Investment Management Alert

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SEC Adopts Final Private Fund Adviser Rule

On August 23, 2023, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) voted 3-2 to adopt a final set of rules and amendments under the U.S. Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (collectively, the Final Rules) that significantly expand the regulatory compliance requirements for certain investment advisers.

The Final Rules impact:

- Registered investment advisers.
- Exempt reporting advisers.
- Private advisers.
- Investment advisers that would not otherwise be required to register with the SEC.

The Final Rules are generally consistent with the rules and amendments that the SEC proposed on February 9, 2022 (collectively, the Proposed Rules).

The SEC made certain material adjustments in the Final Rules in response to objections from fund industry groups, private fund advisers and certain institutional investors. In this alert, we include a blackline highlighting those adjustments, to serve as a reference guide.

Following the release of the Proposed Rules, the SEC received numerous comment letters from fund industry groups, private fund advisers and certain institutional investors raising concerns that the Proposed Rules would:

- Mandate specific terms that historically have been negotiated between sophisticated investors and fund advisers.
- Limit investment options.
- Increase investors' costs.

We will take a more detailed look at the Final Rules in a subsequent alert.