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HEDGE FUND STANDARDS BOARD LIMITED

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MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF

HEDGE FUND STANDARDS BOARD LIMITED

- 1 The Company's name is "HEDGE FUND STANDARDS BOARD LIMITED"
- 2 The Company's registered office is to be situated in England and Wales
- 3 The Company's objects are -
- 3 1 1 To promote, establish and act as custodian of standards of best practice for the hedge fund industry
- 3 1 2 To carry on any other business whatever which can in the opinion of the board of directors be advantageously carried on in connection with or ancillary to the above objects
- 3 2 To initiate, organise, present, promote, manage and participate in conferences, seminars, debates, tours and lectures
- To establish and maintain libraries, databases and information storage and retrieval systems and to produce and disseminate publications and trade, commercial, technical, and other material of any nature (whether gratuitously or otherwise)
- 3 4 To carry out or commission research, analysis or investigation in relation to any matter which concerns or may affect the interests of the hedge fund industry
- To co-operate and maintain links with managers, investors, industry users and suppliers, regulatory bodies and any other stakeholders in the hedge fund industry, the press and other sources of publicity for the purposes of promoting objects of the Company
- To establish, assist, promote or co-operate with any other organisation having or including objects similar to those of the Company
- To purchase or by any other means acquire and take options over any property whatever, and any rights or privileges of any kind over or in respect of any property
- To apply for, register, purchase, or by other means acquire and protect, prolong and renew, whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, any trade marks, patents, copyrights, trade secrets, or other intellectual property rights, licences, secret

processes, designs, protections and concessions and to disclaim, alter, modify, use and turn to account and to manufacture under or grant licences or privileges in respect of the same, and to expend money in experimenting upon, testing and improving any patents, inventions or rights which the Company may acquire or propose to acquire

- To acquire or undertake the whole or any part of the business, goodwill, and assets of any person, firm, or company carrying on or proposing to carry on any of the businesses which the Company is authorised to carry on and as part of the consideration for such acquisition to undertake all or any of the liabilities of such person, firm or company, or to acquire an interest in, amalgamate with, or enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, or for co-operation, or for mutual assistance with any such person, firm or company, or for subsidising or otherwise assisting any such person, firm or company, and to give or accept, by way of consideration for any of the acts or things aforesaid or property acquired, any shares, debentures, debenture stock or securities that may be agreed upon, and to hold and retain, or sell, mortgage and deal with any shares, debentures, debenture stock or securities so received
- 3 10 To improve, manage, construct, repair, develop, exchange, let on lease or otherwise, mortgage, charge, sell, dispose of, turn to account, grant licences, options, rights and privileges in respect of, or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Company
- 3 11 To take steps as may from time to time be necessary for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Company
- 3 12 To accept (with or without conditions) and hold gifts, devises, bequests and transfers of real and personal property, and to exercise in relation thereto any of the powers specified in sub-clause 3 10
- 3 13 To invest and deal with the moneys of the Company not immediately required in such manner as may from time to time be determined and to hold or otherwise deal with any investments made
- To lend and advance money or give credit on any terms and with or without security to any person, firm or company (including without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing any holding company, subsidiary or fellow subsidiary of, or any other company associated in any way with, the Company), to enter into guarantees, contracts of indemnity and suretyships of all kinds, to receive money on deposit or loan upon any terms, and to secure or guarantee in any manner and upon any terms the payment of any sum of money or the performance of any obligation by any person, firm or company (including without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing any such holding company, subsidiary, fellow subsidiary or associated company as aforesaid)
- To borrow and raise money in any manner and to secure the repayment of any money borrowed, raised or owing by mortgage, charge, standard security, lien or other security upon the whole or any part of the Company's property or assets (whether present or future) and also by a similar mortgage, charge, standard security, lien or security to secure and guarantee the performance by the Company of any obligation or liability it may undertake or which may become binding on it
- To draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, negotiate, execute and issue cheques, bills of exchange, promissory notes, bills of lading, warrants, debentures, and other negotiable or transferable instruments

- To apply for, promote, and obtain any Act of Parliament, order, or licence of the Department of Trade or other authority for enabling the Company to carry any of its objects into effect, or for effecting any modification of the Company's constitution, or for any other purpose which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to promote the Company's interests, and to oppose any proceedings or applications which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to prejudice the Company's interests
- To enter into any arrangements with any government or authority (supreme, municipal, local, or otherwise) that may seem conducive to the attainment of the Company's objects or any of them, and to obtain from any such government or authority any charters, decrees, rights, privileges or concessions which the Company may think desirable and to carry out, exercise, and comply with any such charters, decrees, rights, privileges, and concessions
- To subscribe for, take, purchase, or otherwise acquire, hold, sell, deal with and dispose of, place and underwrite shares, stocks, debentures, debenture stocks, bonds, obligations or securities issued or guaranteed by any other company constituted or carrying on business in any part of the world, and debentures, debenture stocks, bonds, obligations or securities issued or guaranteed by any government or authority, municipal, local or otherwise, in any part of the world
- 3 20 To control, manage, finance, subsidise, co-ordinate or otherwise assist any company or companies in which the Company has a direct or indirect financial interest, to provide secretarial, administrative, technical, commercial and other services and facilities of all kinds for any such company or companies and to make payments by way of subvention or otherwise and any other arrangements which may seem desirable with respect to any business or operations of or generally with respect to any such company or companies
- To promote any other company for the purpose of acquiring the whole or any part of the business or property or undertaking or any of the liabilities of the Company, or of undertaking any business or operations which may appear likely to assist or benefit the Company or to enhance the value of any property or business of the Company, and to place or guarantee the placing of, underwrite, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire all or any part of the shares or securities of any such company as aforesaid
- 3 22 To sell or otherwise dispose of the whole or any part of the business or property of the Company, either together or in portions, for such consideration as the Company may think fit, and in particular for shares, debentures, or securities of any company purchasing the same
- To act as agents or brokers and as trustees for any person, firm or company, and to undertake and perform sub-contracts
- 3 24 To employ, retain, engage and remunerate officers, employees and staff to administer the Company or to assist in carrying out the objects of the Company
- To remunerate any person, firm or company rendering services to the Company either by cash payment or otherwise as may be thought expedient
- 3 26 To pay all or any expenses incurred in connection with the promotion, formation and incorporation of the Company, or to contract with any person, firm or company to pay the same

- 3 27 To make any donation or gift either in cash or other property for the furtherance of the objects of the Company
- 3 28 To support and subscribe to any charitable or public object and to support and subscribe to any institution, society, or club which may be for the benefit of the Company or its directors or employees, or may be connected with any town or place where the Company carries on business, to give or award pensions, annuities, gratuities, and superannuation or other allowances or benefits or charitable aid and generally to provide advantages, facilities and services for any persons who are or have been directors of, or who are or have been employed by, or who are serving or have served the Company, or any company which is a subsidiary of the Company or the holding company of the Company or a fellow subsidiary of the Company or the predecessors in business of the Company or of any such subsidiary, holding or fellow subsidiary company and to the wives, widows, children and other relatives and dependants of such persons, to make payments towards insurance including insurance for any director, officer or auditor against any liability in respect of any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust (so far as permitted by law), and to set up, establish, support and maintain superannuation and other funds or schemes (whether contributory or non-contributory) for the benefit of any of such persons and of their wives, widows, children and other relatives and dependants
- 3 29 To procure the Company to be registered or recognised in any part of the world
- To do all or any of the things or matters aforesaid in any part of the world and either as principals, agents, contractors or otherwise, and by or through agents, brokers, sub-contractors or otherwise and either alone or in conjunction with others
- 3 31 To do all such other things as may be deemed incidental or conducive to the attainment of the Company's objects or any of them
- 3 32 AND so that -
- 3 32 1 None of the objects set forth in any sub-clause of this clause shall be restrictively construed but the widest interpretation shall be given to each such object, and none of such objects shall, except where the context expressly so requires, be in any way limited or restricted by reference to or inference from any other object or objects set forth in such sub-clause, or by reference to or inference from the terms of any other sub-clause of this clause, or by reference to or inference from the name of the Company
- 3 32 2 None of the sub-clauses of this clause and none of the objects therein specified shall be deemed subsidiary or ancillary to any of the objects specified in any other such sub-clause, and the Company shall have as full a power to exercise each and every one of the objects specified in each sub-clause of this clause as though each sub-clause contained the objects of a separate Company
- 3 32 3 The word "company" in this clause, except where used in reference to the Company, shall be deemed to include any partnership or other body of persons, whether incorporated or unincorporated and whether domiciled in the United Kingdom or elsewhere
- 3 32 4 In this clause the expression "the Act" means the Companies Act 1985, but so that any reference in this clause to any provision of the Act shall be deemed to include a

reference to any statutory modification or re-enactment of that provision for the time being in force.

- 4 The liability of the members is limited
- Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £1) to the Company's assets if it should be wound up while he is a member or within one year after he ceases to be a member, for payment of the Company's debts and liabilities contracted before he ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves
- The income and property of the Company shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects as set forth in this Memorandum of Association and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to members of the Company

Provided that nothing herein shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Company -

- of reasonable and proper remuneration to any member, officer or servant of the Company for any services rendered to the Company,
- of interest on money lent by any member of the Company at a reasonable and proper rate per annum not exceeding 2 per cent less than the published base lending rate of a clearing bank to be selected by the directors,
- of reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any member of the Company.
- of fees, remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth to any company of which a member may also be a member holding not more than 1% of the issued share capital of that company,
- 6 5 to any director of out-of-pocket expenses,
- of any premium in respect of any such insurance as is permitted by the Memorandum of Association of the Company
- If upon the winding-up or dissolution of the Company there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Company, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Company, and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Company under or by virtue of clause 6 hereof, such institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the Company at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provision, then to some charitable object

I, the subscriber to this Memorandum of Association, wish to be formed into a Company pursuant to this Memorandum

Name and address of Subscriber

For and behalf of Peregrine Secretarial Services Limited Level 1 Exchange House Primrose Street LONDON EC2A 2HS

Dated 04/01/2008

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF

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1 PRELIMINARY

- The regulations contained in Table A in the Schedule to the Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985 (SI 1985 No 805) as amended by the Companies (Tables A to F) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (SI 1985 No 1052), The Companies Act 1985 (Electronic Communications) Order 2000 (SI 2000 No 3373), the Companies (Tables A to F) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (SI 2007 No 2541) and the Companies (Tables A to F) (Amendment) (No 2) Regulations 2007 (SI 2007 No 2826) so far as it relates to private companies limited by shares (such Table being hereinafter called "Table A") shall apply to the Company save in so far as they are excluded or varied hereby and such regulations (save as so excluded or varied) and the Articles hereinafter contained shall be the Articles of Association of the Company
- 1 2 Regulations 2 to 35 (inclusive), 54, 55, 57, 59, 102 to 108 (inclusive), 110, 114, 116 and 117 in Table A shall not apply to the Company
- In these Articles the expression "the Act" means the Companies Act 1985 and "the 2006 Act" means the Companies Act 2006, but so that any reference in these Articles to any provision of the Act or the 2006 Act shall be deemed to include a reference to any statutory modification or re-enactment of that provision for the time being in force

2 INTERPRETATION

Regulation 1 in Table A shall be read and construed as if the definition of "the holder" were omitted therefrom

3 MEMBERS

- The subscribers to the Memorandum of Association of the Company and such other persons as are admitted to membership in accordance with these Articles shall be members of the Company. No person shall be admitted as a member of the Company unless he is approved by the directors. Every person who wishes to become a member shall deliver to the Company an application for membership, in such form as the directors require, executed by him.
- A member may at any time withdraw from the Company by giving notice in writing to the Company Membership shall not be transferable and shall cease on death

4 GENERAL MEETINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

- General meetings shall be called by at least 14 clear days' but a general meeting may be called by shorter notice if it is so agreed by a majority in number of the members having a right to attend and vote being a majority together holding not less than 90% of the total voting rights at the meeting of all members
- 4 1 2 The notice shall specify the time and place of the meeting
- 4 1 3 The notice shall be given to all the members and to the directors and auditors
- 4 1 4 Regulation 38 in Table A shall not apply to the Company
- 4 2 1 No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present. Subject to article 4 2 2 below, two persons entitled to vote upon the business to be transacted, each being a member or a proxy for a member or a duly authorised representative of a corporation, shall be a quorum
- 422 If and for so long as the Company has only one member, that member present in person or by proxy or (if that member is a corporation) by a duly authorised representative shall be a quorum
- 423 If a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for a general meeting the general meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place or to such other day and at such other time and place as the directors may determine, and if at the adjourned general meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed therefor such adjourned general meeting shall be dissolved
- 4 2 4 Regulations 40 and 41 in Table A shall not apply to the Company
- 431 If and for so long as the Company has only one member and that member takes any decision which is required to be taken in general meeting or by means of a written resolution, that decision shall be as valid and effectual as if agreed by the Company in general meeting, subject as provided in article 433 below
- 4 3 2 Any decision taken by a sole member pursuant to article 4 3 1 above shall be recorded in writing and delivered by that member to the Company for entry in the Company's minute book
- 4 3 3 Resolutions under section 168 of the 2006 Act for the removal of a director before the expiration of his period of office and under section 391 of the Act for the removal of an auditor before the expiration of his period of office shall only be considered by the Company in general meeting
- 4 4 1 Regulation 44 in Table A shall be read and construed as if the words "and at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the Company" were omitted therefrom
- 4 4 2 Regulation 46 in Table A shall be read and construed as if paragraph (d) was omitted therefrom
- 4 5 1 Any member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at a general meeting shall be entitled to appoint another person (whether a member or not) as his proxy to

attend and vote instead of him and any proxy so appointed shall have the same right as the member to speak at the meeting.

- 4 5 2 On a show of hands and on a poll every member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote
- Unless resolved by ordinary resolution that regulation 62 in Table A shall apply without modification, the appointment of a proxy and any authority under which the proxy is appointed or a copy of such authority certified notarially or in some other way approved by the directors may be deposited or received at the place specified in regulation 62 in Table A up to the commencement of the meeting or (in any case where a poll is taken otherwise than at the meeting) of the taking of the poll or may be handed to the chairman of the meeting prior to the commencement of the business of the meeting
- 5 APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS
- 5 1 1 Regulation 64 in Table A shall not apply to the Company
- The maximum number and minimum number respectively of the directors may be determined from time to time by ordinary resolution. Subject to and in default of any such determination there shall be no maximum number of directors and the minimum number of directors shall be one. Whenever the minimum number of directors is one, a sole director shall have authority to exercise all the powers and discretions by Table A and by these Articles expressed to be vested in the directors generally, and regulation 89 in Table A shall be modified accordingly
- Regulations 76 to 79 (inclusive) in Table A shall not apply to the Company
- Regulation 83 in Table A shall be read and construed as if the words "of any class of shares or" were omitted therefrom
- No person shall be appointed a director at any general meeting unless either -
 - (a) he is recommended by the directors, or
- (b) not less than 14 nor more than 35 clear days before the date appointed for the general meeting, notice signed by a member qualified to vote at the general meeting has been given to the Company of the intention to propose that person for appointment, together with notice signed by that person of his willingness to be appointed
- 5 5 1 Subject to article 5 4 above, the Company may by ordinary resolution appoint any person who is willing to act to be a director, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director
- The directors may appoint a person who is willing to act to be a director, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director, provided that the appointment does not cause the number of directors to exceed any number determined in accordance with article 5 1 2 above as the maximum number of directors and for the time being in force
- In any case where as the result of death or deaths the Company has no members and no directors the personal representatives of the last member to have died shall have the right by notice in writing to appoint a person to be a director of the Company and such appointment shall be as effective as if made by the Company in

general meeting pursuant to article 5 5 1 above. For the purpose of this article, where two or more members die in circumstances rendering it uncertain which of them survived the other or others, the members shall be deemed to have died in order of seniority, and accordingly the younger shall be deemed to have survived the elder

6 BORROWING POWERS

The directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money without limit as to amount and upon such terms and in such manner as they think fit, and to grant any mortgage, charge or standard security over its undertaking and property, or any part thereof, and to issue debentures, whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party

7 ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

- Unless otherwise determined by the Company in general meeting by ordinary resolution an alternate director shall not be entitled as such to receive any remuneration from the Company, save that he may be paid by the Company such part (if any) of the remuneration otherwise payable to his appointor as such appointor may by notice in writing to the Company from time to time direct, and the first sentence of regulation 66 in Table A shall be modified accordingly
- A director, or any such other person as is mentioned in regulation 65 in Table A, may act as an alternate director to represent more than one director, and an alternate director shall be entitled at any meeting of the directors or of any committee of the directors to one vote for every director whom he represents in addition to his own vote (if any) as a director, but he shall count as only one for the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present

8 GRATUITIES AND PENSIONS

- 8 1 1 The directors may exercise the powers of the Company conferred by its Memorandum of Association in relation to the payment of pensions, gratuities and other benefits and shall be entitled to retain any benefits received by them or any of them by reason of the exercise of any such powers
- 8 1 2 Regulation 87 in Table A shall not apply to the Company

9 PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

- 9 1 1 A director may vote, at any meeting of the directors or of any committee of the directors, on any resolution, notwithstanding that it in any way concerns or relates to a matter in which he has, directly or indirectly, any kind of interest whatsoever, and if he shall vote on any such resolution his vote shall be counted, and in relation to any such resolution as aforesaid he shall (whether or not he shall vote on the same) be taken into account in calculating the quorum present at the meeting
- 9 1 2 Each director shall comply with his obligations to disclose his interest in contracts under section 317 of the Act
- 9 1 3 Regulations 94 to 97 (inclusive) in Table A shall not apply to the Company
- 10 MINUTES

10 1 Regulation 100 in Table A shall be read and construed as if the words "of the holders of any class of shares in the Company" were omitted therefrom

11 COMMUNICATION BY MEANS OF A WEBSITE

Subject to the provisions of the 2006 Act, a document or information may be sent or supplied by the Company to a person by being made available on a website

12 THE SEAL

- 12.1 If the Company has a seal it shall only be used with the authority of the directors or of a committee of directors. The directors may determine who shall sign any instrument to which the seal is affixed and unless otherwise so determined it shall be signed by a director and by the secretary or second director. Regulation 101 in Table A shall not apply to the Company.
- The Company may exercise the powers conferred by section 39 of the Act with regard to having an official seal for use abroad, and such powers shall be vested in the directors

13 NOTICES

- Regulation 112 in Table A shall be read and construed as if the second sentence was omitted therefrom
- Regulation 113 in Table A shall be read and construed as if the words "or of the holders of any class of shares in the Company" were omitted therefrom

14 PROTECTION FROM LIABILITY

- 14.1 For the purposes of this article a "Liability" is any liability incurred by a person in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust by him in relation to the Company or otherwise in connection with his duties, powers or office and "Associated Company" shall bear the meaning referred to in section 256 of the 2006 Act Subject to the provisions of the 2006 Act and without prejudice to any protection from liability which may otherwise apply
- (a) the directors shall have power to purchase and maintain for any director of the Company, any director of an Associated Company, any auditor of the Company and any officer of the Company (not being a director or auditor of the Company), insurance against any Liability, and
- (b) every director or auditor of the Company and every officer of the Company (not being a director or auditor of the Company) shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against any loss or liability incurred by him in defending any proceedings in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application in which relief is granted to him by the court from any Liability
- 14.2 Regulation 118 in Table A shall not apply to the Company

15 RULES OR BYE LAWS

The directors may from time to time make such rules or bye-laws as they may deem necessary or expedient or convenient for the proper conduct and management of

the Company and for the purposes of prescribing the classes of and conditions of membership, and in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, they shall by such rules or bye-laws regulate -

- (a) The admission and classification of members of the Company, and the rights and privileges of such members, and the conditions of membership and the terms on which members may resign or have their membership terminated and the entrance fees, subscriptions and other fees or payments to be made by members
- (b) The conduct of members of the Company in relation to one another, and to the Company's servants
- (c) The setting aside of the whole or any part or parts of the Company's premises at any particular time or times or for any particular purpose or purposes
- (d) The procedure at general meetings and meetings of the directors and committees of the Company in so far as such procedure is not regulated by these presents
- (e) And, generally, all such matters as are commonly the subject matter of Company rules
- The Company in general meeting shall have power to alter or repeal the rules or bye-laws and to make additions thereto and the directors shall adopt such means as they deem sufficient to bring to the notice of members of the Company all such rules or bye-laws, which so long as they shall be in force, shall be binding on all members of the Company Provided, nevertheless, that no rule or bye-law shall be inconsistent with, or shall affect or repeal anything contained in, the Memorandum or Articles of Association of the Company

Name and address of Subscriber

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Dated 04/01/2008