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### SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

**ROBERT G. MAR,** Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated

Plaintiff.

vs.

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**BENJAMIN CHARLES MOHR,** an individual;

BEN MOHR, INC., a corporation; and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 20-CIV-01986

### COMPLAINT; INDIVIDUAL AND CLASS ACTION

- 1. Violation of Cal. Corp. Code § 25210;
- 2. Fraud and Deceit;
- 3. Intentional Misrepresentation;
- 4. Negligent Misrepresentation.

#### JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

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**CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT** 

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Plaintiff ROBERT G. MAR ("Plaintiff"), on behalf of himself and all other similarly situated individuals and entities (the "Class," as defined below), alleges as follows upon information and belief based, *inter alia*, upon investigation conducted by Plaintiff and his counsel, except for those allegations pertaining to Plaintiff personally, which are alleged upon knowledge:

#### I. INTRODUCTION

- 1. This case arises from a \$170 million Ponzi scheme operated by EquiAlt, LLC. EquiAlt claimed to pool investor funds, purchase distressed real estate, and return 8–10% annual profit to investors with little risk. Instead, EquiAlt misappropriated investor funds by paying existing obligations with new investor money; by purchasing luxury automobiles, fine jewelry, and chartering jets for the executives; and by paying substantial undisclosed commissions—as much as ten-to-fourteen percent—to unregistered sales agents.
- 2. Defendant Benjamin Charles Mohr ("Mohr") is one of those unregistered sales agents. Mohr profited from EquiAlt's scheme that defrauded over 1,100 investors, some of whom trusted him with their retirement savings. Mohr solicited investments in EquiAlt and its real estate funds, provided investors with offering materials, provided advice on the merits of the investment, and received transaction-based compensation. Mohr was not registered as a broker-dealer and was not associated with a qualified broker-dealer. Mohr never disclosed that he was unlicensed and that it was illegal for him to sell the EquiAlt Securities. Nor did he disclose that the EquiAlt funds have lost money every year since inception and that they are insolvent.
- 3. EquiAlt, LLC and its investment funds are now in Receivership. An independent audit by the Securities and Exchange Commission estimates that EquiAlt, LLC's assets are worth \$85 million—\$82 million less than their obligations coming due to investors in December 2020.
- 4. By this action, Plaintiff and the Class members seek to recover the damages caused by Defendants' unlawful marketing, sale, and transactions in EquiAlt Securities.

#### II. <u>JURISDICTION AND VENUE</u>

5. This court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because they are residents of the State of California and, at all times relevant, the events which combined to produce the

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injuries sustained by Plaintiff occurred in this state. This court is competent to adjudicate this action and the amount in controversy exceeds the jurisdictional minimum of this court.

- 6. Venue is proper in the County of San Mateo, State of California, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 395.5 as this litigation arises out of contracts made in San Mateo County, State of California.
- 7. Venue is proper in the County of San Mateo pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 395(b) because the action arises from a transaction consummated as a proximate result of a telephone call or electronic transmission made by a buyer in response to a solicitation by a seller leading to a contract signed by the buyer in San Mateo County.
- 8. Furthermore, Defendant Mohr operated out of an office in San Mateo County at 951 Mariners Island Boulevard, Suite 300, San Mateo, CA 94404 and at all times relevant to this complaint, Plaintiff resided in San Mateo County.

#### III. PARTIES

#### A. Plaintiffs

- 9. Plaintiff **ROBERT G. MAR** ("Mar" or "Plaintiff") was, at all relevant times, an individual who resided in Foster City, in the County of San Mateo, California. Mar invested one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) in EquiAlt Securities through a transaction effected by Defendants.
- 10. Mar brings this suit in his individual capacity and on behalf of all other similarly situated California residents and entities (the "Class," as defined in Section VI, *infra*.)

#### B. Defendants

- 11. Defendant **BENJAMIN CHARLES MOHR** ("Mohr") was, at all relevant times, an individual who resided in Contra Costa County at 6216 Lakeview Circle, San Ramon, California 94582. Mohr is individually licensed by the Department of Insurance as a Life-Only Insurance Agent and as an Accident and Health Insurance Agent. Mohr represented to Plaintiff and the Class that he provided "retirement planning" services to California consumers.
- 12. Defendant **BEN MOHR, INC**. ("BMI") is a now-dissolved California corporation that did business at 6216 Lakeview Circle, San Ramon, CA 94582. BMI was in the business of

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planning services. Ben Mohr filed a certificate of dissolution with the California Secretary of State on December 6, 2018 on behalf of BMI.

insurance brokering and life insurance sales. BMI's website (benmohrinc.com) offered retirement

#### C. **Unnamed and Doe Defendants**

- 13. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise of the Defendants **DOES 1 through 25**, inclusive, are unknown to Plaintiff who therefore sues said Defendants by such fictitious names pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 474; Plaintiff further alleges that each fictitious Defendant is in some manner responsible for the acts and occurrences set forth herein. Plaintiff will amend this Complaint to show their true names and capacities when the same are ascertained, as well as the manner in which each fictitious Defendant is responsible.
- 14. Mohr, BMI, and Does 1 through 25 will be collectively referred to as "Defendants."

#### D. Agency, Concert of Action, and Conspiracy

15. At all times herein mentioned, each of the Defendants, inclusive, were the agent. servant, employee, partner, aider and abettor, co-conspirator and/or joint venturer of each of the remaining defendants named herein and were at all times operating and acting within the purpose and scope of said agency, service, employment, partnership, conspiracy, alter ego and/or joint venture, and each defendant has ratified and approved the acts of each of the remaining defendants. Each of the Defendants has aided and abetted, encouraged, and rendered substantial assistance to the other defendants in breaching their obligations to Plaintiff Mar and the Class as alleged herein. In taking action to aid and abet and substantially assist the commission of these wrongful acts and other wrongdoings complained of, as alleged herein, each of the Defendants acted with an awareness of his or her primary wrongdoing and realized that his or her conduct would substantially assist the accomplishment of the wrongful conduct, wrongful goals, and wrongdoing.

#### IV. BACKGROUND OF EQUIALT, LLC

- EquiAlt, LLC is a private Tampa, Florida-based limited liability company. EquiAlt, LLC's management team included Brian Davison ("Davison"), owner and chief executive officer, and Barry Rybicki ("Rybicki"), managing director. Davison and Rybicki maintained control over EquiAlt, LLC, whose primary business is to manage four real estate investment funds: EquiAlt Fund, LLC; EquiAlt Fund II, LLC; EquiAlt Fund III, LLC; and EA SIP, LLC (collectively, the "Funds.") The parent company, the management, and the Funds will hereinafter be referred to as "EquiAlt."
- 17. The Funds issued securities in the form of fixed-rate debentures (the "EquiAlt Securities.") The EquiAlt Securities are not nationally traded securities, and they are not issued by an investment company registered, or that has filed a registration statement, under the Investment Company Act of 1940, and as such, the EquiAlt Securities are not covered securities within the meaning of 15 U.S.C. § 77p(3) or 77r(b)(1)–(2).
- 18. Defendants and EquiAlt pursued a conspiracy to accomplish the wrongs complained of herein. Defendants were aware that EquiAlt was misusing and misappropriating investor funds, and that they planned to misuse and misappropriate investor funds, and that Defendants agreed with EquiAlt and others and intended that the misuse and misappropriation of investor funds be committed. Defendants and EquiAlt acted in furtherance of the objectives of the conspiracy as co-conspirators.
- 19. Defendants aided and abetted EquiAlt in committing the wrongs complained of herein. Defendants were aware of EquiAlt's misconduct and Defendants gave substantial assistance or encouragement to EquiAlt and Defendants' conduct was a substantial factor in causing harm to Plaintiff and the Class members.
- 20. Defendants were the agents of EquiAlt in that they represented EquiAlt in effecting or attempting to effect purchases or sales of securities in California and they materially aided in the act or transaction constituting the violation. EquiAlt gave Defendants authority to act on its behalf, and Defendants were acting within the scope of their agency when they harmed Plaintiff and the Class members.

#### V. BACKGROUND OF INVESTMENTS

#### A. <u>Defendant Mohr Solicited Mar and Others to Invest in EquiAlt</u>

- 21. On April 25, 2018, Plaintiff received an email solicitation from BMI inviting potential investors to one of three upcoming investment seminars in San Mateo (May 15), Berkeley (May 16), and Walnut Creek (May 17). The email advertised "Exciting News" about investment opportunities including: (a) a new life settlement product; (b) investments earning 8–10% in as little as one year; (c) investments that are liquid within 60 days; and (d) investment opportunities outside the stock market. The email was sent to a number of California residents.
- 22. Plaintiff Mar responded to BMI's emailed solicitation and attended the May 15 seminar at Paul Martin's restaurant at Hillsdale Shopping Center in the city of San Mateo.
- 23. On May 16, 2018, Defendant Mohr told Plaintiff via email that EquiAlt offer is "8% for 4 years on a \$25k minimum investment. 10% APR on \$100k+ investment. You can invest cash or IRA. There is a 60 day liquidity notice, meaning you request your funds at any time and get them within 60 days." (Exhibit A.)
- 24. Plaintiff would learn that EquiAlt was offering loans in the form of fixed-rate debentures. Defendant Mohr provided EquiAlt's marketing materials as an attachment to May 16 email. (Exhibit B.) The marketing materials included claims about the safety, security, and low risk profile of the EquiAlt Securities, including "no risk of loan default" and that "EquiAlt has never lost investor dollars."

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We understand that there are several strategies and goals in the area of Real Estate investing. Based on our experience, we offer education and offerings that are institutional-grade quality with no risk of loan default on EquiAlt's "No Debt" platform. Available products for investors range from totally passive to the traditional active.

### Historical Performance

#### **Historic return to investors:**

EquiAlt has never lost investor dollars since inception

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25. The marketing materials also detailed the terms of the EquiAlt Securities.

Terms:	<del></del>
Yield to Investors	8%
Minimum Investment	\$25,000
Maximum Fund Size	\$150 Million
Lock Up Period	36 - 72 Months
Liquidity	60 days notice
Income Distribution Options	Monthly Payments or
	Growth Account

- 26. The marketing materials did not mention the "10% APR on \$100k+ investment" offered by Mohr in his May 16 email.
- 27. On May 25, 2018, Plaintiff Mar met with Defendant Mohr again at Mohr's office in San Mateo. Mohr provided additional EquiAlt marketing materials to Plaintiff including Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") about the EquiAlt Secured Real Estate Income Fund. (Exhibit C.) One FAQ is, "Are these investments risky?" The materials assured potential investors like Mar and the Class members that "there is no risk of default" and that "Since inception, EquiAlt has redeemed 100% of principal, at maturity, to investors."
- 28. The FAQs provided by Mohr also promise that investors will get their principal back. "The main benefit of becoming an Investor in the Fund is that you earn a reliable stream of monthly income for three years and are assured of getting your principal back when the fund liquidates at that time." The marketing materials also answer the following FAQ:

### When will I get my principal back?

The investment term is 36 months. At maturity of your investment, your principal will be returned.

29. At the May 25 meeting, Defendant Mohr also provided Plaintiff Mar with another EquiAlt brochure. (Exhibit D.) While similar to the May 16 brochure, the new brochure makes enhanced claims about EquiAlt's prior investment experience since 2008. The new brochure states that EquiAlt has made over 3,000 transactions in which they acquired \$345 million in assets and liquidated \$450 million. According to the May 16 brochure provided by Mohr, EquiAlt had made over 1,000 transactions in which they acquired \$200 million and liquidated over \$300 million in distressed real estate.

	30.	Plaintiff and the Class were persuaded to purchase investments with the promise of
genero	us retur	ns, with no risk of loan default, from a company who has never lost investor dollars
over te	n years	and hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of real estate deals. Plaintiff agreed to
invest j	part of h	is retirement income in EquiAlt Securities.

- 31. On June 7, 2018, Plaintiff Mar met with Defendant Mohr at Mohr's office in San Mateo located at 951 Mariners Island Boulevard, Suite 300.
- 32. Defendant Mohr made representations to Plaintiff about the safety, quality, and merits of the EquiAlt Securities. Plaintiff, by his words and conduct, represented that the EquiAlt Securities were a safe way to generate high returns on investment with low risk.
- 33. Defendant Mohr provided the paperwork to facilitate Plaintiff's investment in the EquiAlt Securities. Mohr did not provide financial statements for EquiAlt, LLC or EquiAlt Fund, LLC, the issuer of the EquiAlt Securities. Instead, Mohr provided a Prospective Purchaser Questionnaire, a Private Placement Memorandum, and a uniform Subscription Agreement for EquiAlt Fund, LLC ("Subscription Agreement.")

### B. The Uniform Subscription Agreement Signed by Plaintiff Mar and Others

- 34. The uniform Subscription Agreement stated that EquiAlt Fund, LLC was seeking to issue "up to a maximum of One Hundred Million (100,000,000) units of Class A membership (the 'Maximum Offering') to certain Accredited Investors . . ." at a price of ten dollars per unit. (Exhibit E.)
- 35. The Subscription Agreement stated that "The Units are being sold through [EquiAlt, LLC] without commissions." (Id. at  $\P$  3.7(B).) The agreement also states that Equialt Fund, LLC "will pay finder's fees only in compliance with applicable law." (Id. at  $\P$  6.6.)
- 36. The Subscription Agreement stated that Plaintiff Mar should have received EquiAlt's Offering Documents including:

an executive summary of this offering, a copy of [EquiAlt Fund, LLC's] operating agreement, an accredited investor questionnaire, this Agreement and the Risk Factors incorporated into the Agreement, as such may have been amended or supplemented from time to time (collectively, the "Offering Documents")

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37. Defendant Mohr did not provide the operating agreement or "The Risk Factors incorporated into the Agreement."

#### C. The Private Placement Memorandum Signed by Plaintiff Mar and Others

- 38. The Private Placement Memorandum ("PPM") provided by Mohr merely set out the terms of the debenture being issued by EquiAlt Fund, LLC. For Plaintiff Mar's \$100,000.00 investment, EquiAlt Fund, LLC promised to repay the principal amount, plus ten percent annual interest on the unpaid principal amount, for 48 months. (Exhibit F.)
  - 39. The PPM referred to the debenture as a "Loan." (*Id.* at  $\P$  7, 11.)
  - 40. The loan was to commence on July 12, 2018 for a maturity date of "July 2022."
- 41. The PPM provided by Mohr did not include any information about EquiAlt's financial statements, EquiAlt's intended use of the offering proceeds, risk factors, conflicts of interest, offering expenses, or the amount of selling compensation that will be paid to the manager and its affiliates.

#### D. Plaintiff Mar Purchased the EquiAlt Debentures Through Defendant Mohr

- 42. Plaintiff Mar decided to purchase the EquiAlt security based on EquiAlt and Defendants' representations about the safety, quality, and merits of the EquiAlt Securities.
- 43. On June 7, 2018, Plaintiff Mar signed the Prospective Purchaser Questionnaire, PPM, and Subscription Agreement while at Defendant Mohr's office in San Mateo. Plaintiff Mar purchased 10,000 units for a total investment of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00). (See Exhibit E, supra.)
- 44. At the June 7 meeting, Defendant Mohr never disclosed that he would receive a commission on the sale of the EquiAlt Securities.
- 45. Plaintiff Mar opened an account with IRA Services Trust Company at Defendant Mohr's direction for the purpose of facilitating Plaintiff's EquiAlt investment.
- 46. On July 9, 2018, Plaintiff Mar transferred \$100,000.00 from his IRA Services Trust account to EquiAlt.
- 47. The Subscription Agreement was agreed to and accepted as of June 13, 2018 and signed by EquiAlt, LLC, the manager of EquiAlt Fund, LLC.

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48. The PPM was executed on July 12, 2018 by EquiAlt Fund, LLC, the manager of EquiAlt Fund, LLC and signed by Rybicki. The PPM stated that the Holder of the loan was "IRA Services Trust Company FBO Robert G. Mar Traditional IRA."

#### E. Defendant Mohr is not Qualified to Sell the EquiAlt Securities

- 49. Plaintiff Mar never communicated with Davison, Rybicki, or any other EquiAlt representative before investing in the EquiAlt Securities. Defendant Mohr was the sole salesperson of the EquiAlt Securities.
- 50. Mohr is not registered as a broker-dealer in California. According to the financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"), Mohr had been registered broker-dealer ten years earlier while employed by with Midamerica Financial Services Inc. Mohr received his license after passing the Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (Series 63), administered by FINRA, on August 31, 2009. Mohr's license expired in 2010 and he has not been licensed since.
- 51. On or about October 22, 2018, the State of California Department of Business Oversight issued a Desist and Refrain Order (the "DBO Order") to Defendants Mohr and BMI for selling, inter alia, EquiAlt Securities without the proper certification in violation of California Corporations Code section 25210. (Exhibit G.)
- 52. According to the DBO Order, Defendants had been offering, selling, and effecting transactions in EquiAlt Securities since at least 2017. "At least 10 California investors transferred over \$400,000.00 to EquiAlt through the assistance of BMI and Mohr, some using retirement funds, for 36 to 48 months in exchange for a profit of at least 8% to 10% per annum. BMI and Mohr hosted dinners with California investors and the vice president of Equialt to effect transactions in securities in the form of investment agreements in Equialt." (Id. at ¶ 3.)

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53. The Commissioner found that Defendants did not have a certificate to act as a broker-dealer under section 25210 of the California Securities Law of 1968, and that:

Based on the foregoing findings, the Commissioner is of the opinion that Ben Mohr, Inc. and Benjamin Charles Mohr are subject to the laws regulating broker-dealers under Corporate Securities Law of 1968, and has affected transactions in, or induced, or attempted to induce the purchase or sale of, securities as broker-dealers, without having first applied for and secured from the Commissioner a certificate authorizing these persons to act in that capacity, in violation of CSL section 25210.

Pursuant to CSL section 25532, Ben Mohr, Inc. and Benjamin Charles Mohr are hereby ordered to desist and refrain from conducting business as a broker-dealer, unless and until certification has been made under said law or unless exempt.

This Order is necessary, in the public interest, for the protection of investors and consistent with the purposes, policies and provisions of the Corporate Securities Law of 1968.

- 54. Defendants never told Plaintiff Mar or the Class that they needed a license to sell the EquiAlt securities, and Plaintiff and the Class members did not learn of the DBO order until after the EquiAlt Ponzi scheme was uncovered in February 2020.
- 55. When confronted with the DBO order in April 2020, Defendant Mohr said, "as part of an agreement with DBO I agreed that until I got further licensing I would not promote Equialt any further, hence the Cease & Refrain Order."

#### F. The SEC Action Against Equialt

- 56. On February 11, 2020, the Securities and Exchange Commission filed an emergency action against EquiAlt, LLC, its funds, Davison, and Rybicki in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida (the "SEC Action.")
- 57. According to the SEC, EquiAlt's offering documents represented that the funds would pool 90% of investor money to purchase distressed real estate, rent or flip the properties, and pay 8–10% returns to investors. In reality, EquiAlt was using only about half of investor money on real estate and misappropriating the other half.
- 58. The funds managed by EquiAlt—including EquiAlt Fund, LLC—have lost money every year since inception. EquiAlt's business is almost solely reliant on new investor money to funds its operations.
  - 59. By December 2020, EquiAlt will owe investors over \$167.3 million including

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\$13.7 million in interest alone. As of the fall of 2019, they had less than \$7 million in cash. EquiAlt's primary assets are real property.

- 60. EquiAlt supposedly owns approximately 260 properties. EquiAlt records the property values in two ways: by "Best Value" and by "Market Value." Even using EquiAlt's Best Value, EquiAlt is operating from a position of negative equity with a portfolio worth \$145 million. Using EquiAlt's Market Value, their real estate portfolio value is \$78 million, leaving the company and funds \$82 million short of obligations that will be owed to investors as of December 2020. (Exhibit H.<sup>1</sup>)
- 61. On February 14, 2020, the District Court for the Middle District of Florida froze the assets of EquiAlt, LLC, its funds, Davison, and Rybicki, and appointed a Receiver to take possession of EquiAlt's assets and investigate the true value of losses suffered by Plaintiff Mar and the members of the Class.

#### VI. CLASS ALLEGATIONS

62. Plaintiff brings this action as a class action, pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 382, on behalf of a Class defined as follows:

All California residents who purchased, or who currently hold, EquiAlt securities obtained through a transaction effected by Defendants between January 1, 2017 and the present. "EquiAlt Securities" shall mean debentures issued by EquiAlt, LLC; EquiAlt Fund, LLC; EquiAlt Fund III, LLC; or EA SIP, LLC.

- 63. Excluded from the Class are Defendants and any entity in which Defendant Mohr has a controlling interest, as well as their officers, directors, and employees, and defendant Mohr's heirs, successors, and assigns. Also excluded from the Class is EquiAlt, as well as their officers, directors, and employees, successors, and assigns.
  - 64. This action is properly maintainable as a class action.
- 65. The Class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impractical, and the class action procedure is more practical, cost-effective, inclusive, and efficient than multiple lawsuits

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Exhibit H is the Declaration of Mark Dee in support of Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission's Emergency Ex Parte Motion and Memorandum of Law for Temporary Restraining Order, Asset Freeze, and Other Injunctive Relief, SEC v. Davison, et al. (M.D. Fla, Feb. 11, 2020, No. 8:20cv-00325-MSS-AEP). Exhibit F here includes Exhibit 6 attached to Mark Dee's Declaration.

on the common questions of law and fact that unite the class. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Between twenty and fifty California residents and entities purchased EquiAlt Securities through transactions effected by Defendants. The exact number and identities of those investors can be readily ascertained from Defendants' records.

- 66. There are questions of law and fact which are common to the Class, including:
  - a. Whether the debentures issued by EquiAlt and their funds were securities within the definition of California Securities Laws.
  - b. Whether Defendants were acting as broker-dealers by promoting the EquiAlt Securities.
  - c. Whether Defendants were required to be licensed by the Commission.
  - d. Whether Defendants were licensed by the Commission or exempt from licensure requirements.
  - e. Whether Defendants were engaged in a conspiracy with EquiAlt or aided and abetted EquiAlt's misconduct.
  - f. Whether Defendants committed fraud.
  - g. Whether Defendants made negligent misrepresentations to purchasers of the EquiAlt Securities.
  - h. Whether the Class is entitled to damages due to Mohr's wrongful conduct.
- 67. Plaintiff is committed to prosecuting this action and has retained competent counsel experienced in litigation of this nature.
- 68. The Claims of Plaintiff are typical of the claims of other members of the Class and Plaintiff has the same interests as the other members of the Class. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent the Class.
- 69. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Class would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual members of the Class which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for Defendants, or adjudications with respect to individual members of the Class which would, as a practical matter, be dispositive of the interests of other members not parties to the adjudications or substantially impair or impede

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their ability to protect their interests.

- 70. A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy since joinder of all members is impracticable. As the damages suffered by individual Class members may be relatively small, the expense and burden of individual litigation make it impractical for members of the Class to individually redress the wrongs done to them. There will be no difficulty in the management of this action as a class action.
- 71. The claims arise under California law, the Class will have less than 100 members, and the amount in controversy will not exceed \$5,000,000.00 exclusive of interests and costs.

#### VII. **CAUSES OF ACTION**

#### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION **Violations of Corporations Code § 25210** (Against all Defendants)

- 72. Plaintiff hereby incorporates all the foregoing paragraphs.
- 73. The debentures issued by EquiAlt Fund, LLC and purchased by Plaintiff and the Class members are securities within the meaning of the California Securities Law of 1968 ("CSL").
- 74. Defendants were broker-dealers in the EquiAlt Securities pursuant to section 25004 of the CSL in that they were persons engaged in the business of effecting transactions in securities in this state for the account of others or for their own account.
- 75. Defendants effected a transaction in, or induced, or attempted to induce, the purchase of EquiAlt Securities in this state by Plaintiff and the Class members.
- 76. Defendants had not applied for and secured from the Commissioner on Business Oversight ("Commissioner") a certificate authorizing Defendants to act as a broker-dealer.
- 77. As a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct, Plaintiff and the Class members have suffered and continue to suffer economic losses and other general and specific damages.

#### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION Uniform Fraud and Deceit (Against all Defendants)

78. Plaintiff hereby incorporates all the foregoing paragraphs.

79. The conduct of Defendants and EquiAlt constitute a uniform fraud against Plaintiff
and the members of the Class. Defendants, directly or through their agents and employees, and
hrough EquiAlt, made uniform false representations, concealments, and nondisclosures to
Plaintiff and the members of the Class about: (a) the safety, quality, and merits of the EquiAlt
Securities; (b) EquiAlt's past financial performance; and (c) EquiAlt's solvency, with the intent to
defraud. Defendant and EquiAlt intended to defraud Plaintiff and the Class members by
concealing the true risk associated with the EquiAlt Securities.
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- 80. Plaintiff and the Class members justifiably relied on the misrepresented uniform facts and were unaware of the concealed and/or suppressed facts and would not have acted as they did if they had known of the true concealed and/or suppressed facts. As a result, Plaintiff and the members of the Class sustained damages.
- 81. Defendants, directly and indirectly, made the same misrepresentations and material omissions to Plaintiff and each member of the Class.
- 82. On information and belief, Defendants and EquiAlt were aware of the true risk associated with the EquiAlt Securities.
- 83. As a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct, Plaintiff and the Class members have suffered and continue to suffer economic losses and other general and specific damages.
- 84. The aforementioned acts of Defendants were done maliciously, oppressively, and with intent to defraud, and Plaintiff and the Class members are entitled to punitive and exemplary damages in an amount to be shown according to proof at the time of trial.
- 85. As a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct, Plaintiff and the Class members have suffered and continue to suffer economic losses and other general and specific damages.

## THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION Common Intentional Misrepresentation (Against all Defendants)

- 86. Plaintiff hereby incorporates all the foregoing paragraphs.
- 87. Defendants, directly or through their agents and employees, including EquiAlt, made false representations to Plaintiff Mar and the Class members about: (a) the safety, quality,

and merits of the EquiAlt Securities; (b) EquiAlt's past financial performance; and (c) EquiAlt's solvency.

- 88. Defendants knew the statements were false when they made them, or they made the representations recklessly and without regard for their truth.
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- 90. Plaintiff and the Class members justifiably relied on the false statements and misrepresentations of fact and, as a result, sustained damages.
- 91. Defendants, directly and indirectly, made substantially similar misrepresentations to Plaintiff and each member of the Class.
- 92. The aforementioned acts of Defendants were done maliciously, oppressively, and with intent to defraud, and Plaintiff and the Class members are entitled to punitive and exemplary damages in an amount to be shown according to proof at the time of trial.
- 93. As a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct, Plaintiff and the Class members have suffered and continue to suffer economic losses and other general and specific damages.

# FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION Common Negligent Misrepresentation (Against all Defendants)

- 94. Plaintiff hereby incorporates all the foregoing paragraphs.
- 95. Defendants, directly or through their agents and employees, including through EquiAlt, made false representations to Plaintiff Mar and the Class members about: (a) the safety, quality, and merits of the EquiAlt Securities; (b) EquiAlt's past financial performance; and (c) EquiAlt's solvency.
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## **EXHIBIT A**

From: benmohr@benmohrinc.com,

To:

Subject: Annuity Info & Equialt Real Estate Fund Info

Date: Wed, May 16, 2018 2:12 pm

Attachments: 20180515 Ben Mohr. Robert Mar 400K 222 7% 75-79 then income.pdf (551K),

20180515 Ben Mohr. Robert Mar 400K 222 6% 2-10 then income.pdf (553K), EquiAlt Overview 2018.pdf (2131K)

Hi Robert,

Attached are two reports on the annuity I discussed last night. These reports are based on a \$400k/ 1035 exchange of your Vanguard Variable Annuity. Please see page 8 of each report..

- 1.) 1st report shows you taking withdraws at age 69 starting at \$24k/year then at age 80 starts to increase.
- 2.) 2<sup>nd</sup> report shows you taking withdraws at age 75 of \$28k/yr with the amount increasing to \$35k+ by age 80

Again there are no annual fees and if you pass away your family gets the income value as a death benefit.

- > You also put on your contact sheet last night that you wanted additional info on the Equialt Real Estate Fund. I have included their 16 page report.
- Again there offer is 8% for 4 years on a \$25k minimum investment. 10% APR on \$100k+ investment. You can invest cash or IRA. There is a 60 day liquidity notice, meaning you request your funds at any time and get them in within 60 days.

We are scheduled to meet Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional info before the meeting. I'll bring this info and we can review on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks,

Ben Mohr

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## **EXHIBIT B**



#### **EQUIALT LLC & SUBSIDIARIES**

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Nothing herein represents an offer to sell securities. These materials are for informational purposes only. Any investment into EquiAlt LLC or its affiliates (collectively, the "Fund") must be made through the Fund's standard private offering documents. Past performance does not guarantee future performance. All figures referenced herein are accurate as of the date of the document and may change over time.

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#### **NO DEBT**

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#### **Terms:**

Yield to Investors 8%

Minimum Investment \$25,000

Maximum Fund Size \$150 Million

Lock Up Period 36 - 72 Months

Liquidity 60 days notice

Income Distribution Options Monthly Payments or

**Growth Account** 

#### **Service Providers:**

Fund Administrator EquiAlt, LLC

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An excerpt from most recent newsletter from H.S. Dent and Rodney Johnson:

"Then there's the lower-income buyer...

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- Direct alignment with our clients
- Highly seasoned team of investment professionals
- Conservative underwriting methodology
- Reg D Fund offering, on file with SEC
- Currently operating three successful private placement funds
- One of a few management teams that have operated successfully throughout the downturn of our "great recession"

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### **Key Points:**

- Primary risk management tool: conservative underwriting
- Sector and property diversification: key to managing risk within portfolio
- Senior management inspects every property before purchase
- Preference for income producing properties
- Maximum exposure is less than 70% current market value

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### **Investment Ideas; Better Investor Positioning:**

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### Forced Pragmatism vs. The American Dream:

## Rent VS. Own

**Economic obstacles:** 

Hurdles to

purchasing are; real

Real cost of home ownership: With no home price appreciation prospective buyers analyze all cost of ownership; property taxes, HOA dues, maintenance / repair costs. Notable: property taxes will be under pressure as municipalities look to raise rates to balance stressed budgets. *Transaction costs:* typically overlooked and take 10% off any arms length transaction - a price of mobility or cashing out.

**Demographic** effects: Baby boomer households have begun the shift to empty nesters, downsizing, smaller vacation home buyers. Gen Y is growing pressing the need for entry level housing, this is an 80M- group whose job growth was 3x's the national average in 2010 and the average household size is declining as a % of households. This coupled with the psychological effect of Gen Y's raised in a housing bust should alter projections.

downpayment requirements, stricter FICO and underwriting guidelines. The great recession has leveled many entry level owners with damaged credit profiles and longer term unemployment have drained cash down payments. Rising student loan debt with more college graduates

with more debt than

previous generations

pressure future

purchases.

Home Price Declines
30%-50%: Historic
declines have altered
consumer thinking
on housing as an
investment.
Foreclosure backlog
increase fears of
further value
decreases
discourages buyers
with down payment
risk.

Long-term
unemployment and labor insecurity raise the need for mobility. Rising gas prices along with environmental issues are increasing demand for residences close to transit and denser locations away from

the exurbs.

## Portfolio Asset Description

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- Underlying assets: single family residences, multi-family, commercial
- Zero leverage, no debt encumbrances
- Conservative purchase-to-value— maximum 70%
- Types of Real Estate considered
  - Preference for income-producing assets
- Fund activities:
  - Primarily in high opportunistic Real Estate
  - Tax certificates
  - Tax sale properties
  - Trustee sale properties
  - Bank sale properties
  - Trust deeds
- 36 72 month terms



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# What happens if the market repeats itself and turns back to what we saw in 2008 – 2010?

During the downturn, EquiAlt's management successfully maintained an average annual return of 24.68% in the portfolios, from 2008 - 2010! A downturn isn't expected, but if it were to happen, EquiAlt's management is prepared and has proven successful that it can make the proper decisions to result in profitable return.

# Are there individual Insurance policies or how is the properties protected from natural or unnatural disasters?

There is a blanket policy through National Real Estate Insurance Group and Affinity Group Management that cover for such disasters.

# Can I use my 401k / IRA retirement account to invest into the fund?

Yes, the account is moved into a self-directing retirement account which is than invested into EquiAlt Fund LLC. The process is simple, a form is filled out, and the money is transferred to the self-directed IRA account and then invested into EquiAlt Fund LLC. The process is handled this way to make sure there are no tax complications or charges.

#### Do I receive statements for my account?

Yes, quarterly statements are mailed out and can be emailed on request

**Can I contact EquiAlt's CPA or Attorney?** Absolutely, both are independent from EquiAlt LLC and can give you some insight into the fund and its activities.

#### Does EquiAlt buy in blocks or in bulk?

NO! We have "Boots on the ground" which is to say we inspect each and every property before purchase to find out the pluses and negatives before we own it. We don't have any pressure to just buy property for the purpose of buying property like the bigger hedge funds. We have intentionally stayed small to keep the fund you are investing in strong!

## **Executive Team Biographies**

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### **Brian Davison – Chief Executive Officer**

Brian Davison's Real Estate career began in 1994 in North County San Diego. He has hands-on experience in a variety of functions in the Real Estate and mortgage industries: encompassing management, loan renegotiation at a publicly traded REIT, regional Vice President of a private residential mortgage company, the broker-owner of a multi-state branch correspondent residential loan origination company with in-house underwriting and outbound marketing support system, and Vice President of a private lending company. Brian has held Real Estate and/or mortgage broker licenses in California, Nevada, and Florida, with additional work in the Arizona and Colorado markets. Brian has facilitated over \$1.5 billion in mortgage and Real Estate transactions, is an active investor in a variety of markets and is host of "The Cash Flow Show." In early 2009, he founded Invest REO LLC dba The Cash Flow Store, an opportunistic distressed Real Estate investment company. He currently holds a State of Nevada Real Estate License.

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### **Barry M. Rybicki – Managing Director**

Barry has over 14 years of experience in Real Estate lending. He has lived in Phoenix, Arizona for the past 21 years, originally coming to Arizona from Nebraska to attend Arizona State University where he majored in Accounting and minored in Marketing. He served as President to a bank in Arizona, and managed a \$10,000,000 line of credit. This capacity required; Real Estate evaluation, risk management, customer service, underwriting, appraisal review. He has handled over \$540,000,000 in residential deeds of trust in the Phoenix market and continues to have an overall understanding of the residential sectors inside of Maricopa County. Barry also served as Vice President for Cole Management LLC, where he gained significant experience in originating, structuring and negotiating deals, developing and implementing business strategies, assessing market and competitive issues, and raising capital from debt and equity providers. He remains actively involved in the community donating his time to coach youth sports and is currently the Treasurer of Pinnacle High School's Boys Soccer Team.

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## **EXHIBIT C**



# EquiAlt Secured Real Estate Income Fund

An Alternative Real Estate Investment that Creates a Secure Income Solution

### Frequently Asked Questions

### Are these investments risky?

EquiAlt understands the value of thorough due diligence and conducts thorough underwriting of potential investments in order to reduce the risk in these investments. They only allow investments that meet strict investment criteria. Because properties are owned 100% by the fund with no debt, there is no risk of default. EquiAlt conducts deep underwriting of potential investments and the fundamentals that reduce the risk in these investments. Because EquiAlt owns the properties outright with no loans, risk to your monthly income or return of capital is greatly reduced. Fund investors receive their income from rents from tenants, not mortgage payments from borrowers. Since inception, EquiAlt has redeemed 100% of principal, at maturity, to investors.

## How does the EquiAlt Secured Real Estate Income Fund screen potential investments?

The founders of EquiAlt have decades of combined real estate transaction experience and have purchased well over \$1 billion in property. Their buying evaluates the fundamentals and structure of each transaction, the economic environment of the local real estate market, the condition of the property, the quality, reputation and track record of the operator. Only the best quality properties are purchased in the fund. EquiAlt focuses on preserving investors' capital and providing a secure, steady yield generated by rents.

## Is my investment with EquiAlt Secured Real Estate Income Fund secure?

The EquiAlt Secured Real Estate Income Fund is structured so that the investor is protected even if anything were to happen to EquiAlt or its operating partner. One of the benefits of ownership in real estate is that the investment is in a brick and mortar asset, not a financial derivative that is subject to the whims of the stock or bond markets.

## What happens if the real estate market turns down?

EquiAlt's management has successfully navigated real estate downturns before and knows how to deal with them if they were to happen again. Investors will continue to receive their monthly income from rents no matter what the value of the underlying real estate is.

## How are the properties protected from natural or unnatural disasters?

EquiAlt maintains insurance coverage on all of its properties through National Real Estate Insurance Group, Affinity Group Management to cover such disasters.

## Can I use my 401k / IRA retirement account to invest into the Fund?

Yes, an investor's funds can be rolled over from a 401k or IRA at another custodian into a self-directed retirement account that is invested into EquiAlt Fund LLC. The rollover process is simple and the money is transferred to the self-directed IRA account and then invested into EquiAlt Fund LLC. When handled properly, these rollovers are tax-deferred or tax-free.

## What is the equity position on acquisition of each property?

The fund owns 100% of every property it purchased with no debt. Properties are purchased from 30% to 40% below market value.

### Does EquiAlt buy in blocks or in bulk?

No. EquiAlt inspects each property carefully before it is purchased to uncover its plusses and minuses. Many large institutional investors such as hedge funds and pension funds buy huge blocks of real estate and do not have time to inspect each property.

### When will I get my principal back?

The investment term is 36 months. At maturity of your investment, your principal will be returned.

## Who can invest with EquiAlt Secured Real Estate Income Fund?

EquiAlt's investors must be accredited, which means that their net worth must be at least \$1 million excluding the value of their primary residence or they must earn \$200,000 a year as an individual or \$300,000 a year as a married couple.

### Who makes investment decisions in the Fund?

EquiAlt management, LLC acts as the Managing Member, so it manages each investment in the EquiAlt Secured Real Estate Income Fund. The Managing Member has the sole and exclusive right to manage, control and conduct the affairs of the fund including, but not limited to, the distribution of funds to investors, sale and leasing decisions, operational decisions and reporting activities.

### Who manages and maintains the assets?

Each asset will have seasoned asset managers that have the skill, knowledge, and experience to tend to the asset and solve any challenges involving owning real estate. The managers are experts in the field of that particular asset class, whether it's a multi-tenant, single family, or an apartment building.

## Why is this investment only for accredited investors?

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has provided for certain exemptions in the sale and registration of securities if they are only offered and sold to accredited investors. Accredited investors have to meet minimum income and/or net worth thresholds and are thought to be sophisticated enough to make informed decisions on the merits of any particular investment opportunity. By offering our investments only to accredited investors, EquiAlt and Picasso Group are insuring regulatory compliance.

## Why should I invest in the EquiAlt Secured Real Estate Income Fund?

The main benefit of becoming an Investor in the Fund is that you earn a reliable stream of monthly income for three years and are assured of getting your principal back when the fund liquidates at that time. The Founders of EquiAlt have a combined \$1+ billion of experience in real estate transactions. Their knowledge base allows for only the best investment opportunities to make it to our fund so that you can count on receiving your monthly distributions and return of capital.

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## **EXHIBIT D**







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**Leverage** Zero leverage, no financing on assets inside the fund

**Transparency** All assets verifiable thru County Assessor sites

**Private Placement Memorandum** Stabilized net asset value with fixed return

### **Fund Terms**

### Terms:

Yield to Investors	8% Growth or Payment	
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Maximum Size Per Fund	\$150,000,000	
Lock Up Period	48 - 72 Months	
Liquidity	60 days notice	
Income Distribution Options	Monthly	

### **Service Providers:**

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Banking	Wells Fargo	

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### Forced Pragmatism vs. American Dream: Rent VS. Own

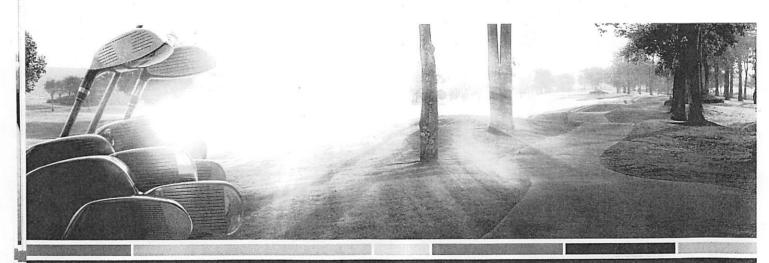
**Real Cost Of Home Ownership:** With no home price appreciation prospective buyers analyze all cost of ownership; property taxes, HOA dues, maintenance / repair costs. Notable: property taxes will be under pressure as municipalities look to raise rates to balance stressed budgets. Transaction costs; typically overlooked and take 10% off any arms length transaction -a price of mobility or cashing out.

**Demographic Effects:** Baby boomer households have begun the shift to empty nesters, downsizing, smaller vacation home buyers. Gen Y is growing pressing the need for entry level housing, this is an 80M-group whose job growth was 3x's the national average in 2010 and the average household size is declining as a % of households. This coupled with the psychological effect of Gen Y's raised in a housing bust should alter projections.

**Economic Obstacles:** Hurdles to purchasing are; real downpayment requirements, stricter FICO and underwriting guidelines. The great recession has leveled many entry level owners with damaged credit profiles and longer term unemployment have drained cash down payments. Rising student loan debt with more college graduates with more debt than previous generations pressure future purchases.

**Home Price Declines 30%-50%:** Historic declines have altered consumer thinking on housing as an investment. Foreclosure backlog increase fears of further value decreases discourages buyers with down payment risk.

**Economic Drags:** Long-term unemployment and labor insecurity raise the need for mobility. Rising gas prices along with environmental issues are increasing demand for residences close to transit and denser locations away from the metropolitan area.





### Portfolio Asset Description

- · Underlying assets: single family residences, multi-family, commercial
- Zero leverage, no debt encumbrances
- Conservative purchase-to-value- maximum 70%
- · Types of Real Estate considered
  - Preference for income-producing assets
- · Fund activities:
  - Primarily in high opportunistic Real Estate
  - Tax certificates
  - Tax sale properties
- 48 72 month terms

- Trustee sale properties
- Bank sale properties
- Trust deeds



### Q&A

### What happens if the market repeats itself and turns back to what we saw in 2007 – 2010?

During the downturn EquiAlt's Management successfully turned over 185 properties and averaged an annual return of 24.68% from 2007 - 2010! A downturn isn't expected but if it were to happen than EquiAlt's Management is ready and has proven successfully it can make the proper decisions to turn a profitable return.

Are there individual Insurance policies or how are the properties protected from natural or unnatural disasters? There is a blanket policy thru National Real Estate Insurance Group, Affinity Group Management to cover for such disasters.

#### Can I use my 401k / IRA retirement account to invest into the fund?

Yes, the account is moved into a self-directing retirement account which is than invested into EquiAlt Fund LLC. The process is simple, a form is filled out, and the money is transferred to the self-directed IRA account and then invested into EquiAlt Fund LLC. The process is handled this way to make sure there are no tax complications or charges.

Do I receive statements for my account? Yes, quarterly statements are mailed out and can be emailed on request

Can I contact EquiAlt's CPA or Attorney? Absolutely, both are independent from EquiAlt LLC and can give you some insight into the fund and its activities.

#### Does EquiAlt buy in blocks or in bulk?

NO! We have "Boots on the ground" which is to say we inspect each and every property before purchase to find out the pluses and negatives before we own it. We don't have any pressure to just buy property for the sake of buying property like the bigger hedge funds. We have intentionally stayed small to keep the fund you are investing in strong!



### **©** Executive Team Biographies



#### Brian Davison - Chief Executive Officer

Brian Davison's Real Estate career began in 1994 in North County San Diego. He has hands-on experience in a variety of functions in the Real Estate and mortgage industries: encompassing management, loan renegotiation at a publicly traded REIT, regional Vice President of a private residential mortgage company, the broker-owner of a multi-state branch correspondent residential loan origination company with in-house underwriting and outbound marketing support system, and Vice President of a private lending company. Brian has held Real Estate and/or mortgage broker licenses in California, Nevada, and Florida, with additional work in the Arizona and Colorado markets. Brian has facilitated over \$1.5 billion in mortgage and Real Estate transactions, is an active investor in a variety of markets and is host of "The Cash Flow Show." In early 2009, he founded Invest REO LLC dba The Cash Flow Store, an opportunistic distressed Real Estate investment company. He currently holds a State of Nevada Real Estate License.



### Barry M. Rybicki - Managing Director

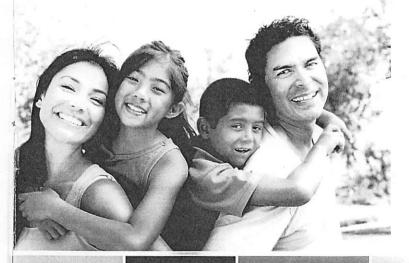
Barry has over 14 years of experience in Real Estate lending. He has lived in Phoenix, Arizona for the past 21 years, originally coming to Arizona from Nebraska to attend Arizona State University where he majored in Accounting and minored in Marketing. He served as President to a bank in Arizona, and managed a \$10,000,000 line of credit. This capacity required; Real Estate evaluation, risk management, customer service, underwriting, appraisal review. He has handled over \$540,000,000 in residential deeds of trust in the Phoenix market and continues to have an overall understanding of the residential sectors inside of Maricopa County. Barry also served as Vice President for Cole Management LLC, where he gained significant experience in originating, structuring and negotiating deals, developing and implementing business strategies, assessing market and competitive issues, and raising capital from debt and equity providers. He remains actively involved in the community donating his time to coach youth sports and is currently the Treasurer of Pinnacle High School's Boys Soccer Team.



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## **EXHIBIT E**

#### SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT

#### **FOR**

#### **EQUIALT FUND, LLC**

#### A Nevada limited liability company

THIS SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is made by and among EquiAlt Fund, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company (the "Company"), and the individuals and/or entities purchasing the securities hereunder (individually, a "Subscriber" and collectively, the Subscribers").

WHEREAS, the Company desires to issue up to a maximum of One Hundred Million (100,000,000) units of Class A membership interest (the "Maximum Offering") to certain Accredited Investors, as that term is defined in Rule 501 of Regulation D promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act")

WHEREAS, each Subscriber has been furnished with an executive summary of this offering, a copy of the Company's operating agreement, an accredited investor questionnaire, this Agreement and the Risk Factors incorporated into the Agreement, as such may have been amended or supplemented from time to time (collectively, the "Offering Documents"); and

WHEREAS, the Subscriber desires to purchase that number of units set forth on the signature page hereof on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual representations and covenants set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

#### 1. Purchase and Sale of Units.

- 1.1. Purchase of Units. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Subscribers agree to purchase at the Closings that number of units up to an aggregate of One Hundred Million (1,000,000) units of Class A membership interest at a purchase price of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per unit, as may be subscribed to by the Subscribers in this offering. The Units issued to the Subscribers pursuant to this Agreement (including counterpart versions hereof) shall be referred to herein as the "Units".
- 1.2. Company reservation of Rights to Terminate or Deny. The Company reserves the right to refuse all or part of any or all subscriptions. Furthermore, no Subscription Agreement shall be effective until accepted and executed by the Company and the Company shall have the right, in its sole discretion, for any reason or for no reason, to refuse any potential Subscribers.

#### 2. Closing and Delivery.

- 2.1. Initial Closing Date. The initial purchase and sale of the Units shall take place at such time and place as the Company determines (the "Initial Closing"). At the Initial Closing, the Company shall deliver to each Subscriber a certificate representing the Units to be purchased in the Closing by the Subscriber. The purchase price for the Units is payable by check or wire transfer payable to the Company or its designee in an amount equal to the applicable purchase price per unit multiplied by the number of Units being purchased by such Subscriber. Each Subscriber hereby authorizes and directs the Company to deliver the Units to be issued to the Subscriber pursuant to this Agreement directly to the Subscriber at the residential or business address indicated on the signature page hereto.
- 2.2. <u>Subsequent Closings.</u> The Company may conduct subsequent closings on an interim basis (each referred to as a "Closing"), until the Maximum Offering amount has been reached (subject to increase in the event of oversubscription of the offering). All such sales shall be made on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. Any Units sold pursuant to this Section 2.2 shall be deemed to be "Units" and any Subscribers thereof shall be deemed to be "Subscribers" for all purposes under this Agreement.
- 3. Representations and Warranties of the Company. The Company hereby represents and warrants to the Subscribers that:
  - 3.1. Organization, Good Standing and Qualification. The Company is a limited liability company duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Nevada and has all requisite corporate power and authority to carry on its business as now conducted and as proposed to be conducted. The Company is duly qualified to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the failure so to qualify would have a material adverse effect on its business or properties.
  - 3.2. <u>Authorization</u>. All action on the part of the Company, and its managers, necessary for the authorization, execution and delivery of this Agreement and the issuance of the Units, the performance of all obligations of the Company hereunder and there under has been taken or will be taken prior to the Closing, and this Agreement constitutes a valid and legally binding obligation of the Company, enforceable in accordance with its terms.
  - 3.3. Valid Issuance of Units. (A) The Units, when issued, sold and delivered in accordance with the terms hereof for the consideration expressed herein or therein, will be duly and validly issued and fully-paid and non-assessable. Based in part upon the representations of the Subscribers in this Agreement and subject to the completion of the filings referenced below, the Units will be issued in compliance with all applicable federal and state securities laws.
    - (B) The Units, are or as of the Initial Closing will be, duly and validly authorized and issued, fully-paid, and were or will be issued in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws.

- 3.4. <u>Governmental Consents.</u> No consent, approval, order or authorization of, or registration, qualification, designation, declaration or filing with, any federal, state or local government authority on the part of the Company is required in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except for the Federal and State Securities Law Filings to be made by the Company as necessary.
- 3.5. <u>Litigation</u>. There is no action, suit, proceeding or investigation pending or currently threatened against the Company that questions the validity of the Agreement, or the right of the Company to enter into this Agreement, or to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, or that might result, either individually or in the aggregate, in any material adverse changes in the assets, condition, affairs or prospects of the Company, financially or otherwise, or any change in the current equity ownership of the Company, nor is the Company aware that there is any basis for the foregoing. The Company is not a party or subject to the provisions of any order, writ, injunction, judgment or decree of any court or government agency or instrumentality. There is no action, suit, proceeding or investigation by the Company currently pending or which the Company intends to initiate.
- 3.6. Compliance with Other Instruments. The Company is not in violation or default of any provisions of its Articles of Organization or Operating Agreement or of any instrument, judgment, order, writ, decree or contract to which it is a party or by which it is bound or, to its knowledge, of any provision of federal or state statute, rule or regulation applicable to the Company. The execution, delivery and performance of the Agreement, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, will not result in any such violation or be in conflict with or constitute, with or without the passage of time and giving of notice, either a default under any such provision, instrument, judgment, order, writ, decree or contract or an event which results in the creation of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any assets of the Company.
- 3.7. <u>Disclosure</u>. The forward-looking statements, including financial projections, contained in the Offering Documents were prepared in good faith; however, the Company does not warrant that such statements will ultimately become true. In addition to the foregoing, the Company restates as if rewritten herein the Risk Factors attached hereto as Schedule I as if fully rewritten herein and the following:

  (A) *No Independent Studies*. The determination of the Company's capital requirements and the intended use of proceeds from this Offering is based solely upon information developed by the Company. No independent studies with regard to feasibility, management, or marketing have been conducted by any third parties in determining the Company's capital requirements or requirements.
  (B) <u>Structure of the Offering</u>. The Units are being sold through the Company without commissions. The Offering is being conducted on a "best efforts" basis.
- 4. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Subscribers.</u> Each Subscriber hereby severally and not jointly represents and warrants to the Company that:
  - 4.1. Risk. The Subscriber recognizes that the purchase of the Units involves a high degree of risk in that (i) the Company has limited operation history; (ii) an investment in the Company is highly speculative, and only investors who can afford the loss of their entire investment should consider investing in the Company and the Units; (iii) the Subscriber

- may not be able to liquidate his, her or its investment; and (iv) transferability of the Units is extremely limited.
- 4.2. <u>Accredited Investor.</u> The Subscriber represents that the Subscriber is an officer, director or equivalent of the Company, and /or is an "Accredited Investor," as such term is defined in Rule 501 of Regulation D promulgated under the Act, and that the Subscriber is able to bear the economic risk of an investment in the Units.
- 4.3. <u>Investment Experience.</u> The Subscriber hereby acknowledges and represents that the Subscriber has prior investment experience, including investment in non-listed and unregistered securities, or the Subscriber has employed the services of an investment advisor, attorney and/or accountant ro read all of the documents furnished or made available by the Company both to the Subscriber and to all other prospective investors in the Units and to evaluate the merits and risks of such an investment on the Subscriber's behalf.
- 4.4. <u>Due Diligence.</u> The Subscriber hereby acknowledges receipt and careful review of the Offering Documents, as supplemented and amended, and the attachments and exhibits thereto all of which constitute an integral part of the Offering Documents, and hereby represents that the Subscriber has been furnished by the Company during the course of this transaction with all information regarding the Company which the Subscriber has requested or desired to know, has been afforded the opportunity to ask questions of and receive answers from duly authorized managers, officers or other representatives of the Company concerning the terms and conditions of the offering and has received an additional information which Subscriber has requested.
- 4.5. Protection of Interests; Exempt Offering. The Subscriber hereby represents that the Subscriber either by reason of the Subscriber's business or financial experience or the business or financial experience of the Subscriber's professional advisors (who are unaffiliated with and who are not compensated by the Company or any affiliate of the Company, directly or indirectly) has the capacity to protect the Subscriber's own interests in connection with the transaction contemplated hereby. The Subscriber hereby acknowledges that the offering has not been reviewed by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") because of the Company's representations that this is intended to be exempt from the registration requirements of Section 5 of the Act. The Subscriber agrees that the Subscriber will not sell or otherwise transfer the Units unless they are registered under the Act or unless an exemption from such registration is available.
- 4.6. <u>Investment Intent.</u> The Subscriber understands that the Units have not been registered under the Act by reason of a claimed exemption under the provisions of the Act which depends, in part, upon the Subscriber's investment intention. In this connection, the Subscriber hereby represents that the Subscriber is purchasing the Units for the Subscriber's own account for investment and not with a view toward the resale or distribution to others. The Subscriber, if an entity, was not formed for the purpose of purchasing the Units.
- 4.7. Restricted Securities. The Subscriber understands that there currently is no public market for any of the Units and that even if there were, Rule 144 promulgated under the Act requires, among other conditions, a one-year holding period prior to the resale (in limited amounts) of securities acquired in a non-public offering without having to

satisfy the registration requirements under the Act. The Subscriber understands and hereby acknowledges that the Company I under no obligation to register the Units under the Act or any state securities or "blue sky" laws. The Subscriber consents that the Company may, if it desires, permit the transfer of the Units out of the Subscriber's name only when the Subscriber's request for transfer is accompanied by an opinion of counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Company that neither the sale nor the proposed transfer results in a violation of the Act or any applicable state "blue sky" laws (collectively, the "Securities Laws"). The Subscriber agrees to hold the Company and is members, manager, officers, employees, controlling persons and agents and their respective heirs, representatives, successors and assigns harmless and to indemnify them against all liabilities, cost and expenses incurred by them as a result of any misrepresentation made by the Subscriber contained in this Agreement or any sale or distribution by the Subscriber in violation of the Securities Laws. The Subscriber understands and agrees that in addition to restrictions on transfer imposed by applicable Securities Laws, the transfer of the Units will be restricted by the terms of this Agreement.

- 4.8. <u>Legends.</u> The Subscriber consents to the placement of a legend on any certificate or other document evidencing the Units that such Units have not been registered under the Act or any state securities or "blue sky" laws and setting forth or referring to the restrictions on transferability and sale thereof contained in the Agreement. The Subscriber is aware that the Company will make a notation in its appropriate records with respect to the restrictions on the transferability of such Units and may place additional legends to such effect on Subscriber's unit certificate(s).
- 4.9. <u>Rejection</u>. The Subscriber understands that the Company will review this Agreement and that the Company reserves the unrestricted right to reject or limit any subscription and to close the offering to the Subscriber at any time.
- 4.10. <u>Address.</u> The Subscriber hereby represents that the address of the Subscriber furnished by the Subscriber on the signature page hereof is the Subscriber's principal residence.
- 4.11. <u>Authority.</u> The Subscriber represents that he or she has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to purchase the Units. This Agreement constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Subscriber, enforceable against the Subscriber in accordance with its terms.

#### 5. <u>Limitations on Transfer</u>.

5.1. <u>Company Right of First Refusal.</u> The Subscribers shall not assign, encumber or dispose of any interest in any of the Units except in compliance with applicable state and federal laws.

#### 6. Miscellaneous.

6.1. <u>Survival of Representations and Warranties</u>. The warranties, representations and covenants of the Company contained in or made pursuant to this Agreement shall

- survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the Closing for a period of one (1) year following the last Closing.
- 6.2. Governing Law. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PLACE WHERE THIS AGREEMENT MAY BE EXECUTED BY ANY OF THE PARTIES HERETO, THE PARTIES EXPRESSLY AGREE THAT ALL THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS HEREOF SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA WITHOUT REGARD TO PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW.
- 6.3. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- 6.4. <u>Titles and Subtitles</u>. The titles and subtitles used in this Agreement are used for convenience only and are not to be considered in construing or interpreting this Agreement.
- 6.5. Notices. (A) All notices, request, demand and other communications under this Agreement or in connection herewith shall be given to or made upon the respective parties as follows: if to the Subscribers, to the addresses set forth on the signature page hereto, or, if to the Company, to EquiAlt Fund, LLC, c/o Duane Morris LLP, Attn: Paul R. Wassgren, 100 N. City Parkway, Suite 1560, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106. (B) All notices, requests, demands and other communications given or made in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement shall be in writing, and shall be sent by certified or registered, return receipt requested, or by overnight courier or telecopy (facsimile) with confirmation of receipt, and shall be deemed to be given or made when receipt is so confirmed. (C) Any party may, by written notice to the other, alter its address or respondent and such notice shall be considered to have been given ten (10) days after the airmailing, telexing or telecopying thereof.
- 6.6. <u>Brokers.</u> (A) Each Subscriber severally represents and warrants that it has not engaged, consented to or authorized any broker, finder or intermediary to act on its behalf, directly or indirectly, as a broker, finder or intermediary in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Each Subscriber hereby severally agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company from and against all fees, commissions or other payments owing to any such person or firm acting on behalf of such Subscriber hereunder. The Company will pay finder's fees only in compliance with applicable law.
  (B) The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Subscribers from and against all fees, commissions or other payment owing by the Company to any other person or firm acting on behalf of the Company hereunder.
- 6.7. Expenses. If any action at law or in equity is necessary to enforce or interpret the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees, costs and necessary disbursements in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled.
- 6.8. <u>Third Parties</u>. Nothing in the Agreement shall create or be deemed to create any rights in any person or entity not a party to this Agreement.

- 6.9. <u>Amendments and Waivers</u>. Any term of this Agreement may be amended and the observance of any term of this Agreement may be waived (either generally or in a particular instance and either retroactively or prospectively), only with the written consent of the Company and Subscribers holding a majority in interest of the Units purchased in the offering.
- 6.10. <u>Severability</u>. If one or more provisions of this Agreement are held to be unenforceable under applicable law, such provision shall be excluded from this Agreement and the balance of the Agreement shall be interpreted as if such provision were so excluded and shall be enforceable in accordance with its terms.
- 6.11. Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the other Offering Documents constitute the entire agreement between the parties hereto pertaining to the subject matter herof, and any and all other written or oral agreements existing between the parties hereto are expressly canceled.

(Signature page follows.)

This Subscription Agreement has been executed as of the date last set forth below.

NUMBER OF UNITS: 10,000

at \$10.00 PER UNIT

FOR THE AGGREGATE PURCHASE PRICE: \$100,000.00

SUBSCRIBER: ROBERT MAR

## Signature: Record Signature if Jointly: Title of Signatory: If jointly, subscribed manner in which Title to be held: Address: Telephone: Facsimile: Tax I.D. #: Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ This Subscription Agreement is agreed to and accepted as of: 66-13-18 **EQUIALT FUND, LLC** a Nevada limited liability company By: EquiAlt, LLC a Nevada limited liability company

EquiAlt, its Manager

Print or Type Name of Subscriber: ROBERT MAR

IRA SERVICES TRUST Co. CFBO: Print or Type Name of Subscriber: ROBERT MAR geond Signature if Jointly: \_\_ Gary R Shumm, VP Title of Signatory: RA Services Trust Company If jointly, subscribed manner in which Title to be held: IRA Services Trust Company
Cust. FBO: ROBERT Address: PO Box 7080, San Carlos CA 94070 Telephone: (TIN: 26-2627205) \* (650) 593-2221 Facsimile: Tax I.D. #: Dated: This Subscription Agreement is agreed to and accepted as of: 06-13-18

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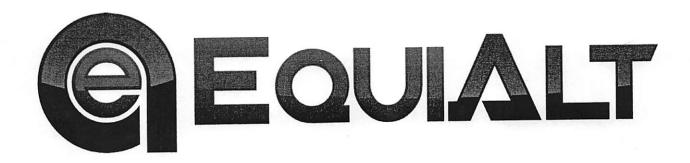
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EquiAlt, its Manager

## **EXHIBIT F**



Robert G. Mar EquiAlt Growth Acct. #4369-6808-8806



### **SUMMARY OF TERMS**

This document dated	y to the PPM Agreement.
Amount of Investment: \$100,000.00 - (IRA).	
Annual Rate: 10.00%	
Payment requested: GROWTH	
Term: 48 months	
Receipt of funds date:July 12,2018	
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Signed and mutually agreed by:	
Barry M. Rybicki Rober	
EquiAlt Fund LLC	Services Trust Co.
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## PRIVATE PLACEMENT MEMORANDUM EQUIALT FUND, LLC

#### **EXHIBIT A**

#### FORM OF DEBENTURE

THIS SECURITY HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED WITH THE U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR THE SECURITIES COMMISSION OF ANY STATE, AND IS ISSUED IN RELIANCE UPON AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), AND, ACCORDINGLY, MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR RE-SOLD EXCEPT PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR PURSUANT TO AN AVAILABLE EXEMPTION FROM, OR IN A TRANSACTION NOT SUBJECT TO, THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS.

### 10% DEBENTURE

\$100,000.00 July 12, 2018

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned, EquiAlt Fund LLC, a Nevada limited liability company having an address of 10161 Park Run Drive, Suite 150, Las Vegas, NV 89145 ("Maker"), promises to pay to the order of IRA Services Trust Company FBO Robert G. Mar Traditional IRA having an address of P.O. Box 7080, San Carlos, CA. 94070-7080("Holder"), the principal sum of One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$100,000.00) (the "Principal Amount"), together with interest on the unpaid Principal Amount thereof computed from the date hereof (the "Commencement Date"), at the rates provided herein, on the Maturity Date defined in Section 1 hereof.

- 1. <u>Maturity</u>. The Principal Amount and any unpaid interest due under this debenture (the "<u>Debenture</u>") shall be due and payable in July 2022 (the "<u>Maturity Date</u>").
  - 2. Interest Rate and Payments. Interest hereunder shall accrue as follows:
  - (a) From the Commencement Date, interest shall accrue on the unpaid Principal Amount at the rate of Ten and 00/100 percent (10%) per annum.
- 3. <u>Prepayment</u>. This Debenture may be prepaid in whole or in part at any time, without penalty or premium, it being understood and agreed that, except as expressly provided herein, Maker shall not be entitled, by virtue of any prepayment or otherwise, to a refund of interest,

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any other fees, points, charges and the like paid by Maker to Holder in connection with his Debenture.

- 4. <u>Waiver</u>. Maker hereby waives all demands for payment, presentations for payment, notices of intention to accelerate maturity, notices of acceleration of maturity, demand for payment, protest, notice of protest and notice of dishonor, to the extent permitted by law. Maker further waives trial by jury. No extension of time for payment of this Debenture or any installment hereof, no alteration, amendment or waiver of any provision of this Debenture and no release or substitution of any collateral securing Maker's obligations hereunder shall release, modify, amend, waive, extend, change, discharge, terminate or affect the liability of Maker under this Debenture.
- 5. <u>Default and Remedies</u>. At the election of the holder of this Debenture, all payments due hereunder may be accelerated, and this Debenture shall become immediately due and payable without notice or demand, upon the occurrence of any of the following events (each an "<u>Event of Default</u>"): (1) Maker fails to pay on or before the date due, any amount payable hereunder; (2) Maker fails to perform or observe any other term or provision of this Debenture with respect to payment; or (3) Maker fails to perform or observe any other term or provision of this Debenture, which default is not cured within sixty (60) days of receipt of written notice. In addition to the rights and remedies provided herein, the holder of this Debenture may exercise any other right or remedy in any other document, instrument or agreement evidencing, securing or otherwise relating to the indebtedness evidenced hereby in accordance with the terms thereof, or under applicable law, all of which rights and remedies shall be cumulative.

Any forbearance by the holder of this Debenture in exercising any right or remedy hereunder or under any other agreement or instrument in connection with the Debenture or otherwise afforded by applicable law, shall not be a waiver or preclude the exercise of any right or remedy by the holder of this Debenture. The acceptance by the holder of this Debenture of payment of any sum payable hereunder after the due date of such payment shall not be a waiver of the right of the holder of this Debenture to require prompt payment when due of all other sums payable hereunder or to declare a default for failure to make prompt payment.

- 6. <u>Assignment of Debenture</u>. If this Debenture is transferred in any manner by Holder, the right, option or other provisions herein shall apply with equal effect in favor of any subsequent holder hereof, provided, however, that any assignment by Holder must comply with applicable Federal and state securities laws, and Maker shall be entitled to demand an opinion of counsel opining that any transfer will comply with said laws.
- 7. <u>Waiver of Offset</u>. By its acceptance of Holder's funds and execution of this Debenture, Maker acknowledges, agrees and confirms that, as of the time of signing, it has no defense, offset or counterclaim for any occurrence in relation to this Loan.

- 8. <u>Acceptable Currency</u>. All payments of principal and interest hereunder are payable in lawful money of the United States of America.
- 9. <u>Joint and Several Obligations</u>. If more than one person signs this Debenture, each person signs as a Maker, unless otherwise stated and shall be fully, jointly, severally and personally obligated to keep all of the promises made in this Debenture, including the promise to pay all sums due and owing.
- 10. Miscellaneous. This Debenture shall be binding on the parties hereto and their respective heirs, legal representatives, executors, successors and assigns. This Debenture shall be construed without any regard to any presumption or rule requiring construction against the party causing such instrument or any portion thereof to be drafted. This Debenture shall be exclusively governed by the laws of the State of Nevada without regard to choice of law consideration. Maker hereby irrevocably consents to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Nevada and of any federal court located in Nevada in connection with any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Debenture. This Debenture may not be changed or terminated except upon the prior written agreement of the Holder. A determination that any portion of this Debenture is unenforceable or invalid shall not affect the enforceability or validity of any other provision, and any determination that the application of any provision of this Debenture to any person or circumstance is illegal or unenforceable shall not affect the enforceability or validity of such provision to the extent legally permissible and otherwise as it may apply to other persons or circumstances.
- MAKER AGREES THAT ANY SUIT, ACTION OR 11. Jury Waiver. PROCEEDING, WHETHER CLAIM OR COUNTERCLAIM, BROUGHT BY MAKER OR THE HOLDER OF THIS DEBENTURE ON OR WITH RESPECT TO THIS DEBENTURE OR THE DEALINGS OF THE PARTIES WITH RESPECT HERETO OR THERETO, SHALL BE TRIED ONLY BY A COURT AND NOT BY A JURY. MAKER AND HOLDER EACH HEREBY KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY AND INTENTIONALLY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY SUCH SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING. MAKER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT AS OF THE DATE HEREOF THERE ARE NO DEFENSES OR OFFSETS TO ANY AMOUNTS DUE IN CONNECTION WITH THE LOAN. FURTHER, MAKER WAIVES ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO CLAIM OR RECOVER, IN ANY SUCH SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING, ANY SPECIAL, EXEMPLARY, PUNITIVE, CONSEQUENTIAL OR OTHER DAMAGES OTHER THAN, OR IN ADDITION TO, MAKER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THIS ACTUAL DAMAGES. PARAGRAPH IS A SPECIFIC AND MATERIAL ASPECT OF THIS DEBENTURE AND THAT HOLDER WOULD NOT EXTEND CREDIT TO MAKER IF THE WAIVERS SET FORTH IN THIS PARAGRAPH WERE NOT A PART OF THIS DEBENTURE.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Maker has executed this Debenture on the date first above written.

# MAKER:

EquiAlt Fund LLC a Nevada limited liability company

By: EquiAlt LLC a Nevada limited liability company its Manager

Name: Barry M. Rybicki
Title: Manuaina Director

# **EXHIBIT G**

# STATE OF CALIFORNIA BUSINESS, CONSUMER SERVICES AND HOUSING AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS OVERSIGHT

TO: Ben Mohr, Inc. Benjamin Charles Mohr

6216 Lakeview Circle San Ramon, California 94582

# **DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER**(For violations of section 25210 of the Corporations Code)

The Commissioner of Business Oversight (Commissioner) finds that:

- 1. At all relevant times, Ben Mohr, Inc. (BMI) was a Franchise Tax Board suspended California corporation doing business at 6216 Lakeview Circle, San Ramon, California 94582. BMI was in the business of insurance brokering and life insurance sales as set forth in Secretary of State incorporation documents. BMI maintained an internet website located at www.benmohrinc.com which advertised BMI services including, but not limited to, retirement planning and diversification of investments.
- 2. At all relevant times, Benjamin Charles Mohr (Mohr) was a representative, registered agent for service of process and chief executive officer of BMI. Mohr also conducts business at 6216 Lakeview Circle, San Ramon, California 94582. Mohr was an individual licensed by the Department of Insurance as a Life-Only Insurance Agent and as an Accident and Health Insurance Agent from January 17, 2012 to December 31, 2019. Mohr represented to California investors that BMI and Mohr provided "retirement planning" services to California consumers.
- 3. Beginning in at least 2017, BMI and Mohr offered, sold and effected transactions in securities in the form of investment agreements in Equialt Fund, LLC. (Equialt), a Nevada limited liability company specializing in real estate investments. Equialt pooled investor capital, purchases and rehabilitated distressed real estate parcels to create equity and income for investors. At least 10 California investors transferred over \$400,000.00 to Equialt through the assistance of BMI and Mohr, some using retirement funds, for 36 to 48 months in exchange for a profit of at least 8% to 10% per

annum. BMI and Mohr hosted dinners with California investors and the vice president of Equialt to effect transactions in securities in the form of investment agreements in Equialt.

- 4. Beginning in at least 2017, BMI and Mohr offered, sold and effected transactions in securities in the form of promissory notes and investment agreements with Petro Rock Mineral Holdings, LLC. (PRMH), a Texas limited liability company specializing in oil and gas funding, drilling and excavation. PRMH created various investment fund Delaware limited liability companies known as PRMH Lenders Fund, LLC., PRMH Lenders Fund II, LLC. and PRMH Lenders Fund IV, LLC. California investors invested in these oil and gas excavation funds by way of promissory notes and investment agreements offered, sold and effected by BMI and Mohr. California investors transferred over \$25,000.00 to PRMH funds, some using retirement funds, for 1 year in exchange for a profit of at least 8% annum. BMI and Mohr signed the promissory notes and/or investment agreements as "agent" by electronic signature through "Docusign."
- 5. Beginning in at least 2017, BMI and Mohr offered, sold and effected transactions in securities in the form of promissory notes and investment agreements with Legacy Energy, LLC. (Legacy), a Nevada limited liability company that specialized in making energy, oil and gas business loans. Legacy made loans to PRMH for exploration purposes through Resolute Capital Partners, LLC., a Nevada limited liability company. Over nine California investors invested in these oil and gas excavation funds by way of promissory notes and investment agreements offered, sold and effected by BMI and Mohr. California investors transferred over \$400,000.00 to Legacy, some using retirement funds, for 1 year in exchange for a profit of at least 8% annum. BMI and Mohr signed the promissory notes and/or investment agreements as "agent" by electronic signature through "Docusign."
- 6. Beginning in at least 2017, BMI and Mohr offered, sold and effected transactions in securities in the form of investment agreements and/or evidences of indebtedness in 1 Global Capital, LLC. (Global), a Florida limited liability company engaged in the business of funding merchant cash advance transactions, through American Alternative Investments, LLC., an Indiana limited liability company. At least 5 California investors transferred over \$100,000.00 to Global for variable periods of time in exchange for a profit of at least 3% per annum. BMI and Mohr executed an "advisor"

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disclosure" statement as "agent" in the process of effecting transactions in the above referenced 1 2 securities. 7. 3 4 5 8. 6 7 8 authorizing that person to act in that capacity. 9 9. section 25210 and is not exempt from the licensure requirement. 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

- CSL section 25004 defines "broker-dealer" as any person engaged in the business of effecting transactions in securities in this state for the account of others or for his own account.
- CSL section 25210, subdivision (a), prohibits a broker-dealer from effecting any transaction in or induce or attempt to induce the purchase or sale of, any security in this state unless the broker-dealer has first applied for and secured from the commissioner a certificate, then in effect,
- BMI and Mohr have never obtained a certificate to act as a broker-dealer under CSL

Based on the foregoing findings, the Commissioner is of the opinion that Ben Mohr, Inc. and Benjamin Charles Mohr are subject to the laws regulating broker-dealers under Corporate Securities Law of 1968, and has affected transactions in, or induced, or attempted to induce the purchase or sale of, securities as broker-dealers, without having first applied for and secured from the Commissioner a certificate authorizing these persons to act in that capacity, in violation of CSL section 25210.

Pursuant to CSL section 25532, Ben Mohr, Inc. and Benjamin Charles Mohr are hereby ordered to desist and refrain from conducting business as a broker-dealer, unless and until certification has been made under said law or unless exempt.

This Order is necessary, in the public interest, for the protection of investors and consistent with the purposes, policies and provisions of the Corporate Securities Law of 1968.

Dated: October 22, 2018 Sacramento, California

JAN LYNN OWEN Commissioner of Business Oversight

MARY ANN SMITH **Deputy Commissioner Enforcement Division** 

# **EXHIBIT H**

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CIVIL ACTION NO.	
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,	)
Plaintiff,	)
v.	)
BRIAN DAVISON,	)
BARRY M. RYBICKI,	)
EQUIALT LLC,	)
EQUIALT FUND, LLC,	)
EQUIALT FUND II, LLC,	)
EQUIALT FUND III, LLC,	)
EA SIP, LLC,	)
Defendants, and	) ) <u>UNDER SEAL</u>
128 E. DAVIS BLVD, LLC,	)
310 78TH AVE, LLC,	)
551 3D AVE S, LLC,	)
604 WEST AZEELE, LLC,	)
2101 W. CYPRESS, LLC,	)
2112 W. KENNEDY BLVD, LLC,	)
5123 E. BROADWAY AVE, LLC,	)
BLUE WATERS TI, LLC,	)
BNAZ, LLC,	)
BR SUPPORT SERVICES, LLC,	)
BUNGALOWS TI, LLC,	)
CAPRI HAVEN, LLC,	)
EA NY, LLC,	)
EQUIALT 519 3RD AVE S., LLC,	)
MCDONALD REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST,	)
SILVER SANDS TI, LLC,	)
TB OLDEST HOUSE EST. 1842, LLC,	)
Relief Defendants.	)

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# **DECLARATION OF MARK DEE**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned states as follows:

- 1. My name is Mark Dee. I am over twenty-one years of age and have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein.
- 2. I am employed as a Senior Accountant with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. I am also a retired state police lieutenant of a fraud unit and a Certified Fraud Examiner.
- 3. Amounts referred to in this Declaration are approximate and have been rounded.
- 4. As part of my duties, I was asked to examine the flow of funds of four companies' offerings:

  (1) Equialt Fund, LLC ("Fund I"); (2) Equialt Fund II, LLC ("Fund II"); (3) Equialt Fund III,

  LLC ("Fund III"); and (4) EA SIP, LLC ("the EA SIP Fund"), all managed by their parent
  company Equialt, LLC ("Equialt"). Brian Davison is Equialt's owner and CEO. Barry

  Rybicki is Equialt's Managing Director, President of Equialt's Arizona Operations and the
  owner of BR Support Services, LLC.
- 5. As part of my analysis, I was asked to review whether investors' funds raised from one Fund offering were co-mingled with investors' funds from other Fund offerings. I use the term "co-mingled" to mean that investor funds from one individual Fund (either Fund I, II, III or the EA SIP Fund) were combined with investor funds from another individual Fund.
- 6. In addition, I was also asked to determine based on information found in Private Placement Memoranda ("PPMs"), Proforma Statements, QuickBooks entries and bank account records whether Equialt and the Funds will have enough money to pay back its investors the interest and principal owed to them under the investors' subscription agreements with the Funds.

### I. SUMMARY OF MY FINDINGS

### A. Co-Mingling of Investor Funds

- 7. I found repeated instances where investor funds from one Fund's Offering were co-mingled with monies from other Fund's Offerings. Funds were co-mingled in numerous ways including transfers of monies directly from one Fund to another and monies credited from one Fund to another in the form of loans or property investments. In total, I documented more than \$6.6 million of funds that were co-mingled. See Exhibit 1, attached hereto.
- 8. An example of the co-mingling can be seen at Exhibits 2 and 3 attached hereto, which show the Wells Fargo bank account records of Fund III from December 2015. These records reflect that Fund III received two wires on December 15, 2015, one for \$1.29 million from Fund I and another for \$1.08 million from Fund II. *See* Exhibit 2. Two days later, on December 17, 2015, a check for \$2.09 million was made from Fund III to Provident Trust Group (the account administrator responsible for processing interest payments to investors) with the memo 'Investment Returns With Interest." *See* Exhibit 3. On or about June 27, 2016, Fund III was closed. Thus, the bank account records reflect that \$2.3 million received from Fund I and Fund II was used to pay back the investors in Fund III their principal and interest.

#### B. Uses of Investor Funds Inconsistent with the PPMs

9. I also documented repeated instances where investor funds were used in ways inconsistent with the statements of how they were to be used as set forth in the PPMs. This occurred in numerous ways, such as: (a) money from one Fund being spent to purchase properties for another Fund; (b) money from one Fund being used to pay investor returns in another Fund;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Although ownership of the properties owned by Fund III was transferred to Fund 1 and Fund II, per Equialt's own records, the value of the properties transferred to Funds 1 and 2 was about \$1.3 Million, which is about \$1 million less than the \$2.37 Million transferred by the Funds.

- and (c) miscellaneous and undisclosed fees such as acquisition, discount, due diligence, equity, management, rehab, and success fees. *See* Exhibit 4, attached hereto.
- 10. Moreover, although the PPMs purport that 89 to 95% of the monies raised will be used for "Working Capital (i.e. investments in real property)," my analysis shows that only \$55 Million, less than 33% of the monies raised (\$171 Million), was used to invest in real properties. 2 See Exhibit 5, attached hereto.

# C. <u>Davison and Rybicki Used Investor Funds to Benefit Themselves</u>

- 11. I also documented many instances where monies from the Funds were used by Davison and Rybicki to benefit themselves or related entities in a manner inconsistent with how investors' funds were to be used as set forth in the PPMs. Davison and Rybicki used funds from Fund I and Fund 2 to pay themselves (and their related companies) undisclosed distributions of \$11.2 million in the years 2017 2018. And in 2019, Davison and Rybicki took cash distributions from the Funds of \$6.1 million and \$1.2 million, respectively, purportedly for the repayment of loans to the Funds. This amount does not include the millions in commissions and fees they paid themselves detailed below. Exhibit 4, attached hereto. Almost all of the commission payments, generally 10-14% of the investment, were made to Rybicki's company, BR Support Services.
- 12. In total, in connection with Fund I, Fund II, Fund III, and EA SIP, I documented approximately \$60 million of payments from the Funds' accounts that Davison (\$33 million to Davison in Fees and distributions) and Rybicki (\$27 million to Rybicki's in commissions and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This analysis is based on the purchase price of the properties, but even if commission fees are included in the analysis, the result is that less than half of the money raised was used for investments in real property.

distributions) used in a manner inconsistent with the PPM to benefit themselves and their related companies. *See* Exhibit 4, attached hereto.

# D. <u>Deficit of Amounts Owed to Investors</u>

13. Based on the amounts of interest and principal payments that remain owed to investors, the cash the Funds have on hand, and the stated value of the properties in Equialt's books and records, Equialt is unlikely to have enough money to pay the interest and principal owed to investors. As explained below, pursuant to the investors' subscription agreements, Equialt owes the Funds' investors \$167 million in interest and principal payments by December 2020. As of November 2019, the Funds and Equialt had in total \$6.8 million cash on hand.<sup>3</sup> Assuming the Funds' real estate holdings are valued at \$145 million,<sup>4</sup> there remains a \$15.4 million deficit in funds and assets available to pay back investors the principal and interest owed to them by December 2020. *See* Exhibit 6, attached hereto. In 2019, the Funds generated only \$4.4 million in revenues from their real estate holdings. If the Funds generate similar revenues in 2020, they will have a deficit of what is owed to investors of millions of dollars.

# II. OVERVIEW OF THE FUNDS

- 14. While Fund III is now closed, the other Funds continue to raise funds from investors at a rate since January 2018 of about \$2-3 million a month.
- 15. As of October 10, 2019, the total net amount raised for Funds 1, 2 and the EA SIP Fund is about \$170 million from approximately 1,140 investors. *See* Exhibit 6, attached hereto.

### A. Equialt Fund LLC ("Fund I")

 $<sup>^3</sup>$  As of November 2019, Fund 1 had \$3.4 million cash on hand, Find II had \$1.9 million cash on hand, the EASIP Fund had \$1.29 million cash on hand, and Equialt, LLC had \$151,032 cash on hand.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This value of the real estate holdings are taken from the portfolio "Beat Values" listed by Equialt in Equialt-00004473.

- 16. Fund I has raised the most of any of the Funds from investors, having raised approximately \$110.2 million from about 733 investors from 2011 to 2019. *See* Exhibit 5, attached hereto.
- 17. In addition to raising money from investors, Fund I generates other revenues through rents and sales of real estate. In total, from 2011 to November 2019, Fund I generated \$12 million in revenue from these non-investor sources of income. Of that, \$3.4 million in revenue was generated in 2018 and \$3.3 million in 2019. *Id*.
- 18. From January 2011 to November 2019, Fund I used \$37.7 million to purchase real estate. The current value of these properties, per Equialt's records, is \$48 million. *See* Exhibit 11, attached hereto.
- 19. From January 2011 to November 2019, Fund I used \$15 million to pay for expenses and various "fees" described as acquisition, discount, due diligence, equity, rehab, and success fees. Another \$4.5 million was used to pay "management fees." About \$15.5 million of the funds raised were used to pay commissions. The majority of these fees and commissions were paid to Davison and Rybicki or the companies they owned. *See* Exhibit 4, attached hereto.
- 20. Based on Equialt's records, Fund I has operated at a net loss every year since it started raising money from investors in 2011. *See* Exhibit 7, attached hereto. In 2017 and 2018, Fund I's net losses were \$12 million and \$2.7 million, respectively. *See* Exhibits 14 & 15, attached hereto.
- 21. As of November 2019, Fund I had approximately \$3.4 million cash on hand in its bank accounts. *See* Exhibit 8, attached hereto.
- 22. By December 2020, Fund I will owe to investors \$106.7 Million in interest and principal payments. It is unlikely that Fund I will have enough money to pay back the amounts owed to investors under the investor agreements. Netting the value of the properties owned by Fund

- I, (using Equialt's valuations of the properties to be between \$49 Million and \$104 million),<sup>5</sup> and Fund I's cash on hand to the amounts owed, there will be a deficit of what is owed to investors by 2020 of millions of dollars. *See* Exhibit 6, attached hereto.
- 23. In addition, funds raised from investors from Fund I were co-mingled since investor funds from Fund I were transferred to Fund III. Similarly, investors' funds were transferred from Funds II and EA SIP to Fund I. (*See* Exhibit 1, attached hereto).

### B. Equialt Fund II

- 24. From July 2013 to November 2019, Fund II raised at least \$39 million from approximately 266 investors. In addition to investors' principal investments in Fund II, Equialt generates other income through rents and from selling properties. From May 2013 to November 2019, Fund II generated \$3.5 million in revenue from these non-investor sources of income. *See* Exhibit 6, attached hereto.
- 25. From May 2013 to November 2019, Fund II used \$9.6 million to purchase properties. The current portfolio value of these properties as reflected on Equialt's books and records is \$27.3 million. The current market value of these properties as reflected on Equialt's records is \$16 Million. See Exhibit 12, attached hereto.
- 26. From May 2013 to November 2019, Fund II used more than \$7 million to pay various "fees" described as acquisition, buy, discount, distribution, due diligence, equity, and success fees.

  Of this, \$1.9 million was used to pay "management fees." Another \$5.5 Million was paid for

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> For arguments' sake, my analysis uses the values of properties listed in Equialt's own books. Equialt's records list the "portfolio value" of the properties, which appear to be highly inflated. For example, the portfolio value of Fund I's properties per Equialt is 115% higher than the market value listed in Equailt's books. My analysis also includes a separate calculation using the market values listed by Equialt, which raises the deficit owed to investors considerably. *See* Exhibit 6, attached hereto.

- commissions. The majority of these fees and commissions were paid to Davison and Rybicki or to the companies they owned. *See* Exhibit 4, attached hereto.
- 27. Based on Equialt's books and records, Fund II has operated at a net loss every year since it was formed in 2013. *See* Exhibit 9, attached hereto.
- 28. As of November 2019, Fund II had approximately \$2 million cash on hand in the bank to cover its expenses including the interest and principal owed to investors.
- 29. By the end of 2020, Fund II investors will be owed \$40.5 million in interest and principal. Even if the properties held by Fund II are valued at \$27.3 million, there is a net deficit of what will be owed to investors by December 2020 of \$11.3 Million. *See* Exhibit 6, attached hereto.

# C. Equialt Fund III

- 30. Fund III began raising money from investors in July 2013 and was closed in June 2016. In total, Fund III raised approximately \$2.6 million from investors. In the few years it was open, Fund III generated \$359,000 in revenues and rents from its real estate projects. Fund III's expenditures during this same time period were \$3.2 million. *See* Exhibit 13, attached hereto.
- 31. As explained above, Equialt co-mingled money in Fund III having received \$2.3 million from Funds I and II to pay back the investors in Fund III their principal and interest payments.

# D. <u>EA SIP Fund</u>

- 32. From April 2016 to November 2019, the EA SIP Fund raised at least \$21.7 million from some 138 investors. *See* Exhibit 6, attached hereto.
- 33. In addition to investors' principal investments, the EA SIP Fund generates other income through rents and from selling properties. From April 2016 to November 2019, the EA SIP Fund generated \$176,000 in revenue from non-investor sources of income. *Id*.

- 34. From April 2016 to November 2019, the EA SIP Fund used \$9 million to purchase properties.

  The portfolio value of these properties as reflected on Equialt's books is \$13.6 million. *Id*.
- 35. From April 2016 to November 2019, the EA SIP Fund used \$2.3 million to pay for various "fees" described as acquisition, buy, commission, construction, discount, due diligence, equity, rehab, and success fees. Another \$2 Million was used to pay commissions. The majority of these management and fees and commissions were paid to Davison and Rybicki or the companies they owned. *See* Exhibit 4, attached hereto.
- 36. As of November 2019, the EA SIP Fund had approximately \$151,000 cash on hand in the bank to cover its expenses including the interest and principal owed to investors.
- 37. Based on Equialt's books and records, the EA SIP Fund has operated at a net loss every year since it was formed in 2016. *See* Exhibit 10, attached hereto.
- 38. By the end of 2020, the EASIP Fund will owe investors \$19.9 Million in interest and principal payments. Even if the properties held by the EA SIP Fund are valued at \$13.5 million, there is a deficit of what will be owed to investors in interest and principal payments by December 2020 of \$5.1 million. *See* Exhibit 6, attached hereto.

## III. INSUFFICIENT FUNDS TO PAY BACK INVESTORS

39. As described above, without a substantial infusion of additional revenues, Funds I, II and the EA SIP Fund will not have enough money to pay the interest and principal owed to investors in 2020. Even if the Funds were able to sell their entire real estate portfolio for the values listed in their own books and records, Funds I, II and the EA SIP Funds would be short \$15.4 million of what will be due to investors in December 2020. Thus, to pay back what it owes investors in interest and principal in 2020, the three debt Funds will need to generate revenues of at least \$15.4 million, which is \$11 million more than what they generated last year.

- Moreover, that amount will most likely be greater as my analysis does not include the Funds' future operating expenses and assumes the properties would all be sold at best value.
- 40. Based on the above, approximately 1,140 investors who have invested approximately \$171 million in Fund 1, Fund 2 and the EA SIP Fund are at risk because of the shortfall between revenues generated by Equialt and the millions that will be due to investors.

# IV. DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON

In connection with the above analysis, I relied upon the following records:

- a. for account number XXXXXX1045 in the name of Equialt Fund, LLC, at Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (the "Fund 1 WF Account"), its account opening documentation, monthly statements, deposited items, checks and wire/transfer information for November 2012 through January 2019;
- b. for account number XXXXXX5670 in the name of Equialt Fund, LLC, at Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (the "Fund 1 WF Savings Account"), its account opening documentation, monthly statements, deposited items, checks and transfer information for November 2012 through December 2018;
- c. for account number XXXXXX1717 in the name of Equialt Fund II, LLC, at Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (the "Fund 2 WF Account"), its account opening documentation, monthly statements, deposited items, checks and wire/transfer information for May 2013 through January 2019;
- d. for account number XXXXXX1717 in the name of Equialt Fund II, LLC, at Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (the "Fund 2 WF Savings Account"), its account opening documentation, monthly statements, deposited items, checks and wire/transfer information for January 2014 through December 2018;

- e. for account number XXXXXX1444 in the name of Equialt Fund III, LLC, at Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (the "Fund 3 WF Account"), its account opening documentation, monthly statements, deposited items, checks and wire/transfer information for May 2013 through June 2016;
- f. for account number XXXXXX0886 in the name of Equialt Fund III, LLC, at Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (the "Fund 3 WF Savings Account"), its account opening documentation, monthly statements, deposited items, and transfer information for May 2013 through June 2016;
- g. for account number XXXXXX7000 in the name of EA SIP, at Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (the "E-SIP WF Account"), its account opening documentation, monthly statements, deposited items, and wire/transfer information for April 2016 through January 2019;
- h. for account number XXXXXX1052 in the name of Equialt LLC, at Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (the "Management WF Account"), its account opening documentation, monthly statements, deposited items, checks and wire/transfer information for November 2012 through January 2019;
- i. for account number XXXXXX3190 in the name of Equialt Fund, LLC, at Bank of America, N.A. (the "Fund 1 BOA Account"), its account opening documentation, monthly statements, deposited items, checks and wire/transfer information for November 2018 through November 2019;
- j. for account number XXXXXX3200 in the name of Equialt Fund, LLC, at Bank of America, N.A. (the "Fund 1 BOA Escrow Account"), its account opening documentation, monthly statements, deposited items, checks written and wire/transfer information for November 2018 through October 2019;

- k. for account number XXXXXX3213 in the name of Equialt Fund II, LLC, at Bank of America, N.A. (the "Fund 2 BOA Account"), account opening documentation, monthly statements, deposited items, checks and wire/transfer information for November 2018 through October 2019;
- for account number XXXXXX3297 in the name of Equialt Fund II, LLC, at Bank of America, N.A. (the "Fund 2 BOA Escrow Account"), its account opening documentation, monthly statements, deposited items, checks and wire/transfer information for November 2018 through October 2019;
- m. for account number XXXXXX3213 in the name of EA SIP, LLC, at Bank of America, N.A. (the "E-SIP BOA Account"), account opening documentation, monthly statements, deposited items, checks and wire/transfer information for November 2018 through November 2019;
- n. for account number XXXXXX3310 in the name of Equialt LLC, at Bank of America, N.A. (the "Management BOA Account"), its account opening documentation, monthly statements, deposited items, checks and wire/transfer information for November 2018 through November 2019;
- o. for account number XXXXXX3323 in the name of Equialt LLC, at Bank of America, N.A. (the "Management BOA Escrow Account"), account opening documentation, monthly statements, deposited items, checks and wire/transfer information for November 2018 through November 2019;
- p. bates number Equialt 0004292, an Intuit QuickBooks file;
- q. bates number Equialt 0004293, an Intuit QuickBooks file;
- r. bates number Equialt 0004294, an Intuit QuickBooks file;

- s. bates number Equialt 0004314, an Intuit QuickBooks file;.
- t. bates number Equialt 0004315, an Intuit QuickBooks file;
- u. bates number Equialt 0004473, a Microsoft Excel Workbook file;
- v. bates numbers Equialt 00003202 through Equialt 00003224, a PDF file;
- w. bates numbers Equialt 0003286 through Equialt 00003317, a PDF file;
- x. Equialt Private Placement Memorandum, Equialt Fund, LLC (no Bates number);
- y. bates numbers RA00000001 00000025, Equialt PPM, Fund 1;
- z. bates numbers RA00000026 -00000050, Equialt PPM, Equialt Fund, LLC;
- aa. Equialt Private Placement Memorandum, Equialt Fund II, LLC (no Bates numbers);
- bb. bates numbers EquiAlt 00004295 00004313, Equialt PPM, EA SIP, LLC;
- cc. bates numbers EquiAlt 00004539 00004566, Operating Agreement of Fund I;
- dd. bates numbers EquiAlt 00004477 00004504, Operating Agreement of Fund II;
- ee. bates numbers EquiAlt 00004505 00004535, Operating Agreement of EA SIP Fund; and
- ff. bates numbers RA00000559- RA00000570, APPENDIX B.

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

Executed on this \_\_\_\_\_th day of February 2020.

MARK DEE

# Liability vs. Real Estate Portfolio Values

Summary of Payments Owed to Investors by 12/2020						
Period	1/2011 - 11/2019	5/2013 - 11/2019	4/2016 - 11/2019			
Fund	1	2	EA SIP	Equialt LLC	Total	
# of Investors	733	266	138	0	1,137	
Total Revenue from Business Operations	\$ 11,914,628.44	\$ 3,506,304.29	\$ 176,229.66	\$ -	\$ 15,597,162.39	
Amount Raised from Investors	\$ 110,185,262.92	\$ 39,630,785.30	\$ 21,727,416.03	\$ -	\$ 171,543,464.25	
Redemptions to Investors	\$ 12,528,237.83	\$ 2,283,201.42	\$ 3,104,529.22	\$ -	\$ 17,915,968.47	
Total Investor Principal Owed	\$ 97,657,025.09	\$ 37,347,583.88	\$ 18,622,886.81	\$ -	\$ 153,627,495.78	
Total Investor Interest Owed	\$ 9,141,290.94	\$ 3,250,020.24	\$ 1,312,546.06	\$ -	\$ 13,703,857.23	
Total Owed to Investors	\$ 106,798,316.03	\$ 40,597,604.12	\$ 19,935,432.87	\$ -	\$ 167,331,353.01	
Bank Account Balance (10 or 11/2019)	\$ 3,447,051.98	\$ 1,938,351.65	\$ 1,291,696.13	\$ 151,032.30	\$ 6,828,132.06	
Real Estate Portfolio Value (per Equialt)	\$ 104,166,720.34	\$ 27,352,680.00	\$ 13,545,000.00	\$ -	\$ 145,064,400.34	
Total Fund Value	\$ 107,613,772.32	\$ 29,291,031.65	\$ 14,836,696.13	\$ -	\$ 151,741,500.10	
Solvent (Insolvent)	\$ 815,456.30	\$ (11,306,572.47)	\$ (5,098,736.74)	\$ 151,032.30	\$ (15,438,820.61)	
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Bank Account Balance (10 or 11/2019)	\$ 3,447,051.98	\$ 1,938,351.65	\$ 1,291,696.13	\$ 151,032.30	\$ 6,828,132.06	
Real Estate Portfolio Current Market Value (per Equialt)	\$ 48,539,000.00	\$ 16,187,000.00	\$ 13,545,000.00	\$ -	\$ 78,271,000.00	
Total Fund Value	\$ 51,986,051.98	\$ 18,125,351.65	\$ 14,836,696.13	\$ -	\$ 85,099,132.06	
Solvent (Insolvent)	\$ (54,812,264.05)	\$ (22,472,252.47)	\$ (5,098,736.74)	\$ 151,032.30	\$ (82,232,220.95)	

<sup>\*</sup>These values do not include potential operating revenues anticipated for 2020. Nor are future costs or expenses for continuing operations included in the analysis. For comparison sake the revenues raised by all three funds in 2019 was \$4.4 million. Thus, revenues would need to increase over three fold in one year to cover the anticipated deficit in 2020.

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Sources used were from Equialt investor lists, QuickBooks records, and spreadsheets.