

BUYING PRIVATE EQUITY



To assist you with your Private Equity purchase, PENSCO Trust Company (PENSCO) has compiled the following list of pitfalls of which you should be aware that may delay processing or could cause your request to be considered a possible prohibited transaction.

Third Party Documents Not Signed By the Account Owner

Anything that requires PENSCO's signature or initials must be signed by the Account Owner.

Some Asset Sponsors require your original signature on all purchase documents. Please be sure to inquire with the Asset Sponsor of this requirement before submitting your documents to PENSCO. If your original signature is required, send your request to PENSCO via US postal service mail delivery.

Vesting Reflected on the Purchase Documents

The vesting should read: PENSCO Trust Company Custodian FBO [Account Owner Name], IRA _____%

"Retirement Plan" or "Solo(k)" may be substituted where appropriate.

Prohibited Transactions

Your purchase must not be considered prohibited. The IRS prohibits personal use or use by disqualified parties as defined under [Section 4975](#) to include the 50% Rule

Additionally, a loan to an investment held in an IRA is prohibited, so be sure that the Operating Agreement does not have a clause for loans.

Capital Calls

PENSCO requires the notice from the Asset Sponsor informing of the Capital Call.

If the Capital Call purchase will result in an increase of value, the Asset Sponsor may require new subscription documents, and these should be included with your request.

Asset Sponsor Contact Information

PENSCO requires that the Asset Sponsor confirm the value and registration on any purchases that result in an increase in value. Please be sure to provide the most updated Asset Sponsor contact information with your request, and please keep PENSCO informed of any changes.

Transferring Into PENSCO

PENSCO requires the original subscription documents reflecting the resigning custodian registration.

Family Controlled and Single Member LLCs

All Operating Agreements must include specific text as outlined in paragraph II of the Investment Authorization Forms.

A Special Advisor is required. The Special Advisor must be a duly licensed certified public accountant or attorney in good standing, and s/he is responsible for monitoring if the transaction may be a "prohibited transaction" or "listed transaction," may generate "unrelated business taxable income" or "unrelated debt-financed income," or violate any requirement of Section 408 of the Internal Revenue Code.

One-time funding: Family Controlled entities can only be funded once as additional funding would exceed the 50% rule.

Retirement
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Private
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Parties *not* considered disqualified:

- Step Grandparents
- Step Parents
- Spouse's Parents
- Aunts, Uncles, & Cousins
- Siblings/Step Siblings
- Step Children & Their Spouses

Parties that are considered disqualified:

- Grandparents
- Parents
- Spouse
- Children/Adopted Children and their spouses
- Grandchildren and their spouses
- A Fiduciary
- A person providing services to the plan, such as a CPA or Attorney.
- Companies owned by disqualified parties.

PENSCO does not provide investment advice, does not sell investments and does not offer tax or legal advice. PENSCO does not evaluate, recommend or endorse any advisory firm or investment. Investments are not FDIC insured and are subject to risk, including the loss of principal.

SOLO(K) SINGLE MEMBER INVESTMENT AUTHORIZATION

Checklist

These guidelines define the information required from investment issuers (Sponsors) for PENSCO Trust Company (PENSCO) to review and consider their investment offering for acceptance by PENSCO. "Acceptance" means that the investment meets PENSCO's existing systems and procedures and that PENSCO will hold the investment in its custodial Accounts.

Note: Acceptance does not imply that PENSCO endorses, promotes, approves, performs due diligence on, qualifies, certifies, sponsors, or in any other manner suggest that the issuer's investment is endorsed or recommended for investment, nor does it guarantee or constitute a representation that the investment complies with any applicable law or will not result in tax consequences to any person. PENSCO has no responsibility for determining the necessity or advisability of, or arranging for, advising on, or monitoring, the issuer's or the investment's registration, reporting, or other compliance with any applicable law or regulatory provision (other than that as may be imposed on PENSCO under Internal Revenue Code section 408); such will be the sole responsibility of the issuer and/or the PENSCO Account owner. PENSCO has no responsibility for determining the advisability of, or arranging for, or creating, filing, or perfecting any security interest with respect to any investment and such will be the sole responsibility of the PENSCO Account owner.

The requirements in this section are categorized by investment type and may be negotiable depending upon the age, business purpose, and scope or scale of the issuer or the investment.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ANY SINGLE MEMBER INVESTMENT

- Fully completed, signed, and dated Private Equity Investment Authorization (page 5 - 7)
- Special Advisor Engagement Letter (page 4)
- Issuer Representation Letter for Single Member (page 2 - 3)

Corporate Stock (IRAs may only invest into C Corporations. Solo(k)s may invest into either S or C Corporations.)

- Certificate of Incorporation
- Articles of Incorporation
- Offering Memorandum
- Subscription Agreement, Stock Purchase Agreement and/or any other form the investor is required to sign

Limited Liability Company

- Certificate of Organization/Articles of Organization
- Operating Agreement
- Subscription Agreement, or any other agreement or form the investor is required to sign

Limited Partnership (PENSCO does not accept General Partnership investments)

- Certificate of Partnership
- Articles of Organization
- Limited Partnership Agreement

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SOLO (K) ISSUER REPRESENTATION LETTER FOR SINGLE MEMBER

Terms Defined:

- The "Solo(K) Owner" is referred to as: "Account Owner"
- "Solo (K)" is referred to as: "Account"
- Issuer = Entity 'issuing' or 'sponsoring' the Investment, or an authorized representation thereof.

PENSCO Trust Company (PENSCO) neither endorses nor recommends any investment program nor investment and does not provide any legal, tax, investment, nor other advice with respect to any investment. Furthermore, PENSCO's responsibility is limited. PENSCO will only make investments for a PENSCO Account Owner upon and pursuant to the Account Owner's specific instructions to do so.

Prior to funding an Investment, PENSCO requires that the Investment's Issuer agree to the following by signing page 3:

- I. The Issuer of the investment hereby indemnifies PENSCO and its related entities from any and all legal or financial damages, claims, costs, etc. that may result from legal actions involving the Investment or Issuer to the extent attributable to the fraud, gross negligence, or willful misconduct of the Issuer or the breach of this agreement for the diminution in value, lost profits, or other investment losses.
- II. Issuer agrees to engage and maintain at all times an unrelated Special Advisor to be consulted with respect to any proposed exchange, transfer, provision of goods and services, purchase, sale, income allocation, or other transaction involving the Issuer or its assets for the purposes of determining whether, with respect to any investing IRA or Solo(k) plan, the transaction may be a "prohibited transaction" or "listed transaction," may generate "unrelated business taxable income" or "unrelated debt-financed income," or violate any requirement of Section 408 of the Internal Revenue Code. The Special Advisor shall be a duly licensed certified public accountant or attorney in good standing who is knowledgeable in the foregoing matters. Further, the Issuer's governing document will provide for the existence, appointment, removal, resignation and replacement of the Special Advisor; also, the Issuer's governing document shall include a clause, requiring the Issuer to notify PENSCO's Compliance Department as soon as the services of the Special Advisor are terminated, and the submission of a new Special Advisor Engagement and Representation Letter, naming a replacement Special Advisor; the Issuer agrees not to engage any transactions, etc. as outlined above until a replacement Special Advisor has been appointed. The appointment shall be in writing, substantially in the attached form and an executed copy of which shall be provided to PENSCO.
- III. Issuer agrees to inform PENSCO promptly of any significant change in its legal structure, if it becomes insolvent, or of pending litigation seeking damages greater than \$1,000,000.
- IV. Issuer agrees that all income associated with the Investment made by PENSCO Account Owners will be sent directly to PENSCO in a timely manner for crediting to the appropriate PENSCO Account. Under no circumstances will Issuer distribute principal monies or assets associated with said Investment directly to PENSCO's Account Owners. Issuer hereby indemnifies PENSCO and its related entities and takes full responsibility for any tax, legal, or penalty damages and charges associated with the direct distribution of monies or assets by Issuer to the Account Owner.
- V. Issuer agrees to provide PENSCO with annual (calendar year-end) updates of the fair market value of the Investment listed below as "Investment," as such value may be estimated in good faith by Issuer.
- VI. Issuer agrees to promptly forward to PENSCO for custody purposes the original physical indicia of ownership (such as stock certificates) for the investment made by the IRA(s) in the Issuer.
- VII. Issuer agrees that PENSCO has neither endorsed nor approved the Investment or Issuer and will make no representation to the contrary. Issuer also hereby acknowledges that PENSCO's acceptance of said Investment solely indicates that it meets PENSCO's existing systems and procedures and in no way can be construed to be either an endorsement or evaluation of merit of any kind or an acknowledgment that the investment complies with any sanction, legal authority, or regulatory statute.
- VIII. I acknowledge that written confirmation of purchase is required. If no confirmation is received PENSCO may resign as trustee/custodian.
- IX. Issuer agrees to not use PENSCO's name in advertising, printed or web-based material, or any other form of communication without the express written consent of PENSCO.
- X. Issuer shall not distribute PENSCO IRA Applications, Solo(k) Plan Establishment Kits or other marketing or operative documents to prospective clients without the express written consent of PENSCO.

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INVESTMENT OFFERING INFORMATION (ALL SECTIONS REQUIRED)

Full Name of Offering: _____

Name of Organization Offering the Investment: _____

Valuation/Price (Required to Provide)

Price per share/unit is: \$ _____

Values are reported indicating the investor/capital Account balance

***Price Frequency:**

Annual Quarterly Monthly

Offshore Fund Other _____

Company Contact

First Name: _____ MI: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Country: _____ Postal Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Type: Cell Home Business

Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

ISSUER SIGNATURE

Name of Investment (This might be the name of an LLC, LP or C-Corp)

Name: _____ EIN Number: _____



Issuer Signature (Must be signed by an authorized representative of entity issuing Investment.) Date

Print Name: _____ Title: _____

PENSCO must agree to "accept" the Issuer's offering before any transactions can occur between a PENSCO Account and the Issuer.

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Call 1-800-962-4238

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SOLO(K) SPECIAL ADVISOR ENGAGEMENT LETTER

The undersigned Special Advisor represents that s/he is:

- (1) a duly licensed certified public accountant or attorney in good standing,
- (2) knowledgeable regarding “prohibited transactions” under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (“Code”), authorities applicable to the foregoing, including the Tax Court case Rollins v. Commissioner and Department of Labor Opinion 2006-1A, Internal Revenue “listed transactions,” under Internal Revenue Service Notice 2004-8, “unrelated business taxable income,” “unrelated debt financed income,” and the requirements of Section 408 of the Code and
- (3) unrelated to and unaffiliated with (except as a service provider) any individual whose Individual Retirement Account (“IRA”) or Solo(k) plan invests in _____ (the “Issuer”).

The Special Advisor agrees to review any proposed exchange, transfer or other transaction involving the Issuer or its assets for purposes of determining whether, with respect any IRA or Solo(k) plan that is an investor in the issuer, the transaction may be a “prohibited transaction” or “listed transaction,” may generate “unrelated business taxable income” or “unrelated debt-financed income,” or violate any requirement of Section 408 of the Code. It is then the Special Advisor’s duty to advise the Issuer or any party whose transaction would violate the rules not to proceed, and to the extent possible propose an alternative that would satisfy the rules. Remuneration for the service to be provided is outside the scope of the letter.

 _____
Signature Date

Print Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Country: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Notary Public:



SOLO(K) SINGLE MEMBER COMPANIES PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTMENT AUTHORIZATION

***Do not use this form for Private Debt, Real Estate, Promissory Note Investments secured by Mortgages/Trust Deeds. Always obtain the most current form from our Web site www.pensco.com. Do not copy for future use.**

The items listed in A and B below must be received by PENSCO Trust Company (PENSCO) to begin a review for Administrative Feasibility. If the asset you desire to purchase in your Account has already been reviewed and determined Administratively Feasible, please provide only the documents listed below in B. **Documents and forms will be returned if they are not complete and signed where required.**

A.

- Completed and signed Issuer Representation Letter and Special Advisor Engagement Letter. These forms are required and may not be modified. The Issuer Representation Letter must be signed by the General Partner, Managing Member, Fund Manager, Corporate Officer or an authorized individual for one of the aforementioned.
- Offering materials, including items such as offering memorandums, prospectuses, subscription agreements, etc.
- The role of the Special Advisor must be referenced in the operating agreement.

B.

- PENSCO Account application (if applicable)
- PENSCO Transfer/Rollover Form (if applicable)
- PENSCO Private Equity Investment Authorization Form
- Applicable Subscription Agreement or enrollment documents completed and signed by Account Owner (Must be signed by Account Owner in all locations that PENSCO is required to sign.)

PENSCO will execute subscription documents in its nominee capacity as a directed custodian/trustee; however, Investor Suitability standards/questions (investor accreditation) must be completed and signed by the Account Owner.

ACCOUNT OWNER INFORMATION (All Sections Required)

First Name: _____ MI: _____ Last Name: _____

Primary Daytime Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Secondary Daytime Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Account Number: _____ Number of Units/Shares: _____ Amount \$: _____

If held across multiple Solo(K) sub-Accounts:

Account Number: _____ Number of Units/Shares: _____ Amount \$: _____

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INVESTMENT INSTRUCTIONS (All Sections Required)

Name of Investment: _____

Number of Units/Shares: _____ Price per Unit/Share: _____

Total Percentage of Ownership: _____

Total Amount of Investment \$: _____

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I Authorize PENSCO Trust to (check one):

- Purchase
- Additional Purchase
- Capital Call
- Transfer/Rollover
- Exchange investment _____

FUNDING INSTRUCTIONS (select one below)

Check

Payee Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Country: _____ Postal Code: _____

Wire (Applicable fees will be assessed to your Account.)

Please complete wire instructions below or attach wiring instructions

Bank Name: _____

ABA Number: _____

Bank Account Name: _____

Bank Account Number: _____

Ref Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

Document Delivery Instructions (Select one below)

- Regular Mail (if not received by recipient, PENSCO will charge a \$100.00 special services fee to place a stop payment and/or re-create documents)
- Overnight (charge my PENSCO Account)
- Overnight (use pre-addressed air bill, included)
- Overnight (send via 3rd party billing) Account # _____
 - Fed Ex
 - UPS

****If no box is checked the default will be to overnight at the client's expense. Please refer to the fee schedule for details****

Send documents to (not required if information is same as stated above):

Payee Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Country: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND SIGNATURE

1. I understand that I am responsible, and PENSCO and its related entities are not responsible, for selecting and reviewing the above investment and for determining the suitability, nature, value, risk, safety and merits of the investment that I authorize PENSCO to make for my Account.
2. I verify that I have received and read all pertinent information relating to the investment(s) named herein (i.e., private placement memorandum, purchase agreement, subscription documents, etc.).
3. I acknowledge that no funds will be paid to my PENSCO Account if an exchange from one asset (existing asset) held in my PENSCO Account is made to another issued by the same asset sponsor (new asset). I request that PENSCO update its records to reflect the exchange transaction and the new asset into my Account. I agree to indemnify and hold PENSCO and its related entities,


its affiliates, successors and assigns harmless from any and all claims, damages and losses that may result from such transaction.

4. I understand that distributions or dividends other than cash (i.e., distributions in-kind) paid by this investment are subject to administrative review by PENSICO. In the event that an asset paid as part of a distribution/dividend paid-in-kind, is determined that it is not considered administrative feasible, I may be required to remove the asset from my PENSICO Account by transfer or distribution.
5. I understand that PENSICO and its related entities are not related to or affiliated with the management or selling agent(s) of the investment(s) that I have directed PENSICO to purchase for my Account. I acknowledge that PENSICO has not reviewed, recommended or commented on the investment merits, risks, suitability or management of the asset(s) I have selected and I authorize PENSICO to process this transaction. I therefore agree to release, indemnify, defend, and hold PENSICO and its related entities harmless from any claims arising out of making such investment. I also understand and agree that PENSICO and its related entities will not be responsible to take any action should the investment noted herein become subject to default, including fraud, insolvency, bankruptcy, or other court order or legal process.
6. I understand that PENSICO will request confirmation of purchase as part of its role as custodian of my Account, I also understand and agree that if the asset sponsor of the investment does not provide documentation to confirm this investment, PENSICO may resign as custodian of my Account.
7. I agree that any dispute regarding this investment shall be submitted to binding arbitration pursuant to the Commercial Rules of the American Arbitration Association and the terms of the Custodial Agreement. I understand that the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all legal fees, reasonable costs and expenses and that these shall be in addition to any award of damage or any other relief to which the prevailing party is entitled.
8. I represent that the above investment is not a prohibited transaction, as defined in the Internal Revenue Code and Department of Labor regulations.
9. I acknowledge that this investment is not insured by the FDIC, is not an obligation of or guaranteed by PENSICO and is subject to risk, including the possible loss of principal.
10. I understand that offshore entities are not organized under the laws of the United States and, most likely, are not subject to U.S. regulations and/or legal system. I am aware that I am responsible for all legal matters concerning my Account, and that PENSICO may resign as a directed custodian in the event of future legal proceedings.

The asset sponsor of any offshore fund that I may direct PENSICO to purchase in my Account may require that PENSICO provide additional documentation or other information pursuant to the anti-money laundering or other laws applicable to the asset sponsor in the country in which it operates or is domiciled. The particular requirement of each country and each asset sponsor may differ. It is my responsibility to determine these requirements prior to directing that an offshore investment be purchased in my Account, and by signing this form, I acknowledge that I have done so.

Additionally, the asset sponsor may impose similar requirements for PENSICO related to the processing of this purchase. PENSICO's policy is that it will provide a certification of compliance with United States anti-money laundering/anti-terrorism regulations applicable to PENSICO. If the asset sponsor requires additional information beyond the certification, PENSICO reserves the right to decline to provide such information and to instead characterize the offshore fund investment as no longer administratively feasible. I understand and acknowledge that PENSICO will not be responsible for any consequences resulting from such a determination.

11. I have read and understand the disclosure printed on this form about foreign financial account reporting. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to consult with my tax advisor and to determine if any actions are required on my part as an individual taxpayer with respect to any of the IRS requirements for reporting foreign financial accounts.
12. I agree that this Private Equity Investment Authorization is further subject to all the terms and conditions of the Custodial Agreement. *(Please sign below and provide all requested information)*

 _____
 Account Owner Signature Date

Print Name: _____

Name of Asset: _____ Total Purchase Amount \$: _____

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