

**MLP** Allocation

# Salient Capital Advisors, LLC and Atlantic Trust Private Wealth Management

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## **Master Limited Partnership Snapshot**

A "Master" Limited Partnership (MLP) is an organization structure with publicly traded partnership interests

Businesses are organized as MLPs for tax reasons

MLPs must have 90% of their income from "qualifying sources" – approximately 60% of MLPs are Oil and Natural Gas Pipeline companies

Simplified, MLPs serve as the "toll roads" of the U.S. energy complex – U.S. Energy Infrastructure

There are approximately 80 securities in MLP universe

## **PSERS MLP UPDATE**

### **PSERS Current View:**

- 2% dedicated allocation to MLPs in the IPS
- One existing manager Harvest Fund Advisors, LLC

### Manager Search:

- Wilshire identified several managers for consideration
- Staff and Wilshire met with three potential managers
- Salient and Atlantic Trust, along with Harvest, were deemed to be the top managers

### **Other Comments:**

- Overlap of holdings (90% overlap of the top 20 holdings)
- 3-year rolling correlation of excess returns
- Same fee structure offered to all three managers

#### **Overview of Salient Partners, L.P.**

- Founded in 2002 in Houston, TX
- \$17 billion AUM and 110 employees

## **Overview of Salient Capital Advisors, LLC**

- SEC registered investment advisor
- Founded in 2006
- \$2.2 billion AUM

#### **Overview of the MLP Team**

- 15 employees, 9 MLP investment professionals
- \$750 million AUM

### **PSERS Investment Objective:**

 To generate positive risk adjusted returns in excess of 200 bps or more annually above the S&P MLP Index with an Information Ratio of 0.30 or greater over a rolling 3-year period.

#### **Salient Results:**

- Tracking error of 4.24%
- Rolling 3-year information ratio: 1.30
- GOF Alpha for the period ended March 31, 2012
  - One-year: 434 bps
  - Three-year: 752 bps

#### Other

- Relationships with Wilshire: None
- Placement Agents: None
- Political Contributions in PA: None
- Introduction Source: Wilshire
- History with PSERS: None

#### **Overview of Invesco**

- Global Investment Management Firm with over \$600 billion AUM and more than 6,000 employees worldwide.

## **Overview of Atlantic Trust Private Wealth Management**

- Wholly-owned by Invesco
- \$19.5 billion AUM
- 200 employees, 23 investment professionals

### **MLP Team – Group within Atlantic Trust**

- 5 investment professionals
- \$1.0 billion AUM

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#### **Atlantic Trust Results:**

- Tracking error of 3.17%
- Rolling 3-year information ratio: 0.82
- GOF Alpha for the period ended March 31, 2012
  - One-year: 923 bps
  - Three-year: 353 bps

### Other

- Relationships with Wilshire: None
- Placement Agents: None
- Political Contributions in PA: None
- Introduction Source: Wilshire
- History with PSERS: None

#### Recommendation

Staff, together with Wilshire Associates, recommends (i) that the Board retain Salient Capital Advisors, LLC to manage an initial amount of \$250 million in their MLP strategy, and (ii) that the Investment Office shall have the discretion to invest additional sums within the target ranges established in Exhibit D of the Investment Policy Statement, Objectives and Guidelines.

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#### Recommendation

Staff, together with Wilshire Associates, recommends (i) that the Board retain Atlantic Trust Private Wealth Management to manage an initial amount of \$250 million in their MLP strategy, and (ii) that the Investment Office shall have the discretion to invest additional sums within the target ranges established in Exhibit D of the Investment Policy Statement, Objectives and Guidelines.

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