

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

**Subject:** Absolute Return and Alternative Asset Commitments

**Background and Summary:** Under a May 1994 Request for Action, the university may commit to follow-on investments in a new fund sponsored by a previously approved partnership, provided the fund has the same investment strategy and core investment personnel as the prior fund.

Pursuant to that policy, this item reports on the university's follow-on investments with the previously approved partnerships listed below.

**Alternative Asset Commitments**

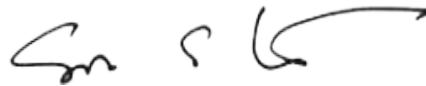
**Eclipse Venture Capital** is a Palo Alto, CA based venture capital firm that will make equity investments in early-stage and early-growth physical industry technology startups. The primary area of focus is the digital transformation of physical industries, which comprise the majority of global GDP and Eclipse believes are critical to national economies. Leveraging the team's deep industry experience – including but not limited to manufacturing, logistics, energy, transportation, construction, and healthcare – Eclipse develops theses to inform investment opportunities and operates with a high-involvement style to collaborate with founders on operational best practices.

In March 2023, the university committed up to \$94.55 million to three Eclipse-sponsored investment vehicles

**Graham Partners** launched its first fund in 1999 to invest in middle-market industrial technology and advanced manufacturing companies headquartered in North America. The firm's flagship investment strategy seeks to generate significant long-term capital returns by taking control positions in industrial companies whose industries are experiencing a conversion. Often partnering with family-owned/operated companies, Graham Partners seeks to work with management teams to create value by delivering relevant market and operational expertise to implement or enhance core business functions and prepare businesses for growth.

In May 2023, the university committed \$50.0 million to a Graham-sponsored fund.

Respectfully submitted,



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