

There is no requirement that any Member maintain a specific number of Limited Service MEO Ports and a Member may choose to maintain as many or as few of such ports as each Member deems appropriate.

Finally, subjecting the two additional Limited Service MEO Ports to the existing \$400 monthly fee applicable to ports seven (7) and eight (8) will help to encourage Limited Service MEO Port usage in a way that aligns with the Exchange's regulatory obligations. As a national securities exchange, the Exchange is subject to Regulation Systems Compliance and Integrity ("Reg. SCI").<sup>21</sup> Reg. SCI Rule 1001(a) requires that the Exchange establish, maintain, and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure (among other things) that its Reg. SCI systems have levels of capacity adequate to maintain the Exchange's operational capability and promote the maintenance of fair and orderly markets.<sup>22</sup> By encouraging Members to be efficient with their usage of Limited MEO Ports, the current fee that will continue to apply to the proposed two (2) additional Limited Service MEO Ports will support the Exchange's Reg. SCI obligations in this regard by ensuring that unused ports are available to be allocated based on individual Members needs and as the Exchange's overall order and trade volumes increase.

#### *B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition*

MIAx PEARL does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended. The proposed rule change will not impose a burden on competition but will benefit competition by enhancing the Exchange's ability to compete by providing additional services to market participants. It is not intended to address a competitive issue. Rather, the proposed increase in the number of additional Limited Service MEO Ports available per Member is intended to allow the Exchange to increase its inventory of MEO Ports to meet increased Member demand. The Exchange is increasing the number of available additional Limited Service MEO Ports in response to Member demand for increased connectivity to the MIAx PEARL System. The Exchange's current inventory may soon be insufficient to meet those needs. Again, the Exchange is not proposing to

amend the fees for MEO Ports, just to increase the number of MEO Ports available per Member. The Exchange also does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose a burden on intramarket competition because the two additional Limited Service MEO Ports will be available to all Members on an equal basis. It is a business decision of each Member whether to pay for the additional Limited Service MEO Ports.

#### *C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others*

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

#### **III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action**

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,<sup>23</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)<sup>24</sup> thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

#### **IV. Solicitation of Comments**

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

##### *Electronic comments*

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-PEARL-2020-25 on the subject line.

##### *Paper comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-PEARL-2020-25. This file number should be included on the

subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-PEARL-2020-25 and should be submitted on or before December 15, 2020.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>25</sup>

**J. Matthew DeLesDernier,**

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#### **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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#### **Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

##### *Extension:*

Rule 19a-1

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of

<sup>21</sup> 17 CFR 242.1000-1007.

<sup>22</sup> 17 CFR 242.1001(a).

<sup>23</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>24</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

<sup>25</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Section 19(a) (15 U.S.C. 80a–19(a)) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “Act”) (15 U.S.C. 80a) makes it unlawful for any registered investment company to pay any dividend or similar distribution from any source other than the company’s net income, unless the payment is accompanied by a written statement to the company’s shareholders which adequately discloses the sources of the payment. Section 19(a) authorizes the Commission to prescribe the form of such statement by rule.

Rule 19a–1 (17 CFR 270.19a–1) under the Act, entitled “Written Statement to Accompany Dividend Payments by Management Companies,” sets forth specific requirements for the information that must be included in statements made pursuant to section 19(a) by or on behalf of management companies.<sup>1</sup> The rule requires that the statement indicate what portions of distribution payments are made from net income, net profits from the sale of a security or other property (“capital gains”) and paid-in capital. When any part of the payment is made from capital gains, rule 19a–1 also requires that the statement disclose certain other information relating to the appreciation or depreciation of portfolio securities. If an estimated portion is subsequently determined to be significantly inaccurate, a correction must be made on a statement made pursuant to section 19(a) or in the first report to shareholders following the discovery of the inaccuracy.

The purpose of rule 19a–1 is to afford fund shareholders adequate disclosure of the sources from which distribution payments are made. The rule is intended to prevent shareholders from confusing income dividends with distributions made from capital sources. Absent rule 19a–1, shareholders might receive a false impression of fund gains.

Based on a review of filings made with the Commission, the staff estimates that approximately 12,019 series of registered investment companies that are management companies may be subject to rule 19a–1 each year,<sup>2</sup> and

<sup>1</sup> Section 4(3) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 80a–4(3)) defines “management company” as “any investment company other than a face amount certificate company or a unit investment trust.”

<sup>2</sup> This estimate is based on statistics compiled by Commission staff as of September 21, 2020. The number of management investment company portfolios that make distributions for which compliance with rule 19a–1 is required depends on a wide range of factors and can vary greatly across years. Therefore, the calculation of estimated burden hours is based on the total number of

that each portfolio on average mails two statements per year to meet the requirements of the rule.<sup>3</sup> The staff further estimates that the time needed to make the determinations required by the rule and to prepare the statement required under the rule is approximately 1 hour per statement. The total annual burden for all portfolios therefore is estimated to be approximately 24,038 burden hours.<sup>4</sup>

The staff estimates that approximately one-third of the total annual burden (8,013 hours) would be incurred by a paralegal with an average hourly wage rate of approximately \$219 per hour,<sup>5</sup> and approximately two-thirds of the annual burden (16,026 hours) would be incurred by a compliance clerk with an average hourly wage rate of \$71 per hour.<sup>6</sup> The staff therefore estimates that the aggregate annual cost of complying with the paperwork requirements of the rule is approximately \$2,892,693 ((8,013 hours × \$219 = \$1,754,847) + (16,026 hours × \$71 = \$1,137,846)).

To comply with state law, many investment companies already must distinguish the different sources from which a shareholder distribution is paid and disclose that information to shareholders. Thus, many investment companies would be required to distinguish the sources of shareholder dividends whether or not the Commission required them to do so under rule 19a–1.

The estimate of average burden hours is made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, and is not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules. Compliance with the collection of information required by rule 19a–1 is mandatory for management companies that make statements to shareholders pursuant to section 19(a) of the Act. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is

management investment company portfolios, each of which may be subject to rule 19a–1.

<sup>3</sup> A few portfolios make monthly distributions from sources other than net income, so the rule requires them to send out a statement 12 times a year. Other portfolios never make such distributions.

<sup>4</sup> This estimate is based on the following calculation: 12,019 management investment company portfolios × 2 statements per year × 1 hour per statement = burden hours.

<sup>5</sup> Hourly rates are derived from the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (“SIFMA”), Management and Professional Earnings in the Securities Industry 2013, modified to account for an 1,800-hour work-year and inflation, and multiplied by 5.35 to account for bonuses, firm size, employee benefits, and overhead.

<sup>6</sup> Hourly rates are derived from SIFMA’s Office Salaries in the Securities Industry 2013, modified to account for an 1,800-hour work-year and multiplied by 2.93 to account for bonuses, firm size, employee benefits and overhead.

not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission’s estimate of the burdens of the collections of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burdens of the collections of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to David Bottom, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Cynthia Roscoe, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549; or send an email to: [PRA\\_Mailbox@sec.gov](mailto:PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov).

Dated: November 18, 2020.

**J. Matthew DeLesDernier,**  
Assistant Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Oaktree Strategic Income II, Inc., et al.

November 18, 2020.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”)

**ACTION:** Notice.

Notice of application for an order under sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “Act”) and rule 17d–1 under the Act to permit certain joint transactions otherwise prohibited by sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) of the Act and rule 17d–1 under the Act. Applicants request an order to permit certain business development companies to co-invest in portfolio companies with affiliated investment funds.

*Applicants:* Oaktree Strategic Income II, Inc. (“OSI II”), Oaktree Strategic Income Corporation (“OCSI”), Oaktree Specialty Lending Corporation (“OCSL”), Oaktree Capital Management, L.P. (“OCM LP”), Oaktree Fund Advisors, LLC (“OFA LLC”), Oaktree Capital Management (UK) LLP (“OCM