Absent a court determination that the General Partner or officers or directors of the General Partner were not liable on the merits or guilty of disabling conduct within the meaning of Section 17(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the decision by the Partnership to indemnify the General Partner or any such Person must be based upon the reasonable determination of independent counsel, after review of the facts, that such disabling conduct did not occur. The rights set forth above shall continue as to the General Partner and its officers, directors, stockholders, employees or agents who have ceased to serve in such capacities and shall inure to the benefit of their heirs, successors, assigns and administrators.

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Section 4.8 Management by Limited Partners

No Limited Partner shall participate in the management or in the control of the business of the Partnership or use his name in the Partnership's business or perform any actions prohibited to limited partners under the laws of the State or the laws of any other jurisdiction where the Partnership is qualified or formed to conduct business. Limited Partners hereby consent to the exercise by the General Partner of the powers conferred on it by this Agreement.

ARTICLE FIVE

Distributions of Partnership Funds;
Allocations of Profits and Losses

Section 5.1 Distributions of Partnership Funds

Distributable Cash of the Partnership shall be distributed at least annually, within 30 days after the end of the Fiscal Year, and distributions may be made at such other times as the General Partner deems advisable, and each such distribution shall be made 99% to the Limited Partners and 1% to

the General Partner. If the General Partner deems it advisable, distributions of Partnership assets may be made in kind, in the same manner and to the same Persons as Distributable Cash is then being distributed. Cash distributions to Limited Partners will be credited to each Limited Partner's securities account with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated or as otherwise instructed to the General Partner by a Limited Partner.

Section 5.2 Allocations of Profits and Losses

A. The Profits and Losses of the Partnership shall be determined and allocated with respect to each Fiscal Year of the Partnership as of the end of, and within 75 days after the end of, such Fiscal Year.

B. Profits and Losses of the Partnership, other than arising from Sales upon liquidation pursuant to Section 8.2, shall be allocated among and credited to or charged against each Partner's Capital Account as follows:

(i) With respect to Losses, (a) 99% to the Limited Partners and 1% to the General Partner until the Limited Partners' Capital Accounts equal zero; (b) thereafter, 100% to the General Partner until the General Partner's Capital Account equals zero; (c) thereafter, 99% to the Limited Partners and 1% to the General Partner or 100% to the General Partner, as appropriate, to the extent necessary to make the Capital Account balances of the General Partner and Limited Partners equal 1% and 99%, respectively, of the total of the Partners' Capital Accounts; and (d) thereafter, 99% to the Limited Partners and 1% to the General Partner; and

(ii) With respect to Profits, (a) 99% to the Limited Partners and 1% to the General Partner or 100% to the General Partner, as appropriate, to the extent necessary to make the Capital Account balances of the General Partner and the Limited Partners equal 1% and 99%, respectively, of the total of the Partners' Capital Accounts; and (b) thereafter, 99% to the Limited Partners and 1% to the General Partner.

C. For purposes of determining the Capital Account balance of any Limited Partner as of the end of any Fiscal Year under this Section 5.2, any such Partner's Capital Account shall be reduced by:

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(i) Allocations of Loss (or any item thereof) as of the end of such Fiscal Year, which reasonably are expected to be made to such Partner pursuant to Code Sections 704, 706, and 752 and Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder; and

(ii) Distributions that, as of the end of such Fiscal Year, reasonably are expected to be made to such Partner to the extent they exceed offsetting increases to such Partner's Capital Account that reasonably are expected to occur during (or prior to) the Partnership's Fiscal Year in which such distributions reasonably are expected to be made.

D. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, if a Partner receives an unexpected adjustment, allocation or distribution described in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(4), (5) or (6) which creates or increases a deficit balance in the Partner's Capital Account, items of income and gain shall be allocated to such Partner in an amount and manner sufficient to eliminate the Partner's Capital Account deficit as quickly as possible. If any allocations are made pursuant to the previous sentence, then future allocations of income or gain to such Partner will be reduced by an amount of income or gain equal to the amount previously allocated to the Partner under the previous sentence.

E. If there is a net decrease in the Partnership's Minimum Gain (as defined in Treasury Regulations under Section 704(b) of the Code) during a taxable year, each Partner with a deficit balance in his Capital Account at the end of the taxable year will be allocated, before any other allocation of Partnership items is made pursuant to this Agreement, items of income and gain for the taxable year and, if necessary, subsequent taxable years, in the amount necessary to eliminate such deficit as quickly as possible. For the purpose of this Minimum Gain calculation and for purposes of the preceding paragraph, there will be excluded from the Partner's deficit balance in his Capital Account (i) any amount the Partner is obligated to restore to his Capital Account and (ii) any addition to his Capital Account represented by the Partner's share of Minimum Gain. In addition, for the purpose of calculating the amount of Minimum Gain, each Partner's Capital Account will be reduced for items described in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(4), (5) and (6).

Section 5.3 Determinations of Allocations and Distributions Among Limited Partners

A. All Distributable Cash distributed to the Limited Partners, as a class, and all Profits and Losses allocated to the Limited Partners, as a class, shall be distributed or allocated, as the case may be, to each Limited Partner in the ratio that the Capital Contribution of such Limited Partner (or of his predecessor in interest) bears to the total Capital Contribution of all Limited Partners.

B. All Profits and Losses allocated to the Limited Partners shall be allocated to the Persons who were Limited Partners as of the last day of the fiscal quarter for which the allocation is made. If during any Fiscal Year of the Partnership there is a change in any Partner's Interest in the Partnership, then allocation of Profits and Losses among the Partners shall be determined by the use of any method prescribed by Section 706(d)(1) of the Code and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder. Allocations of "allocable cash basis items" shall be determined in accordance with the method prescribed by Section 706(d)(2) of the Code and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder.

C. All Distributable Cash distributed to the Limited Partners shall be distributed to the Persons who were Limited Partners as of the last day of the fiscal quarter preceding the fiscal quarter in which the distribution is made.

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ARTICLE SIX

Transferability of the General Partner's Interest

Section 6.1 Voluntary Withdrawal or Transfer by the General Partner

A. Except as provided in Section 6.2, the General Partner (including by definition any successor or additional General Partner) may withdraw as General Partner at any time, but only upon compliance with all of the following procedures:

(i) The General Partner shall give Notification to all Limited Partners that it proposes to withdraw and that there be substituted in its place a Person designated and described in such Notification.

(ii) Enclosed with the Notification shall be a certificate, duly

executed by or on behalf of such proposed successor General Partner, to the effect that, (a) it is experienced in performing (or employs sufficient personnel who are experienced in performing) functions of the type then being performed by the resigning General Partner; (b) it has a net worth of at least 10% of the Capital Contributions of the Partners or will otherwise meet the net worth requirements of statutes, Treasury Regulations, the Internal Revenue Service or the courts applicable to a corporate general partner in a limited partnership in order to insure that the Partnership will not fail to be classified for Federal income tax purposes as a partnership rather than as an association taxable as a corporation; and (c) it is willing to become the General Partner under this Agreement without receiving any compensation for services from the Partnership in excess of that payable under this Agreement to the withdrawing General Partner or any interest in the Income or Profits of the Partnership other than a transfer to the successor General Partner of some or all of the withdrawing General Partner's Interest in the Partnership, plus such other compensation as the successor General Partner may receive from the withdrawing General Partner.

(iii) If the General Partner proposes to withdraw, there shall be on file at the principal office of the Partnership, prior to such withdrawal, audited financial statements of the proposed successor General Partner, as of a date not earlier than 12 months prior to the date of the Notification required by this Section 6.1A, certified by a nationally recognized firm of independent auditors, together with a certificate duly executed by the proposed successor General Partner, or on its behalf by its principal financial officer, to the effect that no material adverse change in its financial condition has occurred since the date of such audited financial statements that has caused its net worth, apart from the purchase price of its Interest in the Partnership, to be reduced to less than the amount required under Section 6.1A(ii)(b). Such audited statements and certificates shall be available for examination by any Limited Partner during normal business hours.

(iv) The Consent of at least a Majority-in-Interest of the Limited Partners approving the appointment of any successor General Partner pursuant to this Section 6.1A is obtained.

(v) The withdrawing General Partner shall cooperate fully with the successor General Partner so that the responsibilities of the withdrawn General Partner may be transferred to the successor General Partner with as little disruption of the Partnership's business and affairs as is practicable.

B. Except as part of a transfer to a successor General Partner pursuant to Section 6.1A, the General Partner shall not have the right to withdraw or to transfer or assign its General Partner Interest, except that the General Partner may (i) substitute in its stead as General Partner any entity that has, by merger, consolidation or otherwise, acquired substantially all of the assets or capital stock of the General Partner and continued its business, (ii) substitute in its stead any other wholly-owned subsidiary of its corporate parent, and (iii) pledge or grant an interest

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in its right to receive payments and distributions under this Agreement, in which event the General Partner shall continue to be the general partner of the Partnership.

C. Subject to the provisions of Section 11.3, each Limited Partner hereby Consents pursuant to Section 6.1A to the admission as a successor General Partner of any Person meeting the requirements of Section 6.1A to whose admission as such at least a Majority-in-Interest of the Limited Partners has expressly approved, and no further express Consent or approval shall be required.

D. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Article Six, the General Partner's Interest shall at all times be subject to any restrictions on transfer imposed by Federal or state securities laws.

E. Any withdrawal of the General Partner, or transfer or assignment of the General Partner's entire Interest shall occur immediately after the admission of a successor General Partner.

Section 6.2 Admission of Successor General Partner

The admission of any successor General Partner pursuant to Section 6.1 shall be effective only if and after the following conditions are satisfied:

(i) this Agreement and the certificate of limited partnership of the Partnership shall be amended to reflect the admission of such Person as successor General Partner prior to the withdrawal of the withdrawing General Partner or the transfer of the withdrawing General Partner's Interest, pursuant to Section 6.1;

(ii) the Interests of the Limited Partners shall not be affected by the admission of such successor General Partner;

(iii) any Person designated as successor General Partner pursuant to Section 6.1 shall have satisfied the requirements of Section 10.2; and

(iv) the withdrawing General Partner shall not have ceased to be General Partner because of its Incapacity.

Any successor General Partner is hereby authorized to and shall continue the business of the Partnership.

Section 6.3 Liability of a Withdrawn or Removed General Partner

Any General Partner who shall withdraw or be Removed from the Partnership shall remain liable for any obligations and liabilities incurred by it as General Partner prior to the time such withdrawal or Removal shall have become effective, but it shall be free of any obligation or liability incurred on account of the activities of the Partnership from and after the time such withdrawal or Removal shall have become effective.

Section 6.4 Incapacity of the General Partner

In the event of the Incapacity of the General Partner, the Partnership shall be dissolved.

Upon the Incapacity of the General Partner, the General Partner shall immediately cease to be General Partner and its General Partner's Interest, as such, shall continue only for the purpose of determining the amount, if any, that it is entitled to receive upon dissolution pursuant to Section 8.2. Any termination or Removal of a General Partner shall not affect any rights or liabilities of the Incapacitated or Removed General Partner that matured prior to such Incapacity or Removal.

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Section 6.5 Removal of the General Partner

A. Upon the delivery by counsel for the Partnership or counsel designated by 10% in Interest of the Limited Partners of an opinion to the effect that the possession and exercise by a Majority-in-Interest of the Limited Partners of the power to Remove the General Partner will not impair the liability of the Limited Partners, then the power shall be vested in the Limited Partners to Remove the General Partner upon the Consent of a

Majority-in-Interest of the Limited Partners, but the exercise of that power shall be subject to the conditions set forth in Section 11.3. The Removal of any General Partner pursuant to this Section 6.5 shall be without prejudice to the rights, if any, the Limited Partners may have against the General Partner for damages attributable to its negligence or misconduct or other breach of duty.

B. Upon the delivery by counsel for the Partnership or counsel designated by 10% in Interest of the Limited Partners of an opinion to the effect that the possession and exercise by a Majority-in-Interest of the Limited Partners of the power to designate a successor General Partner will not impair the limited liability of the Limited Partners, then with the Consent of a Majority-in-Interest of the Limited Partners to the admission of a general partner, the Limited Partners may, subject to the provisions of Section 6.2, at any time designate one or more Persons to be successors to the General Partner being Removed pursuant to Section 6.5. Any such Removal shall occur immediately after the admission of the successor General Partner.

C. Upon the Removal of the General Partner (and failure to designate a successor General Partner) pursuant to Section 6.5A, the Partnership shall be dissolved.

Section 6.6 Distributions on Withdrawal or Removal of the General Partner

In the event the General Partner (i) exercises its right to withdraw from the Partnership in accordance with Section 6.1A or (ii) is Removed pursuant to Section 6.5, the withdrawing or Removed General Partner shall have its then existing Capital Account (to the extent not acquired by any successor) converted into a capital account of a Limited Partner.

ARTICLE SEVEN

Transferability of a Limited Partner's Interest

Section 7.1 Restrictions on Transfers of Interest

A. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section 7.1, a sale, exchange, transfer or assignment of a Limited Partner's Interest may not be made if:

(i) such sale, exchange, transfer or assignment, when added to the total of all other sales, exchanges, transfers or assignments of Interests within the preceding 12 months, would result in the Partnership being considered to have terminated within the meaning of Section 708 of the Code;

(ii) such sale, exchange, transfer or assignment would violate any U.S. securities laws, or any state securities or "blue sky" laws (including any investor suitability standards) applicable to the Partnership or the Interest to be sold, exchanged, transferred or assigned;

(iii) such sale, exchange, transfer or assignment would cause the Partnership to lose its status as a partnership for Federal income tax purposes;

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(iv) such sale, exchange, transfer or assignment would cause all or any portion of the Partnership's property to be deemed "tax-exempt use property" within the meaning of Section 168(j) of the Code; or

(v) such sale, exchange, transfer or assignment would cause the Partnership to be classified as a publicly traded partnership within the meaning of Section 7704(b) of the Code.

B. In no event shall all or any part of an Interest be assigned or transferred to an Incapacitated Person except by operation of law.

C. Except as provided in Section 7.5B, no transfer or assignment by a Limited Partner of all or any part of his Interest may be made to any Person who (i) is not a Partner, (ii) is not a member of the immediate family of a Limited Partner or (iii) does not meet the requirements to become an Additional Limited Partner in accordance with the terms of the offering of Units contained in the Prospectus and this Agreement, as modified by the last sentence of this Section 7.1C; provided, however, no Limited Partner's Interest or any fraction thereof may be sold, assigned or transferred without the consent of the General Partner, which consent may be withheld in the sole discretion of the General Partner. For purposes of this Section 7.1C, the members of the immediate family of a Limited Partner consist of persons within the meaning of such phrase as is used in the definition of "employees' securities company" in the Investment Company Act of 1940, and include the Partner's spouse and children, including stepchildren and adopted children. With respect to the requirements referenced in clause (iii), the requirement as to compensation from Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. shall be measured on the basis of the current annual salary and the bonus with respect to the most recently completed fiscal year.

D. Subject to Section 7.1C, no purported sale, assignment or transfer by a transferor of, or after which the transferor and each transferee would hold, an Interest representing a Capital Contribution of less than \$1,000 will be permitted or recognized for any purpose without the consent of the General Partner, which consent shall be granted only for good cause shown.

E. No purported sale, assignment or transfer by a transferor of, or after which the transferor and each transferee would hold, an Interest representing a Capital Contribution of less than \$1,000 will be permitted or recognized for any purpose without the consent of the General Partner, which consent shall be granted only for good cause shown, except for any sale, assignment or transfer (i) that consists of the entire Interest of the transferor or (ii) that occurs by operation of law.

F. Each Limited Partner agrees that he will, upon request of the General Partner, execute such certificates or other documents and perform such acts as the General Partner deems appropriate after an assignment of an Interest by the Limited Partner to preserve the limited liability of the Limited Partners under the laws of any jurisdiction in which the Partnership is doing business. For purposes of this Section 7.1F, any transfer of an Interest, whether voluntary or by operation of law, shall be considered an assignment.

G. Any sale, assignment or transfer of an Interest to a Person who makes a market in securities shall be void ab initio unless such Person shall certify to the General Partner that it has acquired such Interest solely for investment purposes and not for the purpose of resale.

H. No purported sale, assignment or transfer by a transferor of an Interest will be recognized unless (1) the transferor shall have represented that such transfer (a) was effected through a broker-dealer or matching agent whose procedures with respect to the transfer of Units have been approved by the General Partner as not being incident to a public trading market and not through any other broker-dealer or matching agent or (b) otherwise was not effected through a broker-dealer or matching agent which makes a market in Interests or which provides a readily available, regular and ongoing opportunity to Limited Partners to sell or exchange their Interests through a public means of obtaining or providing information of offers to buy, sell or exchange Interests and (2) the General Partner determines that such sale, assignment or transfer would not, by itself or together with any other sales, transfers or assignments, likely result in, as determined by the General Partner in its sole discretion, the Partnership's being classified as a

I. No purported sale, assignment or transfer of a Unit will be recognized if, after giving effect to such sale, assignment or transfer, the Partnership would not satisfy at least one of the safe harbors contained in Internal Revenue Service Advance Notice 88-75 (the "Notice"). Without limiting the foregoing, no purported sale, assignment or transfer of a Unit will be recognized if such sale, assignment or transfer, together with all other such transfers during the same taxable year of the Partnership would result in both (i) the transfer of more than 5% of the Units (excluding the "excludable transfers" described below); and (ii)(x) the transfer of more than 2% of the Units (excluding excludable transfers and sales completed through a matching service which meets the requirements of the Notice, part II, section D) or (y) the transfer of more than 10% of the Units (excluding excludable transfers). For purposes of the 5% and the 2% limitations described in the preceding sentence, the following transfers ("excludable transfers") will be disregarded: (i) transfers in which the basis of the Unit in the hands of the transferee is determined, in whole or in part, by reference to its basis in the hands of the transferor or is determined under Section 732 of the Code; (ii) transfers at death; (iii) transfers between members of a family (as defined in Section 267(c)(4) of the Code); (iv) the issuance of Units by or on behalf of the Partnership in exchange of cash, property or services; (v) distributions from a retirement plan qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code; and (vi) block transfers; and for purposes of the 2% limitation, there shall be disregarded transfers through a matching service subject to the 10% limitation described in the previous sentence. For purposes of the above limitations, the percentage of Units transferred during a taxable year shall equal the sum of the monthly percentage of Units transferred. The monthly percentage of Units transferred in any month shall be the percentage equal to a fraction the numerator of which is the number of Units transferred during such month and the denominator of which is the number of Units outstanding on the last day of such month, provided that the denominator shall not include Units owned by the General Partner or any Person related to the General Partner (within the meaning of Section 267(b) or 707(b)(1) of the Code). The term "block transfer" means the transfer by a Partner in one or more transactions during any thirty calendar day period of Units representing in the aggregate more than 5% of the total Interests in Partnership capital or profits.

J. Any purported assignment of an Interest which is not made in compliance with this Agreement is hereby declared to be null and void and of no force or effect whatsoever.

K. The General Partner may reasonably interpret, and is hereby authorized to take such action as it deems necessary or desirable to effect, the foregoing provisions of this Section 7.1. The General Partner may, in its reasonable discretion, amend the provisions of this Section 7.1 in such manner as may be necessary or desirable (or eliminate or amend such provisions to the extent they are no longer necessary or desirable) to preserve the tax status of the Partnership.

Section 7.2 Incapacity of Limited Partner

If a Limited Partner dies, his executor, administrator or trustee, or, if he becomes an adjudicated incompetent, his committee, guardian or conservator, or, if he becomes bankrupt, the trustee or receiver of his estate, shall have all the rights of a Limited Partner for the purpose of settling or managing the estate of such Limited Partner, and such power as the Incapacitated Limited Partner possessed to assign all or any part of the Incapacitated Limited Partner's Interest and to join with such assignee in satisfying conditions precedent to such assignee's becoming a Substituted Limited Partner. In the event of death of a Limited Partner, but not in the event of bankruptcy or adjudication of incompetence, the deceased Limited Partner's Interest may be tendered to the General Partner within 30 days of

Section 7.3 Assignees

A. The Partnership shall not recognize for any purpose any purported sale, assignment or transfer of all or any fraction of the Interest of a Limited Partner unless the provisions of Section 7.1A shall have been complied with and there shall have been filed with the Partnership a written

and dated Notification of such sale, assignment or transfer, in form satisfactory to the General Partner, executed and acknowledged by both the seller, assignor or transferor and the purchaser, assignee or transferee, and such Notification (i) contains the acceptance by the purchaser, assignee or transferee of all of the terms and provisions of this Agreement, (ii) represents that such sale, assignment or transfer was made in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations and (iii) contains the purchaser's, assignee's or transferee's power of attorney identical to that provided in Section 12.1. Any sale, assignment or transfer shall be recognized by the Partnership as effective as of the first day of the fiscal quarter following the quarter in which such Notification is filed with the Partnership.

B. Any Limited Partner who shall assign all of his Interest shall cease to be a Limited Partner as of the first day of the fiscal quarter following the quarter in which such Notification is filed with the General Partner.

C. A Person who is the assignee of all or any fraction of the Interest of a Limited Partner, but does not become a Substituted Limited Partner and desires to make a further assignment of such Interest, shall be subject to all the provisions of this Article Seven to the same extent and in the same manner as any Limited Partner desiring to make an assignment of his Interest.

Section 7.4 Substituted Limited Partners

A. No Limited Partner shall have the right to substitute a purchaser, assignee, transferee, donee, heir, legatee, distributee or other recipient of all or any portion of such Limited Partner's Interest as a Limited Partner in his place. Any such purchaser, assignee, transferee, donee, heir, legatee, distributee or other recipient of an Interest shall be admitted to the Partnership as a Substituted Limited Partner only with the consent of the General Partner, which consent shall be granted or withheld in the sole and absolute discretion of the General Partner and may be arbitrarily withheld, and, if necessary, by an amendment of this Agreement executed by all necessary parties and filed or recorded in the proper records of each jurisdiction in which such filing or recordation is necessary to qualify the Partnership to conduct business or to preserve the limited liability of the Limited Partners. The Limited Partners hereby consent to the admission of a Substituted Limited Partner whose admission has been consented to by the General Partner. Any such consent by the General Partner and the Limited Partners may be evidenced, if necessary, by the execution by the General Partner of an amendment to this Agreement on its behalf and on behalf of all Limited Partners pursuant to Section 12.1 evidencing the admission of such Person as a Limited Partner and the making of any filing required by law. The admission of a Substituted Limited Partner shall be recorded on the books and records of the Partnership.

B. No Person shall become a Substituted Limited Partner until such Person shall have satisfied the requirements of Section 10.2; provided, however, that for the purpose of allocating Profits, Losses and Distributable Cash, a Person shall be treated as having become, and as appearing in the books and records of the Partnership as, a Limited Partner on such date as

the sale, assignment or transfer to such Person was recognized by the Partnership pursuant to Section 7.3A.

C. To the fullest extent permitted by law, each Limited Partner shall indemnify and hold harmless the Partnership, the General Partner and every Limited Partner who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party of any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of or arising from any actual or alleged misrepresentation or misstatement of facts or omission to state facts made (or omitted to be made) by such Limited Partner in connection with any assignment, transfer, encumbrance or other disposition of all or any part of an Interest, or the admission of a Substituted Limited Partner to the Partnership, against expenses for which the Partnership or such other Person has not otherwise been

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reimbursed (including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding.

D. (1) Each Limited Partner represents and warrants that the information set forth on his Subscription Agreement is a true and correct statement of his total direct and indirect, within the meaning of Section 318 of the Code, holdings of stock of the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, as defined in Section 1504(a) of the Code. No Person shall be accepted as a Limited Partner if the admission of such Person would cause the Limited Partner to own, directly or indirectly, more than 20% of the outstanding stock of the General Partner or any of its Affiliates as defined in Section 1504(a) of the Code.

(2) Each Limited Partner further represents and warrants that the following statements are true: (i) if such Limited Partner is an individual, he is over 21 years of age; if such Limited Partner is a corporation, it is authorized and otherwise duly qualified to hold an Interest in the Partnership; (ii) he has thoroughly read the Prospectus and this Agreement and understands the nature of the risks involved in the proposed investment; (iii) he is experienced in investment and business matters; (iv) in the case of an employee of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. or its subsidiaries he has a current annual salary in an amount which, together with bonus received from Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. or its subsidiaries in respect of 1993, equals at least \$100,000 or, if employed for less than a full calendar year, is employed with an annualized gross income from Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. or its subsidiaries of at least \$100,000 and the aggregate amount of Units he will invest in will not exceed an amount that would result in the price of such Units exceeding 15% of his cash compensation from Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. or its subsidiaries with respect to the most recent calendar year on an annualized basis unless he either (x) has a net worth, individually or jointly with his spouse, in excess of \$1,000,000 at the time of purchase of the Units or (y) had an individual income in excess of \$200,000 in each of the two most recent calendar years or joint income with his spouse in excess of \$300,000 in each of those years and has a reasonable expectation of reaching the same income level in the current calendar year, or in the case of non-employee directors of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., (a) has a net worth (exclusive of homes, home furnishings, personal automobiles and the amount to be invested in Units) of not less than \$125,000 in excess of the price of the Units for which such investor has subscribed, or (b) has a net worth (exclusive of homes, home furnishings, personal automobiles and the amount to be invested in Units) of not less than \$100,000 in excess of the price of the Units for which such investor has subscribed and expects to have during each of the current and the next three taxable years, gross income from all sources in excess of \$100,000; (v) he recognizes that the Partnership is newly organized and has no history of operations or earnings and is subject to speculative risks; (vi) he understands that the transferability of his Interest(s) in the Partnership is restricted pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement and that he cannot expect to be able to liquidate his investment readily in case of emergency; and (vii) unless otherwise indicated in his Subscription Agreement, he is the sole party in interest in his

Interest and, as such, is vested with all legal and equitable rights in such Interests. Investors will be required to represent in writing in the Subscription Agreement that they meet all applicable requirements and satisfy any more restrictive suitability requirements imposed by applicable Blue Sky laws.

Section 7.5 Acquisition of Certain Limited Partners' Interests by the General Partner or the Partnership

A. The General Partner shall purchase from its own funds for its own account, or cause to be purchased by the Partnership, from the Partnership's funds for the Partnership's account, any Limited Partner's Interest tendered to it pursuant to Section 7.2. The purchase price shall be the value of such Interest determined at the next annual Valuation Date.

B. The Partnership may, but is not obliged to, purchase from the Partnership's funds for the Partnership's account any Interest tendered to the General Partner pursuant to Section 7.2 if such purchase is in the best interests of the Partnership.

C. If the General Partner purchases any Interest pursuant to this Section 7.5 for its own account and not for the account of the Partnership, the General Partner shall be entitled to the rights of an assignee of such Interest and be entitled to vote such Interest as if it were a Substituted Limited Partner or be admitted as a Substituted Limited

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Partner. The General Partner may sell any Interest acquired by it under the provisions of this Section 7.5 on such terms as are acceptable to it, and if the purchaser of such Interests is not a Partner of this Partnership, he will be entitled to be admitted to the Partnership as a Substituted Limited Partner with respect to such Interest. The effective date of any such sale shall be the date on which payment has been made by the purchaser of such Interest.

ARTICLE EIGHT

Dissolution, Liquidation and
Termination of the Partnership

Section 8.1 Events Causing Dissolution

A. Except as provided in Section 8.1(B), the Partnership shall be dissolved and its affairs shall be wound up upon the happening of any of the following events:

(i) the expiration of its term;

(ii) the Incapacity of the General Partner;

(iii) the Removal of the General Partner and the failure to designate a successor;

(iv) the Sale or other disposition at one time of all or substantially all of the Partnership's assets;

(v) the election to dissolve the Partnership prior to January 1, 2000 by the General Partner with the Consent of a Majority-in-Interest of the Limited Partners, which Consent shall be subject to Article Eleven;

(vi) the election to dissolve the Partnership by the General

Partner at any time after January 1, 2000; or

(vii) the withdrawal of the General Partner without the designation of a successor General Partner under Section 6.1.

The occurrence of any event described in Sections 17-402(a)(4) or 17-402(a)(5) of the Act (other than an event that would cause the Incapacity of the General Partner) shall not cause the General Partner to cease to be a General Partner of the Partnership or cause the Partnership to dissolve.

B. Upon the happening of an event described in Section 8.1(A)(ii), (iii) or (vii), the Partnership shall not be dissolved if, at the time of the occurrence of such event there is at least one other General Partner, or within ninety (90) days after the occurrence of such an event, all remaining partners agree to continue the business of the Partnership and to the appointment, effective as of the date of such event, of one or more successor General Partners.

C. The Incapacity of any Limited Partner shall not dissolve the Partnership and the seizure of the Interest of any Partner shall not dissolve the Partnership. Dissolution of the Partnership shall be effective on the day on which the event occurs giving rise to the dissolution, but the Partnership shall not terminate until the Partnership's certificate of limited partnership has been cancelled and the assets of the Partnership have been distributed as provided in Section 8.2.

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Section 8.2 Liquidation

A. Upon dissolution of the Partnership, its liabilities shall be paid in the order provided herein. The General Partner shall cause Partnership property to be sold in such manner as it, in its sole discretion, shall determine in an effort to obtain the best price for such property. In order for the Partnership to obtain a reasonable price for any Partnership investments which are illiquid, the General Partner may, to the extent permitted by applicable law, purchase from the Partnership any Partnership investments upon which there are significant restrictions as to transferability or for which a fair market price is not readily obtainable. Payment of the fair market value of any such investment as established by the annual Appraisal made in accordance with Section 9.4, adjusted for any distributions or other significant events subsequent to the Valuation Date, shall be deemed fair and reasonable and not a violation of any General Partner's duty to the Partnership. Pending Sale of Partnership property, the General Partner shall have the right to continue to operate and otherwise deal with Partnership property. In the event that the General Partner has been Removed and a successor General Partner has not been designated, the Limited Partners shall elect, in accordance with the provisions of Article Eleven, a Person to perform the functions of the General Partner in liquidating the assets of the Partnership and in winding up its affairs.

B. Profits and Losses arising from Sales upon liquidation shall be allocated as follows:

(i) Profits shall be allocated (a) first, to the Partners in amounts equal to the negative balances, if any, in their respective Capital Accounts, without giving effect to any cash distributions arising from Sales at liquidation; (b) second, to the General Partner up to the amount of the Capital Contributions of the General Partner made to the Partnership during its term under Section 3.1B in excess of 1% of the Limited Partners' Capital Contributions, but not to exceed the amount of assets payable to the General Partner under Section 8.2C(ii); and (c) third, all remaining Profits, 99% to the Limited Partners and 1% to the General Partner.

(ii) Losses shall be allocated 99% to the Limited Partners and 1%

to the General Partner.

C. In settling accounts after dissolution, the assets of the Partnership shall be paid out in the following order:

(i) first, to any creditors (including any creditor who is a Partner), in the order of priority as provided by law or the establishment of reasonable reserves for the payment of obligations to creditors;

(ii) second, to each Partner in an amount equivalent to the positive amount of his Capital Account on the date of distribution, after giving effect to any allocation of Profits or Losses arising from Sales on liquidation; and

(iii) third, the balance, 99% to the Limited Partners and 1% to the General Partner.

D. In the event that following the final dissolution under Section 8.2C, the General Partner has a deficit balance in its Capital Account balance, the General Partner shall contribute cash to the Partnership necessary to eliminate said deficit balance.

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ARTICLE NINE

Books and Records; Accounting; Appraisal;
Tax Elections; Etc.

Section 9.1 Books and Records

The books and records of the Partnership, including information relating to the sale by the General Partner or any of its Affiliates of securities, property, goods or services to the Partnership, and a list of the name, residence, business or mailing address and Interest of each Limited Partner, shall be maintained by the General Partner at the office of the Partnership or of the General Partner and shall, for any purpose, other than commercial purposes, reasonably related to a Limited Partner's Interest as a limited partner, be available for examination there by any Limited Partner or his duly authorized representative at any and all reasonable times. Any Limited Partner, or his duly authorized representatives, upon paying the costs of collection, duplication and mailing, for any purpose reasonably related to a Limited Partner's Interest as a limited partner, shall be entitled to a copy of the list of name, residence, business or mailing address and Interest of each Limited Partner. Such information shall be used for Partnership purposes only. The Partnership may maintain such other books and records and may provide such financial or other statements as the General Partner in its discretion deems advisable.

Section 9.2 Accounting Basis for Tax and Reporting Purposes; Fiscal Year

The books and records, and the financial statements and reports of the Partnership, both for tax and financial reporting purposes, shall be kept on an accrual basis. The Fiscal Year of the Partnership for both tax and financial reporting purposes shall be the calendar year.

Section 9.3 Bank Accounts

The General Partner shall maintain the Partnership Account and withdrawals shall be made only in the regular course of the Partnership business on such signature or signatures as the General Partner may determine. Temporary investments of the type permitted by Section 4.1A(ix)

are deemed activities in the ordinary course of Partnership business.

Section 9.4 Appraisal

Beginning December 31, 1994, and as of December 31, of each succeeding year thereafter (the "Valuation Date"), the General Partner will make or have made an appraisal of all of the assets of the Partnership as of the Valuation Date (the "Appraisal"). The Appraisal of the Partnerships assets may be by independent third parties appointed by the General Partner and deemed qualified by the General Partner to render an opinion as to the value of Partnership assets, using such methods and considering such information relating to the investments, assets and liabilities of the Partnership as such Persons may deem appropriate, but in the case of an event subsequent to the Valuation Date materially affecting the value of any Partnership asset or investment, the General Partner may revise the Appraisal as it, in its good faith and sole discretion, deems appropriate. For purposes of the Appraisal to be made on December 31, 1994, the General Partner may use the purchase price of Partnership assets as the value of such assets.

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Section 9.5 Reports

Within 75 days after the end of each Fiscal Year or as soon as practicable thereafter, the General Partner shall send to each Person who was a Limited Partner at any time during the Fiscal Year then ended (i) a statement (which shall be audited by the Auditors) showing the Distributable Cash (or assets distributed in kind) distributed in respect of such year; (ii) such tax information as shall be necessary for the preparation by such Limited Partner of his Federal and state income tax returns; and (iii) a report of the investment activities of the Partnership during such year. Within 120 days after the end of each Fiscal Year, the General Partner shall send to each Person who was a Limited Partner at any time during the Fiscal Year then ended Partnership financial statements audited by the Auditors and a copy of the Appraisal. Within 45 days after the end of each quarter of a Fiscal Year the General Partner shall send to the Partnership a certificate itemizing the Partnership expenses it has paid during such quarter. The General Partner shall not be required to deliver or mail a copy of the certificate of limited partnership of the Partnership or any amendment thereof to the Limited Partners.

Section 9.6 Elections

The General Partner may cause the Partnership to make all elections required or permitted to be made by the Partnership under the Code and not otherwise expressly provided for in this Agreement, in the manner that the General Partner believes will be most advantageous to individual taxpayers who (i) are married and filing joint Federal income tax returns, (ii) are not "dealers" for Federal income tax purposes, and (iii) have income at least part of which, without giving effect to any additional tax on preference items, is subject to Federal income taxation at the then highest marginal tax rate for persons set forth in (i).

ARTICLE TEN

Amendments

Section 10.1 Proposal and Adoption of Amendments Generally

A. Amendments to this Agreement to reflect the addition or substitution of a Limited Partner, the admission of a successor General Partner or the withdrawal of the General Partner, shall be made at the time and in the

manner referred to in Section 10.2. Any other amendment to this Agreement may be proposed by the General Partner or by 10% in Interest of the Limited Partners. The Partner or Partners proposing such amendment shall submit (a) the text of such amendment, (b) a statement of the purpose of such amendment, and (c) an opinion of counsel obtained by the Partner or Partners proposing such amendment to the effect that such amendment is permitted by the Act and the laws of any other jurisdiction where the Partnership is qualified to do business, will not impair the liability of the Limited Partner and will not adversely affect the classification of the Partnership as a partnership for Federal income tax purposes. The General Partner shall, within 20 days after receipt of any proposal under this Section 10.1A, give Notification to all Partners of such proposed amendment, of such statement of purpose and of such opinion of counsel, together, in the case of an amendment proposed by Limited Partners, with the views, if any, of the General Partner with respect to such proposed amendment.

B. Amendments of this Agreement shall be adopted if:

(i) in the case of amendments referred to in Sections 10.2A and 10.2B, the conditions specified in Sections 6.1 and 6.2 shall have been satisfactorily completed;

(ii) in the case of amendments referred to in Section 10.2C, the conditions specified in Section 7.4 shall have been satisfactorily completed; or

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(iii) in the case of all amendments, subject to the provisions of Section 11.3, such amendment shall have been Consented to by a Majority-in-Interest of the Limited Partners; provided, however, that no such amendment may:

- (a) enlarge the obligations of any Partner under this Agreement or convert the Interest of any Limited Partner into the Interest of a General Partner or modify the liability of any Limited Partner without the Consent of such Partner;
- (b) modify the method provided in Article Five of determining, allocating or distributing, as the case may be, Profits and Losses and Distributable Cash without the Consent of each Partner adversely affected by such modification;
- (c) amend Sections 6.1 or 6.2 without the Consent of the General Partner;
- (d) amend Section 4.3C, this Article Ten or Section 11.3 without the Consent of all the Partners; or
- (e) allow additional contributions of capital by some or all of the Limited Partners without the Consent of the General Partner and a Majority-in-Interest of the Limited Partners.

C. Upon the adoption of any amendment to this Agreement, the amendment shall be executed by the General Partner and the Limited Partners and, if required by the Act, an amendment to the certificate of limited partnership of the Partnership shall be filed or recorded in the proper records of the State and of each jurisdiction in which filing or recordation is necessary for the Partnership to conduct business or to preserve the limited liability of the Limited Partners. Each Limited Partner hereby irrevocably appoints and constitutes the General Partner as his agent and attorney-in-fact to execute, file, and record any and all such amendments including, without limitation, amendments to admit Limited Partners and to increase or decrease the amount of the contribution to the Partnership of any Partner. The power of attorney given herewith is irrevocable, is coupled with an interest and shall survive and not be affected by the subsequent Incapacity of any Limited Partner granting it.

D. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the General Partner may, without prior notice or Consent of any Limited Partner, amend any provision of this Agreement if, in its opinion, such amendment does not have a material adverse effect upon the Limited Partners.

Section 10.2 Amendments on Admission or Withdrawal of Partners

A. If this Agreement shall be amended to reflect the admission of a General Partner, the amendment to this Agreement and to the certificate of limited partnership of the Partnership shall be adopted, executed and filed as required by the Act and this Agreement.

B. If this Agreement shall be amended to reflect the withdrawal or Removal of the General Partner and the continuation of the business of the Partnership, the amendment to this Agreement and to the certificate of limited partnership shall be adopted, executed and filed as required by the Act and this Agreement.

C. No Person shall become a Partner unless such Person shall have become a party to, and adopted all of the terms and conditions of, this Agreement, and except for the Initial Limited Partner or an Additional Limited Partner, paid any reasonable legal fees of the Partnership and the General Partner and filing and publication costs in connection with such Person's becoming a Partner elected to be so charged in the General Partner's discretion.

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ARTICLE ELEVEN

Consents, Voting and Meetings

Section 11.1 Method of Giving Consent

Any Consent required by this Agreement may be given as follows:

(i) by a written Consent given by the approving Partner at or prior to the date set by the General Partner for the delivery of the Consent, provided that such Consent shall not have been nullified by either (a) Notification to the General Partner by the approving Partner at or prior to the time of, or the negative vote by such approving Partner at, any meeting held to consider the doing of such act or thing, or (b) Notification to the General Partner by the approving Partner prior to the date set by the General Partner for the delivery of the Consent with respect to actions the doing of which is not subject to approval at such meeting; or

(ii) by the affirmative vote by the approving Partner to the doing of the act or thing for which the Consent is solicited at any meeting called and held pursuant to Section 11.2 to consider the doing of such act or thing.

Section 11.2 Meetings of Partners

The termination of the Partnership and any other matter requiring the Consent of all or any of the Limited Partners pursuant to this Agreement may be considered at a meeting of the Partners held not less than 15 nor more than 30 days after Notification thereof shall have been given by the General Partner to all Partners. Such Notification (i) may be given by the General Partner, in its discretion, at any time and (ii) shall be given by the General Partner within 15 days after receipt by the General Partner of a request for such a meeting made by 10% in Interest of the Limited Partners.

Such meeting shall be held within or outside the State at such reasonable place as shall be specified by the General Partner if Notification of such meeting is given pursuant to this Section 11.2.

Section 11.3 Limitations on Requirements for Consents

Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 4.3C, 6.1A(iv), 6.1C, 6.5A, 6.5B, 8.1(v) and 10.1B, as the case may be,

(i) the provision of Section 4.3C(i) requiring the Consent of a Majority-in-Interest of the Limited Partners to the sale or other disposition at any one time of all or substantially all of the assets of the Partnership shall be void and the General Partner shall have authority to sell or dispose at any one time all or substantially all of the assets of the Partnership;

(ii) the provisions of Section 4.3C(ii) and 8.1(v) permitting the General Partner to dissolve the Partnership prior to January 1, 2000 with the Consent of the Majority-in-Interest of the Limited Partners shall be void and the General Partner shall have the authority to dissolve the Partnership at any time without the Consent of the Limited Partners;

(iii) the provisions of Section 4.3C(iii) through (ix) requiring the Consent of a Majority-in-Interest of the Limited Partners as to the taking of certain actions by the General Partner shall be void and the General Partner may take such actions on behalf of the Partnership if not prohibited by the Investment Company Act of 1940;

(iv) the provisions of Sections 6.1A(iv) and 6.1C permitting the giving of the Consent of the Limited Partners by the express Consent of a Majority-in-Interest of the Limited Partners shall be void;

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(v) the power granted pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.5A and 6.5B to Remove the General Partner and designate a successor General Partner upon the Consent of a Majority-in-Interest of the Limited Partners may not be exercised; and

(vi) the provisions of Section 10.1B(iii) relating to the amendment of this Agreement by or upon the Consent of a Majority-in-Interest of the Limited Partners shall be void;

unless at the time of the giving or withholding of the Consent pursuant to the provisions of Sections 4.3C, 6.1A(iv), 6.1C, 6.5A, 6.5B, 8.1(v) or 10.1B, as the case may be, counsel for the Partnership or counsel designated by 10% in Interest of the Limited Partners shall have delivered to the Partnership an opinion to the effect that the giving or withholding of the Consent is permitted by the Act, will not impair the liability of the Limited Partners and will not adversely affect the classification of the Partnership as a partnership for Federal income tax purposes.

Section 11.4 Submissions to Limited Partners

The General Partner shall give all the Limited Partners Notification of any proposal or other matters required by any provisions of this Agreement or by law to be submitted for the consideration and approval of the Limited Partners. Such Notification shall include any information required by the relevant provision of this Agreement or by law.

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Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 12.1 Appointment of the General Partner as Attorney-in-Fact

A. Each Limited Partner, by his execution hereof, hereby makes, constitutes and appoints the General Partner and each of its officers his true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution and full power and authority in his name, place and stead to make, execute, sign, acknowledge, swear to, record and file, on behalf of him and on behalf of the Partnership, such documents, instruments and conveyances that may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions or purposes of this Agreement, including, without limitation:

(i) this Agreement and the certificate of limited partnership of the Partnership and all amendments to this Agreement and the certificate of limited partnership of the Partnership required or permitted by law or the provisions of this Agreement including, without limitation, such certificates, agreements and amendments thereto relating to the admission to the Partnership of Partners and the increase or decrease of the amount of the Capital Contributions of any Partner;

(ii) all certificates and other instruments deemed advisable by the General Partner to carry out the provisions of this Agreement or to permit the Partnership to become or to continue as a limited partnership or partnership wherein the Limited Partners have limited liability in any jurisdiction where the Partnership may be doing business;

(iii) all instruments that the General Partner deems appropriate to reflect a change or modification of this Agreement, in accordance with this Agreement, including, without limitation, the substitution of assignees as Substituted Limited Partners pursuant to Sections 7.4 and 10.2C and, if required, the filing of certificates to effect the same;

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(iv) all conveyances and other instruments or papers deemed advisable by the General Partner to effect the dissolution and termination of the Partnership, including a certificate of cancellation;

(v) all fictitious or assumed name certificates required or permitted to be filed on behalf of the Partnership;

(vi) all instruments or papers required by law to be filed in connection with the issuance of limited partnership interests senior to the Units;

(vii) all other instruments or papers which may be required or permitted by law to be filed on behalf of the Partnership; and

(viii) all instruments and filings required by Section 6111 of the Code ("Registration of Tax Shelters") and Section 6112 of the Code relating to maintenance of lists of investors in tax shelters.

B. The foregoing power of attorney:

(i) is coupled with an interest, shall be irrevocable, shall not be affected by and shall survive the subsequent Incapacity of each Limited Partner;

(ii) may be exercised by the General Partner either by signing separately or jointly as attorney-in-fact for each or all Limited Partner(s) or, with or without listing all of the Limited Partners executing an instrument, by a single signature of the General Partner acting as attorney-in-fact for all of them; and

(iii) shall survive the delivery of an assignment by a Limited Partner of the whole of his Interest; except that, where the assignee of the whole of such Limited Partner's Interests has been approved by the General Partner for admission to the Partnership as a Substituted Limited Partner, the power of attorney of the assignor shall survive the delivery of such assignment for the sole purpose of enabling the General Partner to execute, swear to, acknowledge and file any instrument necessary or appropriate to effect such substitution.

C. Each Limited Partner shall execute and deliver to the General Partner within five days after receipt of the General Partner's request therefor such further designations, powers-of-attorney and other instruments as the General Partner deems necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of this Agreement.

Section 12.2 Notification to the Partnership or the General Partner

Any notification to the Partnership or the General Partner shall be sent to the principal office of the Partnership.

Section 12.3 Binding Provisions

The covenants and agreements contained herein shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators, permitted successors and assigns of the respective parties hereto.

Section 12.4 Applicable Law

This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State.

Section 12.5 Counterparts

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This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, all of which together shall constitute one agreement binding on all parties hereto, notwithstanding that not all the parties have signed the same counterpart except that no counterpart shall be binding unless signed by the General Partner. The General Partner may execute any document by facsimile signature of a duly authorized officer.

Section 12.6 Separability of Provisions

If for any reason any provisions hereof that are not material to the purposes or business of the Partnership or the Limited Partners' Interests are determined to be invalid and contrary to any existing or future law, such invalidity shall not impair the operation of or affect those portions of this Agreement that are valid.

Section 12.7 Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the parties. This Agreement supersedes any prior agreement or understanding among the parties and may not be modified or amended in any manner other than as set forth therein.

Section 12.8 Headings

The headings in this Agreement are for descriptive purposes only and shall not control or alter the meaning of this Agreement as set forth in the text.

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

KECALP INC.
General Partner

By: -----

Attest:

By: -----
Secretary

Withdrawing and Initial Limited
Partner

James V. Caruso

LIMITED PARTNERS

All Limited Partners now and hereafter admitted as limited partners to the Partnership, pursuant to Powers of Attorney now and hereafter executed in favor of, and delivered to, the General Partner.

By: KECALP Inc.

By: -----

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EXHIBIT B

SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT

MERRILL LYNCH KECALP L.P. 1994

KECALP Inc., General Partner of
Merrill Lynch KECALP L.P. 1994
South Tower
World Financial Center
225 Liberty Street
New York, New York 10080-6123

Gentlemen:

By signing the Limited Partner Signature Page and Power of Attorney attached hereto, the undersigned hereby applies for the purchase of the number of limited partner interests (the "Units"), set forth below, in Merrill Lynch KECALP L.P. 1994, a Delaware limited partnership (the

"Partnership"), at a price of \$1,000 per Unit (minimum purchase of five Units), and authorizes Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated to debit his securities account in the amount set forth below for such Units. The undersigned understands that such funds will be held by The Bank of New York, as Escrow Agent, and will be returned promptly in the event that 5,000 Units of the 30,000 Units offered by the Prospectus are not subscribed for by June 9, 1994, or such subsequent date, not later than July 7, 1994, as the Partnership and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated may agree upon. The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Prospectus, as well as the Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership (the "Partnership Agreement") of the Partnership attached to the Prospectus as Exhibit A, and hereby specifically accepts and adopts each and every provision of, and executes, the Partnership Agreement and agrees to be bound thereby.

Arkansas Legend:

"THE UNITS OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP INTEREST ARE OFFERED PURSUANT TO A CLAIM OF EXEMPTION UNDER SECTION 23-42-504(a)(9) OF THE ARKANSAS SECURITIES ACT. A REGISTRATION STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION AND WITH THE ARKANSAS SECURITIES DEPARTMENT, BUT THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT PASSED UPON THE VALUE OF THESE SECURITIES OR MADE ANY RECOMMENDATION AS TO THEIR PURCHASE, AND NEITHER THE DEPARTMENT NOR THE COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED THE OFFERING, OR PASSED UPON THE ADEQUACY OR ACCURACY OF THE PROSPECTUS, AND ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS UNLAWFUL".

California Legend:

"IT IS UNLAWFUL TO CONSUMMATE A SALE OR TRANSFER OF THIS SECURITY, OR ANY INTEREST THEREIN, OR TO RECEIVE ANY CONSIDERATION THEREFOR, WITHOUT THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CORPORATIONS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, EXCEPT AS PERMITTED IN THE COMMISSIONER'S RULES."

Any sale or transfer of the Units outside California not involving California residents does not require the prior written consent of the Commissioner of Corporations of the State of California.

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The undersigned hereby represents and warrants to you as follows:

1. The undersigned has carefully read the Prospectus and has relied solely on the Prospectus and investigation made by the undersigned or his or her representatives in making the decision to invest in the Partnership.

2. The undersigned is aware that investment in the Units involves certain risk factors and has carefully read and considered the matters set forth under the captions "Investment Objective and Policies", "Conflicts of Interest", "Risk and Other Important Factors" and "Tax Aspects of Investment in the Partnership" in the Prospectus.

3. The undersigned is 21 years of age or over, has adequate means of providing for his or her current needs and personal contingencies and has no need for liquidity in this investment.

4. The undersigned represents that he or she (i) in the case of an employee of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. ("ML & Co.") or its subsidiaries, receives a current annual salary which, together with bonus received from ML

& Co. or its subsidiaries in respect of 1993, equals at least \$100,000; or, if employed for less than a full calendar year, is employed with an

annualized gross income from ML & Co. or its subsidiaries of at least \$100,000 or (ii) in the case of a non-employee director of ML & Co., (a) has a net worth (exclusive of homes, home furnishings, personal automobiles and the amount to be invested in Units) of not less than \$125,000 in excess of the price of the Units for which such investor has subscribed, or (b) has a net worth (exclusive of homes, home furnishings, personal automobiles and the amount to be invested in Units) of not less than \$100,000 in excess of the price of the Units for which such investor has subscribed and expects to have during each of the current and the next three taxable years, gross income from all sources in excess of \$100,000.

5. The undersigned represents that the amount of Units to be purchased hereby (i) in the case of an employee of ML & Co. or its subsidiaries, does not exceed an amount that would result in the price of such Units exceeding either (a) 15% of the employee's cash compensation from ML & Co. or its subsidiaries received in respect of 1993 on an annualized basis unless the employee either (x) has a net worth, individually or jointly with the employee's spouse, in excess of \$1,000,000 at the time of purchase of the Units, or (y) had an individual income in excess of \$200,000 in each of 1992 and 1993 or joint income with the employee's spouse in excess of \$300,000 in each of those years and reached or has a reasonable expectation of reaching the same income level in 1994 or (b) 75% of his compensation received in respect of 1993 on an annualized basis, provided that the employee meets the standards of (x) or (y) above; or (ii) in the case of a non-employee director of ML & Co., does not exceed an amount equal to two times the director's fees (including committee fees, but not including reimbursements of expenses) received from ML & Co. during 1993.

6. The undersigned represents and warrants that the statements contained in Section 7.4D of the Partnership Agreement are true insofar as they relate to the undersigned:

The undersigned understands and recognizes that:

(a) The subscription may be accepted or rejected in whole or in part by the General Partner in its sole and absolute discretion, except that, if this subscription is to be accepted in part only, it shall not be reduced to an amount less than \$5,000.

(b) No Federal or state agency has made any finding or determination as to the fairness for public investment, nor any recommendation or endorsement, of the Units.

(c) There are restrictions on the transferability of the Units, there will be no public market for Units, and accordingly, it may not be possible for the undersigned readily, if at all, to liquidate his or her investment in the Partnership in case of an emergency.

(d) Prior to any contrary notification to the General Partner by the undersigned, the undersigned hereby authorizes all cash distributions to be made by the Partnership to the undersigned as a Limited Partner to be

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credited to the undersigned's securities account at Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated as specified in the Signature Page and Power of Attorney attached hereto.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges and agrees that the undersigned is not entitled to cancel, terminate or revoke this subscription or any agreements of the undersigned hereunder and that such subscription and agreements shall survive the disability of the undersigned.

This Subscription Agreement and all rights hereunder shall be governed by, and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of Delaware.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned executes and agrees to be bound by this Subscription Agreement by executing the Limited Partner Signature Page and Power of Attorney attached hereto on the date therein indicated.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PURCHASERS OF UNITS

Any person desiring to subscribe for Units should carefully read and review the Prospectus and, if he or she desires to subscribe for Units in the Partnership, complete the following steps:

1. Complete, date and execute the Limited Partner Signature Page and Power of Attorney (sent with Prospectus, on green paper).

2. Use the sample that follows, to assist you in the accurate completion of the Signature Page.

3. Indicate in the four boxes provided the number of Units you would like to purchase (minimum 5 Units). If this amount is in excess of 250 Units, your subscription will be entered initially for 250 Units and, if the offering is not fully subscribed at the offering termination date, you will receive as many of the Units you have requested as are available on a pro rata basis based on the amount of Units available subject to the limitations described in the Prospectus.

4. Direct Investment Services will, upon receipt of the acceptance of your subscription, enter and execute an order. An execution wire will be generated to your branch office and a trade confirmation will be made to you. Settlement date will be five (5) business days following execution.

Your MLPF&S Securities Account will be debited in the amount of \$1,000 for each Unit that you purchase.

5. Cancellations and quantity reductions are difficult to handle after an investor has been accepted and the funds placed in escrow. Nonetheless, if you wish to cancel, contact Andrew Kaufman at (212) 236-7302.

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MERRILL LYNCH KECALP L.P. 1994 LIMITED PARTNER SIGNATURE PAGE AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned, desiring to become a Limited Partner of Merrill Lynch KECALP L.P. 1994 (the "Partnership"), pursuant to Section 3.3 or 7.4 of the Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership (the "Partnership Agreement"), a form of which is included as Exhibit A to the Prospectus of the Partnership dated April 15, 1994 (the "Prospectus"), hereby executes, and agrees to all of the terms of, the Partnership Agreement of the Partnership and agrees to be bound by the terms and provisions thereof. The undersigned further, by executing this Limited Partner Signature Page and Power of Attorney, hereby executes, adopts and agrees to all terms, conditions and representations of the Subscription Agreement included as Exhibit B to the Prospectus. The undersigned further irrevocably constitutes and appoints KECALP Inc., the General Partner of the Partnership, and its successors and assigns with full power of substitution, the true and lawful attorney for the undersigned and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned to make, execute, sign, acknowledge, swear to, deliver, record and file any documents or instruments which may be considered necessary or desirable by the General Partner to carry out fully the provisions of the Partnership Agreement, including, without limitation, the Partnership Agreement, the certificate of

U.S. Citizen? Yes // No // If No, What Country or State are you a
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MERRILL LYNCH & CO.

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