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### APPLICATION BY FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN FLORIDA

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 608.503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO REGISTER A FOREIGN LIMITED LIMBILITY COMPANY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN FLORIDA:

- 1. Name of foreign limited liability company: VESTRUST SECURITIES LLC.
- 2. Jurisdiction under the law of which foreign limited liability company is organized: Delaware.
- 3. Date of organization: March 21, 2002.
- 4. Duration: Perpetual.
- 5. Date first transacted business in Florida: March 21, 2002.
- Street Address of principal office:

355 Alhambra Circle
Suite 1201
Coral Gables, FL 33134

- 7. The limited liability company will be manager-managed.
- 8. The name and usual business address of the managing-member is as follows:

Vestrust Scourities, Inc. 355 Alhambra Circle Suite 1201 Coral Gables, FL 33134

- 9. Attached is an original certificate of existence, no more than 90 days old, duly authenticated by the official having custody of records in the jurisdiction under the law of which it is organized.
- 10. The nature of business or purposes to be conducted or promoted in Florida: To provide securities broker-dealer and related services.

Signature of a member or duthorized representative of a member

Guillermo A. Argumedo
Typed of printed name of signee

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### CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT / REGISTERED OFFICE

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 608.415 OR 608.507, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO DESIGNATE A REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

- 1. Name of foreign limited liability company: VESTRUST SECURITIES LLC.
- 2. The name and Florida street address of the registered agent are:

Corporation Service Company 1201 Hays Street Tallahassee, FL 32301

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated limited liability company at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and completed performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent as provided for in Chapter 608, F.S.

Deborah N. Skippen

(Signature)

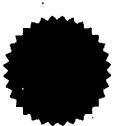
Deborah D. Skipper as its agent

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I, HARRIET SMITH WINDSOR, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "VESTRUST SECURITIES LLC" IS DULY FORMED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND IS IN GOOD STANDING AND HAS A LEGAL EXISTENCE SO FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW, AS OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 2002.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE ANNUAL TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID TO DATE.



Harriet Smith Windsor, Secretary of State

AUTHENTICATION: 1691790

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