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Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for your interest in the Variant Alternative Income Fund. This document contains the new account application that is required to invest in the fund. Please fax your completed application to (414) 299-2178 or scan and email to operations@variantinvestments.com.

Upon the creation of your account, you will be contacted by a Variant Investments representative with your UMB account number and to verify wire instructions.

Please send wires to:

Bank: UMB Bank, n.a.
Address: 1010 Grand Boulevard
Kansas City, MO 64106
ABA: 101000695
DDA: 9872318773
Account name: Variant Alternative Income Fund
Further Credit to: Account name and UMB account number

Please note that wires received by UMBFS will be returned after 24 hours if sent before applications are in good order. Please confirm the status of your application by calling UMBFS at (877) 770-7717 before sending any wires.

Once the account is open, wires received before 1 pm Pacific will purchase shares in the Variant fund at the NAV closing price of the same day. Please send the wire reference number to operations@variantinvestments.com so we can ensure successful receipt of the wire.

Questions? Please email operations@variantinvestors.com or call (503) 563-0700.



New Account Application

Use this New Account Application to open an individual, joint, UGMA/UTMA, trust, or corporate account.

IMPORTANT:

To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. When you open an account, you will be asked for your name, date of birth (for a natural person), your residential address or principal place of business, and mailing address, if different, as well as your Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number. Additional information is required for corporations, partnerships and other entities. Applications without such information will not be considered in good order. The Fund reserves the right to deny an application if it is not in good order. Please note that the value of your account may be transferred to the appropriate state if no activity occurs in the account within the time period specified by state law.

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Please send completed form to:

Regular Mail Delivery

Variant Alternative Income Fund
PO Box 2175
Milwaukee WI 53201 -2175

Overnight Delivery

Variant Alternative Income Fund
C/O UMB Fund Services, Inc
235 W Galena Street
Milwaukee WI 53212

PART I: OWNER INFORMATION

Please choose the appropriate section to complete based upon the Account type you wish to establish. Note, if you are completing Section D, it is required that you provide beneficial owner information and authorized Controlling Individual.

Section A:

Individual or Joint* (may not be a minor)

Name: _____ Taxpayer ID Number: _____

Residence Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

**fill out section below if joint account*

Name: _____ Taxpayer ID Number: _____

Residence Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Section B:

Uniform Gift/Transfers to Minor Account (UGMA, UTMA)

Minor Name: _____ Minor Taxpayer ID Number: _____

Minor Residence Address: _____

Minor Date of Birth: _____

Custodian Name: _____ Custodian Taxpayer ID Number: _____

(Section B continued)

Custodian Residence Address: _____

Custodian Mailing Address: _____

Custodian Primary Phone: _____ Custodian Email Address: _____

Custodian Date of Birth: _____

Section C:

Trust

Note: For a Statutory Trust, please complete the Entity section below.

Photocopy of the title page and signature page of Trust documents required.

Name of Trust: _____ Date of Trust: _____

Trust Tax ID Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Trustee: _____ Trust Tax ID Number: _____

Residence Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Additional Trustee: _____ Additional Trust Tax ID Number: _____

Residence Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Section D: Entity (choose from one of the following):

Statutory Trust **C-Corporation** **S-Corporation** **Partnership** **Government**

Other Entity: _____

Limited Liability Company (LLC) Classified for tax purposes by one of the following:

Partnership **S-Corporation** **C-Corporation**

Organization documentation required such as articles of incorporation. If a Statutory Trust, please include entire trust instrument.

Check if appropriate: I am an exempt recipient as defined under U.S. federal income tax regulations (e.g., C-Corporation, financial institution, registered broker-dealer, or tax exempt organization).

Exempt payee code: _____ **Note:** Please see IRS Form W-9 for a list of exempt payee codes.

Name of Entity: _____

Entity Tax ID Number: _____

Permanent Address: _____

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Mailing Address: _____

(Section D continued)

Certification of Beneficial Owners for Legal Entity Clients

This information is required by federal regulations as a means to identify and document information for individuals who own and/or control a legal entity.

To help the government fight financial crime, federal regulation requires certain financial institutions to obtain, verify, and record information about the beneficial owners of legal entity customers. A legal entity includes a corporation, limited liability company, or other entity that is created by a filing of a public document with a Secretary of State or similar office, a general partnership, and any similar business entity formed in The United States of America or a foreign country. A legal entity does not include sole proprietorships, unincorporated associations, or natural persons opening accounts on their own behalf.

Do not complete if the entity is publicly traded on an exchange or subject to ERISA.

Beneficial Owners

Identify each individual who owns—directly or indirectly through any agreement, arrangement, understanding, relationship, or otherwise—25% or more of the equity interests of the legal entity.

Check this box if no individual owns 25% or more of the legal entity and that you will inform the Fund if/when an individual assumes 25% or more ownership.

Beneficial Owner 1:

Name: _____

Residence Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Taxpayer ID Number: _____

Beneficial Owner 2:

Name: _____

Residence Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Taxpayer ID Number: _____

Beneficial Owner 3:

Name: _____

Residence Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Taxpayer ID Number: _____

Beneficial Owner 4:

Name: _____

Residence Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Taxpayer ID Number: _____

Authorized Controlling Individual

Provide information for one individual with significant responsibility for managing the legal entity (ex: CEO, CFO, managing member, general partner, president, treasurer, etc.).

Name: _____

Residence Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Taxpayer ID Number: _____

PART II: DUPLICATE ACCOUNT STATEMENT

Yes, please send duplicate statements to:

Name: _____

Residence Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

PART III: PAYMENT METHOD

You can open your account using any of these methods. The minimum initial purchase is \$25,000 for the investor class and \$1,000,000 for the institutional class. Please check your choice:

- By Check** Enclose a check payable to Variant for the total amount.

- By Wire*** Bank: UMB Bank, n.a.
 ABA: 101000695
 DDA: 9872318773
 For Credit to: Variant Alternative Income Fund
 Further Credit to: Account name, account number, account registration

*If investing by wire, please contact Shareholder Services at 877.770.7717 to obtain the account number and include that on the wire.

PART IV: INVESTMENT SELECTION

Name of Investment	Share Class (if applicable)	Allocation
1. Variant Alternative Income Fund (Institutional)	NICHX	(\$1 million minimum) \$ _____
2. Variant Alternative Income Fund (Investor)	UNIQX	(\$25,000 minimum) \$ _____
		TOTAL: \$ _____

PART V: DIVIDEND AND CAPITAL GAINS INSTRUCTIONS

All dividends will be reinvested unless one of the following is checked.

- Send all dividends and capital gains to the address in Part I.
- Send all dividends and capital gains to the bank listed in Part VII.

PART VI: COST BASIS ELECTION

The Fund is responsible for tracking and reporting to the IRS your realized gains and losses on covered shares. In general, these are shares acquired on or after Jan. 1, 2012. Purchases or transfers made into your account with shares acquired prior to January 1, 2012, are referred to as noncovered shares. For all methods except Specific Identification, the fund redeems noncovered shares first until they are depleted and then applies your elected method to your remaining covered shares.

The Fund's default tax lot identification method is FIFO (first-in, first-out), which means the first Fund shares you acquire are the first Fund shares sold. You may choose another method below. Note: IRS Regulations do not permit the change of the method on a settled trade. If you are using average cost as your method, by signing this application you agree to use the fair market value of the shares if the gift is at a loss.

- I choose the funds default method of FIFO
- I choose a method other than FIFO (select a method below)
 - HIFO –Highest in, First Out

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- LIFO – Last in, First Out
- Specific Identification
- Average Cost

If no option is selected above, your account will use the Fund's default method. If your account cost basis method is Average Cost, whether by election or default, and you are receiving a gift, you agree to receive that gift at FMV if received at a loss.

PART VII: ACCOUNT SERVICE OPTIONS

Automatic investment program *(The completion of this section is optional)* This option provides an automatic investment into your account by transferring money directly from your bank account via ACH (Automated Clearing House) on a scheduled basis. The automatic investment program may require a minimum deposit. Other account restrictions may also apply. Please provide all of your bank account information AND attach a voided check or deposit slip.

Frequency:

Choose one*: Monthly or Quarterly **Choose one*:** 5th 10th 15th 20th or 25th Begin date (month/year): _____

**If no time frame or date is specified investments will be made monthly on the 15th. Your first automatic investment will occur no sooner than 15 days after receipt of this application*

Investment Information:

Fund Name: _____ Amount (\$): _____

Bank Account Information Provide information about your checking or savings account to establish an automatic investment program by ACH. Please select one of the following:

Attach a voided check or deposit slip for your bank account. **Please use tape; do not staple.**

Provide information about your bank account below.

Enter your checking or savings account information: Account Type: Checking Savings

Name: _____

Name of Bank: _____ Bank's Phone Number: _____

Bank Address: _____ ABA Routing Number: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name(s) on Bank Account: _____ Bank Account Number: _____

John and Jane Doe 123 Any Street Anytown, USA 12345	Date _____	1003
PAY TO THE ORDER OF _____	Tape your voided check or preprinted deposit slip here. Please do <u>not</u> use staples.	\$ _____ DOLLARS
BANK NAME BANK ADDRESS		
MEMO _____		

Telephone Transactions This option provides the ability to conduct purchase and redemption transactions by telephone. You will automatically be granted telephone redemption privileges unless you decline them by checking below. If you decline, you will be required to submit a Medallion signature guaranteed letter of instruction signed by all registered account owners to add telephone transaction privileges in the future.

I decline telephone redemption privileges. All requests to redeem shares from this account must be submitted in writing.

PART VIII: FOR DEALER USE ONLY

Representative's Full Name: _____

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Representative's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Financial Institution Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Representative's Branch Office Telephone Number: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Dealer Number: _____ Branch Number: _____ Representative Number: _____

PART IX: ACCREDITED INVESTOR STATUS

I certify that I am an "accredited investor" at the time of my investment in the Fund because I satisfy one or more of the categories of qualified client listed below.

The subscriber is: (write corresponding letter(s) in box provided)

- A.** A natural person who individually or together with a spouse has a "net worth" in excess of \$1.0 million. For purposes of determining net worth, (i) the person's primary residence shall not be included as an asset; (ii) indebtedness that is secured by the person's primary residence, up to the estimated fair market value of the primary residence at the time of the proposed subscription date, shall not be included as a liability (except that if the amount of such indebtedness outstanding at the proposed subscription date exceeds the amount outstanding 60 days before such date, other than as a result of the acquisition of the primary residence, the amount of such excess shall be included as a liability); and (iii) indebtedness that is secured by the person's primary residence in excess of the estimated fair market value of the primary residence at the proposed subscription date shall be included as a liability;
- B.** A natural person who had a gross individual gross income in excess of \$200,000 (or joint income together with a spouse in excess of \$300,000) in each of the two previous years and reasonably expects a gross individual income in excess of \$200,000 (or joint income together with a spouse in excess of \$300,000) this year;
- C.** An entity who has total assets in excess of \$5,000,000 AND was not formed for the specific purpose of acquiring the securities offered, AND is any of the following:
- a corporation;
 - a partnership;
 - a Massachusetts or similar business trust; OR
 - an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code **D.** An entity who is any of the following:
 - a trust, not formed for the specific purpose of acquiring the securities offered, with total assets in excess of \$5,000,000 and whose purchase is directed by a sophisticated person;
 - a bank, or any savings and loan association or other institution acting in its individual or fiduciary capacity; • a broker or dealer;
 - an insurance company;
 - an investment company or a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended;
 - a private business development company under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940;
 - a Small Business Investment Company licensed by the U.S. Small Business Administration;
 - a plan established and maintained by a State or any of its political subdivisions or any agency or instrument thereof for the benefit of its employees and has total assets in excess of \$5,000,000;
 - an employee benefit plan within the meaning of ERISA, and the investment decision to acquire Shares has been made by a plan fiduciary, as defined in section 3(21) of ERISA, which is either a bank, savings and loan association, insurance company or registered investment adviser;
 - an employee benefit plan within the meaning of ERISA, and has total assets in excess of \$5,000,000 or, if a self directed plan, with investment decisions made solely by persons that are "accredited investors."
 - An IRA plan where grantor is an "accredited investor." The fund, in its sole discretion may request information regarding the basis on which such grantor is an "accredited investor."
- E.** An entity in which all of the beneficial owners are investors described in one or more categories A through D above.

PART X: DOCUMENTATION OPTIONS

We generally deliver a single copy of most annual and semi-annual reports and prospectuses to investors who share the same address and last name. By signing this application, you consent to the delivery of one report and prospectus to the same address unless you indicate otherwise below. You

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have the right to revoke this consent at any time by calling or writing the Fund at the telephone number or address shown on the first page. The Fund will begin sending you individual copies of these mailings within 30 days after you revoke your consent.

I want to receive individually addressed investor documents at the same address.

PART XI: PRIVACY NOTICE

The Funds collect non-public information about you from the following sources:

- Information we receive about you on the application form or other forms;
- Information you give us orally; and/or
- Information about your transactions with us or others.

We do not disclose any non-public personal information about our shareholders or former shareholders without the shareholder’s authorization, except as permitted by law or in response to inquiries from governmental authorities. We may share information with affiliated and unaffiliated third parties with whom we have contracts for servicing the Fund. We will provide unaffiliated third parties with only the information necessary to carry out their assigned responsibilities. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards to guard your non-public personal information and require third parties to treat your personal information with the same high degree of confidentiality. In the event that you hold shares of the Fund through a financial intermediary, including, but not limited to, a broker-dealer, bank, or trust company, the privacy policy of your financial intermediary would govern how your non-public personal information would be shared by those entities with unaffiliated third parties.

PART XII: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND SIGNATURE *Note: This application will not be processed unless signed below by all account owners/trustees. For UGMA/UTMAs, the custodian should sign.*

By signing below:

- I certify that I have received and read the current Prospectus and Privacy Notice of the Fund in which I am investing and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions. I certify that I have the authority and legal capacity to make this purchase and that I am of legal age in my state of residence.
- I authorize the Fund and its agents to act upon instructions (by phone, in writing or other means) believed to be genuine and in accordance with the procedures described in the Prospectus for this account. I agree that neither the Funds nor the transfer agent will be liable for any loss, cost or expense for acting on such instructions.
- I certify that I am not a Foreign Financial Institution as defined in the USA Patriot Act.

By completing Part XII and signing below:

I authorize credits/debits to/from the bank account referenced in conjunction with the account options selected. I agree that the Fund shall be fully protected in honoring any such transaction. I also agree that the Fund may take additional attempts to credit/debit my account if the initial attempt fails and I will be liable for any associated costs. All account options selected (if any) shall become part of this application and the terms, representations and conditions thereof.

By selecting the box below, I am certifying that I am **NOT** a U.S. Citizen.

I am a Resident Alien

REQUEST FOR TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (Substitute Form W-9)

Under penalty of perjury, I certify that:

- 1. The Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number shown on this application is correct.**
- 2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding; or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends; or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding.**
- 3. I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).**
- 4. I am exempt from FATCA reporting.**

Certification Instructions: You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN.

The Internal Revenue Service does not require your consent to any provision of this document other than the certifications required to avoid backup withholding.

Signature of Owner, Trustee or Custodian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Joint Owner, Trustee or Custodian: _____ Date: _____

Additional Owner's Signature (if applicable): _____ Date: _____