# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

-against-

PLATINUM MANAGEMENT (NY) LLC, PLATINUM CREDIT MANAGEMENT, L.P., MARK NORDLICHT, DAVID LEVY, DANIEL SMALL, URI LANDESMAN, JOSEPH MANN, JOSEPH SANFILIPPO, and JEFFREY SHULSE,

Defendants.

Case No.: 1:16-cv-06848-BMC

## DECLARATION OF MICHAEL S. SOMMER IN FURTHER OPPOSITION TO THE RECEIVERS' OMNIBUS MOTION TO CONFIRM CLAIMS DETERMINATIONS

- I, Michael S. Sommer, hereby declare, under penalty of perjury and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, as follows:
- 1. I am an attorney with the law firm of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, P.C. ("Wilson Sonsini"), counsel for Defendant David Levy in the above-captioned action, and a member of the bar of this Court. I respectfully submit this declaration on behalf of Mr. Levy and non-party claimant Wilson Sonsini in further opposition to the Receiver's Omnibus Motion to confirm certain Claims Determinations as denoted in the Motion, including Claims 282-301 filed by Mr. Levy and Claims 313-322 filed by Wilson Sonsini. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein, and if called as a witness I could testify competently to them.

### **PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

2. Attached to this declaration is a true and correct copy of the following exhibit:

EXHIBIT	DESCRIPTION
1	Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Master Fund LP monthly investor update letter ("tear sheet") dated June 2015

### FACTS RELEVANT TO ADJUDICATION OF THE MOTION

- 3. Every invoice submitted to both Platinum and the insurance companies provided a description of the services provided by Wilson Sonsini, making clear how those services were related to Mr. Levy's status as Platinum's co-Chief Investment Officer. The Receiver never once raised any objection about the legal services performed or that they were not sufficiently related to Mr. Levy's status as the Co-Chief Financial Officer of Platinum.
- 4. Mr. Nordlicht signed the Wilson Agreement on behalf of "Platinum Partners," which indisputably covers all of the Receivership Entities. *See* Dec. 13, 2021 Sommer Decl. ¶ 12. And Platinum itself made this clear to its investors and the market when each month it distributed its financial results that identified Platinum Partners as a group of Funds, including PPCO, PPLO, and PPVA, with David Levy as Co-Chief-Investment Officer of all entities.

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

Executed in New York, New York on January 14, 2022.

s/ Michael S. Sommer Michael S. Sommer

# **EXHIBIT 1**

#### **FUND OVERVIEW**

Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Fund International LTD, Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Fund International (A) LTD, Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Fund (TE) LLC (collectively "PPCO") are asset-based investment fund designed to achieve superior risk-adjusted returns irrespective of the direction of broader financial market activity by originating loans and/or making equity investments in markets that are underserved by traditional sources of financing. PPCO conducts its business in various industries, including but not limited to, consumer finance, oil and gas, mining, litigation, receivables finance and secure trade finance. Platinum Credit Management LP (the "Manager") continuously seeks out new strategies it believes can provide superior rates of return to investors.

### FIRM OVERVIEW

Platinum Partners (the "Firm") is a New York based investment management group with more than \$1 Billion in assets under management. The Firm was founded in 2003 by Mark Nordlicht, an investor with over twenty years of experience in the asset management space. The Firm manages multiple funds, including Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Master Fund L.P. ("PPCOMF"); Platinum Partners Value Arbitrage Fund L.P. ("PPVA"); Platinum Partners Liquid Opportunity Master Fund L.P. ("PPLO"); Bayberry Consumer Finance Fund LLC and Bayberry Consumer Finance Fund International Ltd. (collectively, "Bayberry"); Marbridge Energy Finance Fund II LLC and Marbridge Energy Finance Fund International II Ltd. (collectively, "Marbridge II"). Although each of the aforementioned funds have separate investment advisors, Mr. Nordlicht is the CIO of the investment advisors of PPCOMF, PPVA, and PPLO. The CIOs of the investment advisors of Marbridge II and Bayberry are Portfolio Managers of the Firm.

#### MANAGER BIOGRAPHY

Nordlicht has over 20 years of experience in the investment industry and is responsible for oversight of all trading, asset allocation and risk management on behalf of the Platinum-managed funds. Mr. Nordlicht founded Platinum Energy Resources and Platinum Diversified Mining, publicly traded oil & natural gas and mining companies, respectively. Mr. Nordlicht is also the founder and served as non-executive Chairman of Optionable, Inc., a brokerage firm for energy options, until May 1, 2007. From 1997 to 2001, Mr. Nordlicht was a founder and managing partner of West End Capital, a New York-based money management firm. In 1991, Mr. Nordlicht founded Northern Lights Trading and was its general partner until 2000. Northern Lights Trading was a proprietary options firm based in New York which employed traders in the cotton, coffee, natural gas, crude oil, gold, and silver option trading pits. Mr. Nordlicht graduated from Yeshiva University with a B.A. in Philosophy.

Mark Nordlicht is the Chairman and Chief Investment Officer of PPCO. Mr. David Levy serves as Co-Chief Investment Officer of Platinum Partners. Mr. Levy has spent his career as an investment specialist and portfolio manager. Mr. Levy oversees over \$1 billion in total investments and has directly managed over \$250 million in capital. The focus of Mr. Levy's investments is in asset-based lending in a variety of industries, and utilizing credit based strategies to generate returns with less risk than traditional strategies. Mr. Levy co-founded Crius Energy, a publicly listed national retail energy platform currently providing power to over 500,000 RCE's in the United States. Mr. Levy's prior experience also includes time spent in the New York City mayor's office for Mayor Bloomberg and with the Chief Counsels office of Senator Orrin Hatch. Mr. Levy also serves as a member of the International Crisis Group's Advisory Council. Mr. Levy holds a Bachelor of Science in Finance from Yeshiva University.

#### **FUND STATISTICS ±**

**Annualized Standard Deviation: 0.84%** Average Annualized Return 10.42% Firm AUM: \$1.39 Billion **Compounded Average Monthly Return:** \$493 Million 0.82% Monthly Standard Deviation: 0.24% **PPCO Master Fund AUM:** Percentage of positive months (94/95): **Largest Monthly Loss:** PPCO Offshore Funds AUM: \$298 Million 0.40%

	NET MONTHLY RETURNS <sup>1</sup>													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	Cum
2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	+0.72%	+0.97%	+0.90%	+0.74%	+0.94%	4.34%	4.34%
2008	+1.08%	+0.83%	+0.70%	+1.09%	+1.03%	+0.96%	+1.13%	+1.21%	+1.08%	+1.00%	+0.88%	+1.00%	12.67%	17.56%
2009	+2.25%	+1.02%	+0.94%	-0.39%	+0.86%	+0.87%	+0.93%	+0.91%	+1.00%	+0.92%	+1.01%	+0.87%	11.77%	31.40%
2010	+1.12%	+0.83%	+0.96%	+0.96%	+0.80%	+0.86%	+0.83%	+0.86%	+0.70%	+0.65%	+0.69%	+1.10%	10.87%	45.68%
2011	+0.84%	+0.78%	+0.86%	+0.90%	+0.82%	+0.77%	+0.94%	+0.91%	+1.01%	+0.87%	+0.64%	+0.96%	10.80%	61.41%
2012	+0.86%	+0.84%	+0.83%	+0.71%	+0.93%	+0.86%	+0.71%	+0.72%	+0.90%	+0.67%	+0.77%	+0.68%	9.90%	77.40%
2013	+0.72%	+0.65%	+0.79%	+0.74%	+0.68%	+0.78%	+0.63%	+0.72%	+0.82%	+0.85%	+0.78%	+0.70%	9.23%	93.77%
2014	+0.70%	+0.58%	+0.71%	+0.48%	+0.75%	+0.76%	+0.68%	+0.74%	+0.54%	+0.62%	+0.79%	+0.65%	8.30%	109.85%
2015*	+0.69%	+0.63%	+0.90%	+0.92%	+0.51%	+0.54% ±							4.26%	118.80%

<sup>\*</sup>Unaudited; ± Estimated and subject to change

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Class B was created in December 2010. All performance figures prior to December 2010 are representative of other share classes with different investment terms.

The information herein is part of a two page packet which incorporates and is qualified by disclosures on page two. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance.

#### INVESTMENT TERMS

Minimum Investment: \$ 1,000,000 (USD)

New Capital: Monthly Lockup: None

Withdrawal: Quarterly, 6 months' notice required

Management Fee: 2% Incentive Fee: 20%

#### SERVICE PROVIDERS

Administrator: SS&C Technologies, Inc.

Auditor: CohnReznick, LLP

Independent Valuators: Sterling Valuation Group, Inc.
Legal Counsel: Schulte Roth & Zabel, LLP

Transactional Counsel: Wachtel Missry, LLP
Blank Rome, LLP

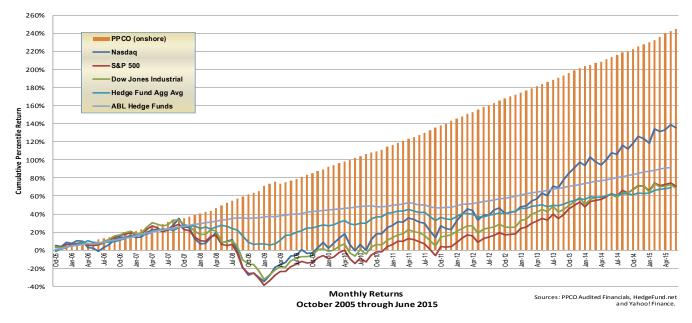
#### PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION \*

#### Metals and Mining Oil and Gas Finance **Retail Energy Finance** 21.6% Finance 16.1% 13.4% Other Receivables Finance 1.2% 23.4% Life Asset Based Settlements inance - Genera Finance 8.9% 18.4% Litigation Alternative **Finance** Energy 10.1% **Finance** 13.9%

#### STRATEGY PERFORMANCE ±

STRATEGY		RETURN	CONTRIBUTION TO FUND
Litigation Finance		-0.39%	-0.03%
Short Term Consumer Finance		1.29%	0.03%
Retail Energy Finance		3.93%	0.41%
Receivables Finance		-1.83%	-0.02%
Life Settlements Finance		-0.24%	-0.04%
Metals and Mining Finance		0.89%	0.16%
Oil and Gas Finance		-0.40%	-0.05%
Alternative Energy Finance		0.50%	0.06%
Asset Based Finance - General		0.35%	0.02%
	Total:		0.54%

#### **PPCO CUMULATIVE RETURNS VS. MAJOR INDICES**



<sup>\*</sup> Please note that due to Fund net payables and the use of leverage, the sum of the percentages of the above listed strategies may exceed 100%. Please also note that the strategy names in the Portfolio Allocation diagram and Strategy Performance table are not intended to provide a complete description of any particular investment or strategy. Furthermore, certain investments may fit into more than one strategy; the Manager will use its discretion in deciding where to list such investments. Additional-ly, strategy names and/or the underlying positions in each strategy may change from time to time at the discretion of the Manager. For details about a specific strategy name or any particular investment, please contact the Manager.

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