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Buy Direction Letter Precious Metals

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Account Owner Information *(As it appears on your account application)*

Legal Name: _____ Vantage Account #: _____
First, Middle, Last

Precious Metals Dealer *(Name, Address, Phone Number, Fax Number of dealer being directed to purchase the precious metals. If cash balance is inadequate, transaction will not be processed.)*

Dealer Name: _____ Phone: _____

Dealer Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Representative: _____

Initial Here to authorize Administrator to accept completion of transaction details for the section below from the dealer named above, without verification by you Read and sign below, and send or fax directly to Administrator's office Administrator will advise the dealer of this authorization and the funds in the IRA, and await confirmation from dealer

Quantity <small>(Number of units, etc.)</small>	Metal Type	Asset Name or Description <small>(U.S. Silver Eagle, 1 oz., etc.)</small>	Proof AM. Eagle?	Troy OZ. Ea.	Price <small>(Per number of units, etc.)</small>	Total Purchase Price <small>(Quantity times Price)</small>
TOTAL						\$

Initial Here to authorize and direct Administrator to buy the asset(s) above for my account.

Transaction Fees

Vantage Account Check *(Made payable to Vantage)* Visa MC Discover AMEX

Name On Card: _____

Card Number: _____ Exp: _____ CVC: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Depository Information

DDSC *(Delaware Depository Service Company)* Other: _____

It is important to select an appropriate depository institution ("depository" or "depositories") where the foreign currency held in my Account will be stored. There are numerous depositories that specialize in storage and safekeeping of foreign currency. I understand that the depository named above by Administrator is simply the depository most frequently utilized by Administrator's clients. In providing the name of this depository, however, Administrator is only providing an accommodating suggestion and is in no way endorsing either the listed depository, its business practices, or its financial stability and longevity. I understand that whether I choose the listed depository or designate my own depository, I have made such decision(s) based on my own research and due diligence. I further understand that if I select another depository other than the one listed, Administrator will need to open an account at said depository which may cause time delays and additional expense(s). I understand that Administrator is not and will not be held responsible for the actions of any depository and I hereby release and hold harmless Administrator and Custodian from any damages that I may incur with respect to my choice of depository and any actions on the part of said depository.

Prior to funding, all transaction documents must be notated “read and approved” with your signature and date. (For example, subscription documents, real estate notes, promissory notes.)

Vantage Retirement Plans, L.L.C. (“Administrator”) performs recordkeeping and administration duties in connection with Account Owner’s self-directed retirement account (the “Account”) on behalf of the custodian (“Custodian”) as set forth in Account Owner’s account application (the “Account Application”). The terms and conditions of this document are incorporated into the Account Application, and the terms and conditions of the Account Application are incorporated herein.

I, the undersigned Account Owner, understand that my Account is self-directed and that Administrator and Custodian will not conduct any investigation or due diligence or review the merits, legitimacy, appropriateness, security, and/or suitability of any investment. I acknowledge that I have not requested that Administrator or Custodian provide, and Administrator and Custodian have not provided, any advice with respect to the investment directive set forth in this Buy Direction Letter. I understand that it is my responsibility to conduct all due diligence and all other investigation that a reasonably prudent investor would undertake prior to making any investment, including, but not limited to, title and lien searches. I understand that neither Administrator nor Custodian determine whether any investment is acceptable under the Employee Retirement Income Securities Act (“ERISA”), the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”), or any applicable federal, state, or local law, including securities laws. I understand that it is my responsibility to review any investments for all investment risks and to ensure compliance with these requirements. I understand and agree that neither Administrator nor Custodian is a “fiduciary” to me or for my Account and/or my investment as such term is defined in the IRC, ERISA, and/or any applicable federal, state, or local law. I agree to release, indemnify, defend, and hold Administrator and Custodian harmless from any claims, including, but not limited to, actions, liabilities, losses, penalties, fines and/or claims by others, arising out of this Buy Direction Letter and/ or this investment, including, but not limited to, claims that an investment is not prudent, proper, diversified, properly secured, or otherwise in compliance with the IRC, ERISA, and/ or any other applicable federal, state, or local law, or any claim related to incomplete or incorrect information provided in this Buy Direction Letter. In the event of a claim by any party related to my account and/or investment wherein Administrator or Custodian is named as a party, Administrator and Custodian have the full and unequivocal right, at their sole discretion, to select their own attorneys to represent them and to deduct from my Account amounts sufficient to pay for any costs and expenses incurred by Administrator or Custodian in connection with such claims and/or litigation, including, but not limited to, all attorneys’ fees and costs, and internal costs (collectively, “Litigation Costs”). If there are insufficient funds in my Account to fully reimburse Administrator and Custodian for all Litigation Costs incurred by Administrator and/or Custodian, upon demand by Administrator and/or Custodian, I will promptly reimburse Administrator and Custodian the outstanding balance of the Litigation Costs. If I fail to promptly reimburse the Litigation Costs, Administrator and Custodian have the full and unequivocal right to freeze my assets, liquidate my assets, and/or initiate legal action to obtain full reimbursement of the Litigation Costs. I also understand and agree that Administrator and Custodian are not required to take any action should there be any default with regard to any investment.

I am directing Administrator to fund this transaction as specified above. I confirm that the decision to buy this asset is in accordance with the rules of my Account, and I agree to hold harmless and without liability Administrator and Custodian for all investment risks under the foregoing hold harmless provision. I understand that no person affiliated with Administrator or Custodian has any authority to agree to anything different than as set forth herein. If any provision of this Buy Direction Letter is found to be illegal, invalid, void, or unenforceable, such provision is severed and such illegality or invalidity does not affect the remaining provisions, which remain in full force and effect. For purposes of this Buy-Direction Letter, the terms Administrator and Custodian include their agents, assigns, joint ventures, licensees, franchisees, affiliates and/or business partners. I declare that I have examined this document, including all accompanying information, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

I understand that all terms and conditions set forth in my Account Application and other documents from Administrator remain in full force and effect.

Transactions with insufficient funds will not be processed until sufficient funds are received. If fees are being deducted from your account, the full amount of the transaction plus fees must be available before your transaction can be processed.

Not Responsible for Market Condition Variances:

I understand that I have instructed Administrator to follow the investment directions set forth in this Buy Direction Letter. I further understand that some transactions that I may direct or instruct Administrator to complete, especially transactions involving commodities such as foreign currency, may be dependent upon the operation of global markets and entities, and there could be fluctuations in price and condition of said investments from the time that I issue a direction letter to Administrator and the time when the transaction is actually completed. I hereby agree to release, indemnify, defend, and hold Administrator and Custodian harmless from any claims regarding fluctuation in prices and/or conditions of any transaction I direct or instruct Administrator to make on my behalf. I further agree to waive any claims that I may have, past, present, or future, known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, with respect to the fluctuation or change in the price or condition of any investment that I direct or instruct Administrator to make from the time I deliver my direction or instruction letter to Administrator until the time the transaction is actually completed. I understand that this hold harmless and release applies equally to Administrator and Custodian.

Account Owner’s Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
(I have read the disclosure above the signature line before signing and dating and agree with its contents.) Page 2 of 4

Private Entity and Unsecured Note Disclaimer and Indemnity Agreement

This Disclaimer and Indemnity Agreement (“the Agreement”) confirms the mutual understanding and agreement between Administrator and the Account Owner (“you”) regarding the proposed investment by your Account in the above-named Entity/Borrower. Your account is referred to in this document as the “Account”, regardless of whether it is a custodial account or a retirement account under Internal Revenue Code (the “IRC”) §401, §408 or §408A, a Coverdell Education Savings Account under IRC §530, or a Health Savings Account under IRC §223. You must sign this agreement and return it to the Administrator prior to making the investment in the Entity/Borrower.

- 1) You understand and agree that neither Custodian nor Administrator approves investments or actions you take or direct Custodian or Administrator to take on behalf of your Account. Custodian and Administrator are limited in their responsibilities under your Account as set forth in your Account Application, and their responsibilities do not include investment, legal, or tax advice or investment selection of any kind.
- 2) You understand and agree that neither Custodian nor Administrator reviews nor approves any subscription agreement, operating agreement, by-laws, limited or general partnership agreement, annuity agreement, or any other similar agreement regarding the purchase or operation of the Entity/Borrower and has no obligation to you in this regard.
- 3) You represent that you have completed all required due diligence on the Entity/Borrower. You understand and agree that neither Custodian nor Administrator makes any attempt to evaluate the Entity/Borrower. For example, they make no attempt to: check the financial strength of the Entity/Borrower, check with the Secretary of State to see if the Entity/Borrower is in good standing, or check with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Better Business Bureau, or any other governmental or non-governmental agency regarding any complaints filed against the Entity/Borrower. You, as the owner of the Account, are 100% responsible for evaluating the Entity/Borrower, its operations, and the investment potential of the Entity/Borrower, including taking the steps described in the preceding sentence.

Retirement Accounts Only:

- 4) You understand and agree that you are solely responsible for making sure that the Entity/Borrower was not formed and will not operate in a way that does or may lead to a Prohibited Transaction as that term is defined in IRC §4975.
- 5) You understand and agree that you are responsible for confirming that none of the “disqualified persons” with respect to your Account are associated in any way with the Entity/Borrower. You understand and agree that if the Entity/Borrower becomes a “disqualified person” (as that term is defined in IRC §4975) upon funding (this may occur, for example, if your Account and other disqualified persons, including you personally, own more than 50% of the Entity), then any future mandatory capital calls may be considered a Prohibited Transaction. As with any Prohibited Transaction, if this occurs, your Account may be deemed to be distributed to you as of January 1 of the year in which your Account contributes the additional capital, and penalties may apply. Therefore, by signing this agreement, you indemnify and hold harmless Administrator, its officers, directors, shareholders, and employees against any liability associated with funding a capital call which is or may be a Prohibited Transaction.
- 6) You understand and agree that neither Custodian nor Administrator has given you any tax advice regarding the possibility that your Account may be subject to Unrelated Business Income Tax (“UBIT”) as a result of its investment in the Entity/Borrower. If your Account owes UBIT on its profits from the Entity/Borrower, you agree to prepare or cause to be prepared and filed a IRS Form 990T, and any similar filing required under applicable state laws, for each year with respect to which any such form is required, and to cause your Account to pay any UBIT that is reported in such forms. You understand and agree that any UBIT owed must come from funds belonging to the Account. Your agreement to indemnify and hold harmless, as above, includes liability of the parties named therein with respect to UBIT and the preparation and filing of IRS Form 990T and similar state tax filings.
- 7) You agree and understand that Administrator is required to report the fair market value of the Account to the Internal Revenue Service each year. You agree to obtain a fair market value for the Account’s investment in the Entity/Borrower as of December 31 each year and report this information to Administrator on a form approved by Administrator no later than January 15 of the following year. You understand and agree that Administrator is entitled to rely on the valuation provided by you for reporting purposes and bears no responsibility as to the accuracy of the information provided. You understand and agree that until a different valuation is reported to Administrator, the value of the investment in the Entity/Borrower will be reported based on the Account’s total investment in the Entity/ Borrower. This valuation information is also reported to the IRS on Form 5498. You understand and agree that if you fail to provide a fair market value to Administrator as required, Administrator may withdraw as Administrator of your Account and distribute any assets to you or to a successor Custodian.
- 8) You represent that you understand that with some types of Accounts there are rules for required minimum distributions from the Account. If you are now subject to the required minimum distribution rules for your Account, or if you will become subject to those rules during the term of the investment, you represent that you have verified either that the Entity provides distributions that will be sufficient to cover each required minimum distribution, or that there are other assets in your Account, or in other accounts that you may access for this purpose, that are sufficiently liquid (including cash) from which you will be able to withdraw your required minimum distributions as they become required.
- 9) You understand and agree that if the Plan Asset Regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Labor (29 C.F.R § 2510.3-101) apply, the Entity is disregarded for purposes of the Prohibited Transaction rules of IRC §4975. In that case, the underlying assets of the Entity are considered to be the assets in which your Account is investing, and each of the statements above regarding the Entity must be true with regard to each of the assets that the Entity invests in. You represent that you either understand the Plan Asset Regulations and Interpretive Bulletin 75-2 or that you have sought competent legal counsel regarding the Plan Asset Regulations and Interpretive Bulletin 75-2 (29 C.F.R § 209.75-2) and their potential application to the Entity, prior to making your investment decision.

Private Entity and Unsecured Note Instruction Letter

Administrator has received instructions from the above referenced Account Owner concerning an investment in the above named entity (the "Entity") through his or her Account. The account to be invested is referred to in this document as the "Account", regardless of whether it is a retirement account under Internal Revenue Code (the "IRC") §401, §408 or §408A, a Coverdell Education Savings Account under IRC §530, or a Health Savings Account under IRC §223. The following instructions must be followed to ensure compliance with both IRS requirements and Administrator policy.

- 1) Contact information and the correct mailing address for this investment should be listed as follows in your records:

Attn: Vantage Retirement Plans, LLC
Address: 8742 E. Via de Commercio
City, State, Zip: Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Phone: 866.459.4580
Fax: 480.306.8408

All notices concerning the investment in the Entity should be sent to Administrator at the above address, with a copy to the Account Owner. Any questions pertaining to the Account should be referred to Administrator.

- 2) Because of federal privacy laws, Administrator is not able to answer third party inquiries about the Account unless the Account Owner has filed with Administrator an original Interested Party Designation or Power of Attorney giving the person making the inquiry authority to obtain information on the Account.
- 3) The Account Owner may not personally guarantee on behalf of the Account any indebtedness of the Entity to a third party nor may the Account Owner guarantee any indebtedness of the Account to the Entity.
- 4) If this investment is for accredited investors only, the Account Owner, in his or her capacity as the beneficiary of the Account, must sign any required accredited investor certifications.

Retirement Accounts Only:

- 5) All vestings to read: **Vantage FBO [First and Last Name] [Vantage Account Number]**
- 6) Administrator requires the employer identification number (the E.I.N.) for the Entity. Please provide us this information for our records prior to our funding this investment.

Do not use the Account Owner's personal social security number with respect to this investment for any purpose.

If the Account is an investor to which a K-1 or similar tax document will be issued, please use the following E.I.N.: 20-6350474

If the Account is a 100% owner of the Entity, the Entity must apply for its own E.I.N. It is not permitted under the Administrator policy to use the E.I.N. listed above for any purpose other than the issuance of a K-1 or similar tax document to the Account.

- 7) Original stock certificates, membership certificates, or other proof of ownership showing the proper vesting must be sent to and held by Administrator on behalf of the Custodian and the Account.
- 8) All payments, income, distributions, or payoffs for this investment must be sent to Administrator for the benefit of the Account. Under the Internal Revenue Code, it is never acceptable to send funds directly to the Account Owner (or the Account Owner's nominee or designee).
- 9) As the owner of the investment on behalf of the Account, Administrator (who is acting on behalf of Custodian in this respect) must be notified promptly of any change in address, telephone number, or company status (such as bankruptcy filings, regulatory agency investigations or litigation).
- 10) If the Account Owner dies, requests a distribution of the asset, converts the IRA to a Roth IRA, obtains a divorce in which the Account is awarded to the Account Owner's former spouse, or changes the Custodian or Administrator of the Account, it may be necessary to change the ownership and address listed as the investor in the Entity. In any of these events, Administrator, the Account Owner, or the successor to a deceased Account Owner in the case of death, will provide written notice of any such change. You will be required to change your records to reflect the new information at that time.
- 11) In the event that future capital contributions to the Entity are required or desired (and provided the Account Owner determines that the capital call is not a prohibited transaction under Internal Revenue Code §4975 and there are sufficient funds in the Account), all funds must come from the Account. The Account Owner may not advance funds on behalf of the Account.