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### U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

## Hedge Fund Manager to Pay \$44 Million for Illegal Trading in Chinese Bank Stocks

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Washington, D.C., Dec. 12, 2012 — The Securities and Exchange Commission today charged the manager of two New York-based hedge funds with conducting a pair of trading schemes involving Chinese bank stocks and making \$16.7 million in illicit profits. He and his firms have agreed to pay \$44 million to settle the SEC's charges.

#### **Additional Materials**

#### > SEC Complaint

The SEC alleges that Sung Kook "Bill" Hwang, the founder and portfolio manager of Tiger Asia Management and Tiger Asia Partners, committed insider trading by short selling three Chinese bank stocks based on confidential information they received in private placement offerings. Hwang and his advisory firms then covered the short positions with private placement shares purchased at a significant discount to the stocks' market price. They separately attempted to manipulate the prices of publicly traded Chinese bank stocks in which Hwang's hedge funds had substantial short positions by placing losing trades in an attempt to lower the price of the stocks and increase the value of the short positions. This enabled Hwang and Tiger Asia Management to illicitly collect higher management fees from investors.

In a parallel action, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey today announced criminal charges against Tiger Asia Management.

"Hwang today learned the painful lesson that illegal offshore trading is not off-limits from U.S. law enforcement, and tomorrow's would-be securities law violators would be well-advised to heed this warning," said Robert Khuzami, Director of the SEC's Division of Enforcement.

Sanjay Wadhwa, Associate Director of the SEC's New York Regional Office and Deputy Chief of the Enforcement Division's Market Abuse Unit, added, "Hwang betrayed his duty of confidentiality by trading ahead of the private placements, and betrayed his fiduciary obligations when he defrauded his investors by collecting fees earned from his attempted manipulation scheme."

The SEC also charged Raymond Y.H. Park for his roles in both schemes as the head trader of the two hedge funds involved – Tiger Asia Fund and Tiger Asia Overseas Fund. Park, who lives in Riverdale, N.Y., also agreed to settle the SEC's charges. Hwang lives in Tenafly, N.J.

According to the SEC's complaint filed in federal court in Newark, N.J., from December 2008 to January 2009, Hwang and his advisory firms participated in two private placements for Bank of China stock and one private placement for China Construction Bank stock. Before disclosing material nonpublic information about the offerings, the placement agents required wall-crossing agreements from Park and the firms to keep the information confidential and refrain from trading until the transaction took place. Despite agreeing to those terms, Hwang ordered Park to make short sales in each stock in the days prior to the private placement. Hwang and his

firms illegally profited by \$16.2 million by using the discounted private placement shares they received to cover the short sales they had entered into based on inside information about the placements.

The SEC further alleges that on at least four occasions from November 2008 to February 2009, Hwang and his firms, with Park's assistance, attempted to manipulate the month-end closing prices of Chinese bank stocks publicly listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. These stocks were among the largest short position holdings in the hedge funds' portfolios. The more assets the hedge funds had under management, the greater the management fee that Tiger Asia Management was entitled to collect. So Hwang directed Park to place losing trades in order to depress the stock prices, which would inflate the calculation of the management fees. Hwang and Tiger Asia Management made approximately \$496,000 in fraudulent management fees through this scheme.

The SEC's complaint charges Hwang, his firms, and Park with violations of Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 as well as Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933. Hwang and his firms also are charged with violating Sections 206(1), 206(2), and 206(4) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and Rule 206(4)-8, and Park is charged with aiding and abetting those violations.

The settlements, which are subject to court approval, require Hwang, Tiger Asia Management, and Tiger Asia Partners to collectively pay \$19,048,787 in disgorgement and prejudgment interest — including \$16,257,918 that Tiger Asia Management will pay directly to criminal authorities. Each of them has agreed to pay a penalty of \$8,294,348 for a grand total of \$44 million. Park agreed to pay \$39,819 in disgorgement and prejudgment interest, and a penalty of \$34,897. With the exception of Tiger Asia Management, the defendants neither admit nor deny the charges.

The SEC's investigation was conducted by Thomas P. Smith, Jr., Sandeep Satwalekar, and Amelia A. Cottrell of the SEC's Market Abuse Unit in New York, and Frank Milewski of the New York Regional Office. The SEC appreciates the assistance of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service, the Japanese Securities and Exchange Surveillance Commission, and the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission.

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The SEC has filed more than 175 insider trading actions since October 2009 charging more than 400 individuals and entities. The defendants in these actions are alleged to have made more than \$905 million in illicit gains comprised of profits and avoidance of losses.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

-against- : <u>COMPLAINT</u>

TIGER ASIA MANAGEMENT, LLC, : ECF CASE

SUNG KOOK (a/k/a BILL) HWANG, and

RAYMOND Y.H. PARK

Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), for its Complaint against defendants Tiger Asia Management, LLC ("Tiger Management"), Tiger Asia Partners, LLC ("Tiger Partners"), Sung Kook (a/k/a Bill) Hwang ("Hwang"), and Raymond Y.H. Park ("Park") (collectively, "Defendants"), alleges as follows:

Defendants.

#### **SUMMARY**

1. This case involves insider trading and attempted manipulative trading by Hwang, the sole principal and portfolio manager of two unregistered funds advised by Tiger Management and Tiger Partners, and Hwang's head trader, Park. In December 2008 and January 2009, the Defendants entered into "wall-crossing" agreements for three private placements of Chinese bank stocks, subsequently violated the wall-crossing

agreements by short selling the Chinese bank stocks, and then covered these short positions with private placement shares purchased at a discount. This illegal trading resulted in profits to the funds advised by Tiger Management and Tiger Partners of approximately \$16.2 million.

2. Also, starting in November 2008 and continuing through February 2009, Hwang, Tiger Management, and Tiger Partners, aided and abetted by Park, misappropriated fund assets by placing losing trades in Chinese bank stocks in which the funds had substantial short positions, in an attempt to manipulate the price of these stocks at month's end to inflate the calculation of management fees. The attempted manipulative trading scheme earned Tiger Management approximately \$496,000 in fraudulent management fees.

#### NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND RELIEF SOUGHT

3. The Commission brings this action pursuant to the authority conferred upon it by Section 20(b) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. § 77t(b)], Section 21(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)], and Section 209(d) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 ("Advisers Act") [15 U.S.C. § 80b-9(d)]. The Commission seeks permanent injunctions against each of the Defendants, enjoining them from engaging in the transactions, acts, practices, and courses of business alleged in this Complaint, and disgorgement of ill-gotten gains, including profits realized and losses avoided, from the unlawful activity set forth in this Complaint, together with prejudgment interest. The Commission also seeks civil penalties pursuant to Section 21A of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u-1] and Section 209(e) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-9(e)]. Finally, the Commission seeks any

other relief that the Court may deem appropriate pursuant to Section 21(d)(5) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78(u)(d)(5)].

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 4. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Sections 20(b), 20(d), and 22(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 77t(b), 77t(d), and 77v(a)]; Sections 21(d), 21(e), and 27 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 78u(d), 78u(e), and 78aa]; and Sections 209(d) and 214 of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-9 and 80b-14].
- 5. Venue lies in this Court pursuant to Sections 20(b) and 22(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 77t(b) and 77v(a)]; Sections 21(d), 21A, and 27 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 78u(d), 78u-1, and 78aa]; and Section 214 of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-14]. Certain of the acts, practices, transactions, and courses of business alleged in this Complaint occurred within the District of New Jersey, and were effected, directly or indirectly, by making use of the means or instrumentalities of transportation or communication in interstate commerce, or of the mails. During the time of the conduct at issue, Hwang resided in New Jersey and placed and received telephone calls from his residence relating to certain of the acts, practices, transactions, and courses of business alleged in this Complaint.

#### **DEFENDANTS**

6. **Hwang**, age 48, resides in Tenafly, New Jersey. During the relevant period, he was the sole principal and portfolio manager of Tiger Asia Fund, L.P. and Tiger Asia Overseas Fund, Ltd. (collectively, the "Funds"). Hwang made all investment and disclosure decisions for the Funds, and was compensated for acting as the Funds' portfolio manager. Hwang has held Series 7, 24 and 63 licenses.

- 7. **Tiger Management** is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in New York, New York. During the relevant period, Tiger Management served as the unregistered investment adviser and investment manager to Tiger Asia Overseas Fund, Ltd., and was responsible for administrative matters relating to the Tiger Asia Fund, L.P. Hwang owns and controls Tiger Management.
- 8. **Tiger Partners** is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in New York, New York. During the relevant period, Tiger Partners served as the unregistered investment adviser and general partner of Tiger Asia Fund L.P. Hwang owns and controls Tiger Partners.<sup>1</sup>
- 9. **Park**, age 40, resides in Riverdale, New York. During the relevant period, Park was an employee of Tiger Management and was the head trader for the Funds. During the relevant period, Park served as the point of contact for investment banks soliciting the Funds to participate in private placements. Park reported to Hwang and executed Hwang's trading instructions; Park had no trading authority himself. Park has held Series 7, 55 and 63 licenses.

#### **FACTS**

#### **Chinese Bank Private Placements**

10. Between December 2008 and January 2009, Tiger Asia participated in three private placements for the securities of two Chinese banks: two for Bank of China ("BOC") and one for China Construction Bank ("CCB") (collectively "the Chinese Bank Placements").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Tiger Management, Tiger Partners, and the Funds will collectively be referred to as "Tiger Asia."

- 11. In each instance, an investment banking placement agent ("IBPA") approached Park and inquired about Tiger Asia's interest in participating in the private placement. Prior to providing Park with the details of the transaction, the IBPA required that Park, on behalf of Tiger Asia, be "wall-crossed" meaning that Tiger Asia agreed to keep the disclosed information confidential and to refrain from trading in the relevant securities until the transaction took place or was canceled.
- 12. In each instance Park, from his office in New York, New York, agreed on behalf of Tiger Asia to be wall-crossed in telephone conversations with the IBPA. It is well understood in the investment industry an industry in which Hwang and Park have obtained licenses and have spent their careers that the information provided about the Chinese Bank Placements was material nonpublic information that Tiger Asia would receive only upon agreeing to not share or trade while in possession of the information.
- 13. Following the wall-crossing conversations with the IBPAs, Park told Hwang about each of the Chinese Bank Placement offers while Hwang was in his office in New York, New York or in his home in Tenafly, New Jersey.
- 14. After receiving this information from Park, Hwang ordered Park to short sell the relevant stock on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange ("HKSE") in the days prior to each Chinese Bank Placement. During the relevant period, Hong Kong was thirteen hours ahead of Eastern Time ("ET"), and the HKSE had a morning session from 9:00 pm to 11:30 pm ET, an afternoon session from 1:30 am to 3:00 am ET, and a ten minute auction period after the close of the afternoon session. During the auction session, short sales could only be ordered at the afternoon session closing price.

- 15. Hwang also ordered Park to purchase a large amount of stock in each Chinese Bank Placement at the discounted placement price, some of which was used to cover the Funds' newly-acquired short positions.
- 16. Park did not disclose to any of the IBPAs that Tiger Asia had breached its agreement to keep the information confidential and to refrain from trading in the relevant stock. In each Chinese Bank Placement, Tiger Asia was allocated all or most of the stock that it had agreed to purchase. Through this conduct, Tiger Asia made total illegal profits of approximately \$16.2 million for the Funds.

#### Insider Trading Concerning the December 2008 Private Placement of BOC Stock

- 17. On December 18, 2008, the IBPA for a large investment bank called Park to determine Tiger Asia's interest in participating in a private placement of that investment bank's shares of BOC. The IBPA told Park that he had confidential information that could only be shared with Park if Park agreed to be "wall-crossed." Park, speaking from Tiger Asia's New York offices, agreed to be wall-crossed on behalf of Tiger Asia, after which the IBPA told him that the investment bank intended to sell its entire stake in BOC, the transaction date would be December 31, 2008, and the price would be set at an 8-10% discount from the stock's closing price on December 31, 2008.
- 18. The IBPA then asked for an indication of how much stock Tiger Asia was interested in purchasing, which Park declined to answer until after he had spoken with Hwang. Later on December 18, 2008, the IBPA memorialized his wall-crossing of Tiger Asia in an internal email.
- 19. On December 21, 2008, Hwang directed Park and Tiger Asia's assistant trader to short sell \$5 million of BOC stock, which they did. On December 22, 2008, the

IBPA sent an email to Park with the subject "[o]ver the wall notice," stating in part: "My compliance department has asked meto [sic] send the email below to everyone i [sic] have taken over the wall .... you have agreed on behalf of Tiger Asia to ... not engage in any trading activities regarding any security of Bank of China ...." Park responded: "Got it. Thx." Four hours later, Hwang directed Park and the assistant trader to short sell an additional \$5 million of BOC stock, which they did.

- 20. On that same day, Hwang also told Park to communicate to the IBPA that Tiger Asia would "likely [buy] around \$50 mil between 10-15 percent discount." On December 24, 2008, Hwang confirmed his intention to purchase the BOC stock in an email to Park and another Tiger Asia employee: "We plan to buy around \$50mil. to cover our short if discount is good enough." At Hwang's direction, Park and the assistant trader continued to short \$5 million of BOC stock daily on December 23, 28, and 29, 2008.
- 21. On December 28, 2008, Park confirmed to the IBPA, on the same email chain as the "over the wall notice," that Tiger Asia was "still good for \$50mm between the 10-15% discount."
- 22. On December 30, 2008, Park emailed Hwang: "The deal will come at a 12% discount. We are assured \$50mm allocation if we choose to take it." Hwang responded "Pls take \$50 mil." Park relayed this order to the IBPA by email from the United States. On December 31, 2008, Tiger Asia was allocated 199 million shares of BOC in the private placement, which it used to fully cover the short position it had established over the prior ten days.

23. Based on the private placement price and the sale prices of BOC shares Tiger Asia shorted after being brought over the wall, Tiger Asia reaped illicit profits of approximately \$3.2 million.

#### Insider Trading Concerning the January 2009 Private Placement of CCB Stock

- 24. On January 5, 2009 around 7:45 pm ET, another IBPA at the same investment bank as that involved in the December 2008 private placement of BOC shares, called Park to inquire about Tiger Asia's interest in participating in a private placement of shares of CCB owned by a large domestic financial institution.
- 25. The IBPA told Park that he had confidential information that could only be shared with Park if he agreed to be wall-crossed. Park, speaking from Tiger Asia's New York offices, agreed to be wall-crossed on behalf of Tiger Asia, after which the IBPA told him that the financial institution intended to sell a large amount of its CCB stock through a private placement and that the price would be set at a discount of approximately 15% from the closing price the day before the transaction closed. The IBPA then asked for an indication of how much stock Tiger Asia was interested in purchasing, to which Park replied that he would need to follow up with colleagues at Tiger Asia. In a call later that day, the IBPA informed Park that the transaction would take place within the next forty-eight hours. Park then told Hwang about the planned private placement of CCB stock.
- 26. On January 5, 2009 between 8:45 p.m. ET and 11:46 ET, Hwang sent several emails to Park instructing him to short sell millions of shares of CCB stock. At the end of the Hong Kong trading day on January 5, 2009, Tiger Asia had executed short

sales of 93 million CCB shares. On the same day, Tiger Asia also purchased during the trading day and sold during the closing auction 17 million CCB shares for a profit.

- 27. Tiger Asia accounted for 35.86% of the auction volume in CCB on January 5, 2009. On January 5, CCB closed down 3% from the morning session's close, and down 4.3% from the previous day's close.
- 28. On January 6, 2009 Hwang emailed Park, the assistant trader and another colleague cautioning: "Pls do NOT discuss about the potential deal with ANYBODY including our analysts without getting my consent." (emphasis in original.)
- 29. On January 6, 2009 around 10:40 am ET, the IBPA informed Park that the private placement would take place before the HKSE's open that day, the pricing would be at a 12% discount to the previous close, and Tiger Asia would be allocated \$1 billion of CCB stock if they wanted it.
- 30. Hwang told Park by email to accept the \$1 billion allocation, which Park, on behalf of Tiger Asia, and from New York, relayed to the IBPA by telephone. On January 6, 2009, Tiger Asia was allocated 1.977 billion shares of CCB stock in the private placement, which it used to cover its entire short position in the stock.
- 31. Based on the private placement price and the sale prices of CCB shares
  Tiger Asia shorted after being brought over the wall, Tiger Asia reaped illicit profits of
  approximately \$7.3 million.

#### Insider Trading Concerning the January 2009 Private Placement of BOC Stock

32. On January 11, 2009 around 10:58 pm ET, two IBPAs at a large investment bank called Park to determine Tiger Asia's interest in participating in a private placement of shares of BOC owned by an international financial institution.

- 33. During this conversation, which was recorded by the investment bank, the IBPAs wall-crossed Park on behalf of Tiger Asia. After Park agreed to be wall-crossed, the IBPAs stated that the financial institution intended to sell its BOC stock through a private placement in the next twenty-four to forty-eight hours, and that the price would be set at a 7-11% discount to that day's closing price. The IBPAs made it clear that this was a private placement being offered to a small number of sophisticated investors and asked for an indication of how much stock Tiger Asia was interested in purchasing. Park, speaking from Tiger Asia's New York offices, replied that Tiger Asia was interested in purchasing between \$100 million and \$150 million of BOC stock depending on the price but that he would have to discuss it with the "fund manager" and would get back to them.
- 34. A few minutes later, at 11:19 pm ET, Park emailed Hwang the confidential information about the private placement that the IBPAs had provided. A little over an hour later, at 12:27 am ET on January 12, 2009, Hwang instructed Park to communicate to the IBPAs that Tiger Asia would purchase \$150 million of BOC stock if the price was HKD1.60, and \$100 million of BOC stock if the price was HKD1.70. (HKD denotes Hong Kong dollar.) Approximately a half hour later, Park called the IBPAs and communicated Hwang's commitments.
- 35. On January 11, 2009, prior to Park being wall-crossed on behalf of Tiger Asia, Hwang directed Park and the assistant trader to short sell \$30 million of BOC stock. After Park was wall-crossed, Hwang increased his sell order to \$50 million of BOC stock. Tiger Asia ultimately short sold approximately \$42 million of BOC stock on January 11, 2009.

- 36. On January 12, 2009, around 1:00 pm ET, Park had a call with the IBPA, in which he learned that the transaction would most likely take place at the HKSE close that night and that the discount would be 9-10% from the closing price on the HKSE. Park repeated this information to Hwang and noted that the "stock [would] trade one more day" on the HKSE.
- 37. After Park reported this information to him, Hwang directed Park and the assistant trader to short sell up to \$50 million of BOC stock. However, because they were not able to locate sufficient shares of BOC stock, Tiger Asia only short sold \$42 million of BOC stock on January 12, 2009.
- 38. On January 12, 2009, at 9:18 pm ET, Hwang instructed Park to order \$125 million of BOC stock in the private placement regardless of how many shares Tiger Asia could short sell that night. After further discussions between Park and the IBPA, Tiger Asia's allocation was increased to \$373 million of BOC shares in the private placement, at a 7.6% discount from the HKSE closing price, which it used to cover a large portion of its short position.
- 39. Based on the private placement price and the sale prices of BOC shares Tiger Asia shorted on and after January 11, 2009, the day Tiger Asia was brought over the wall, Tiger Asia reaped illicit profits of approximately \$5.7 million.

#### **Attempted Manipulative Trading**

40. Pursuant to the Funds' offering documents, Tiger Management was entitled to receive a fixed annual management fee equal to 1.5% of the value of the net assets of the Funds calculated as of the end of each month. On at least four occasions, Tiger Asia attempted to manipulate the month-end closing prices of stocks listed on the

HKSE. The stocks that Tiger Asia attempted to manipulate were among the largest short position holdings in the Funds' portfolios. Tiger Asia placed trades designed to depress the price of the stocks in which it held large short positions, which would increase the value of the short positions, in an attempt to inflate the Funds' assets under management. The more assets Tiger Asia had under management, the greater the management fee Tiger Management was entitled to collect.

- 41. On November 28, 2008, at Hwang's direction, Tiger Asia short sold shares of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China ("ICBC"), CCB, and China Life Insurance Company Limited ("China Life") during the last hour of the afternoon trading session and sold the same stocks during the auction session. In order to conceal Tiger Asia's trading, Park directed Tiger Asia's assistant trader to not use the same brokers for the sales during the auction session as he had for the short sales during the regular session. ICBC, CCB and China Life were among Tiger Asia's largest short positions. The auction session sales were intended to depress the closing prices of ICBC, CCB, and China Life stock.
- 42. On December 31, 2008, at Hwang's direction, Park and the assistant trader sold large quantities of ICBC, CCB and China Life stock during the auction session in an attempt to depress the stocks' closing prices.
- 43. On January 29, 2009, Hwang instructed Park and the assistant trader in an email to "[l]ong [b]uy \$7 mill ICBC during first 3 hours of trading today and sell what we bought (\$7 mil) at the auction. This is to prevent any pushing up at the end." Park and the assistant trader executed the trades as directed by Hwang.

- 44. On February 27, 2009, Tiger Asia did not own any long shares of its largest short positions. So, Park and the assistant trader purchased large quantities of CCB, ICBC, Bank of Communications, China Mobile and China Life stock during the morning and afternoon regular trading sessions, and then sold those newly purchased shares during the auction session. Park and the assistant trader also short sold these stocks throughout the trading day. This trading was intended to depress the closing prices of CCB, ICBC, Bank of Communications, China Mobile and China Life stock.
- 45. Tiger Management earned over \$496,000 in management fees attributable to the change in value of Tiger Asia's short positions described in Paragraphs 41 through 44 during the months in which the attempted manipulative trading occurred.

#### FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

## Violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 Thereunder (Against all Defendants)

- 46. The Commission realleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 45 of this Complaint.
- 47. The information provided by the IBPAs to Park who communicated it to Hwang was, in each case, material and nonpublic. Before providing this material nonpublic information to Park, in each case, the IBPA required that Park, on behalf of Tiger Asia, agree to be brought over the wall, and to refrain from trading the relevant securities. In each case, Park agreed, on behalf of Tiger Asia, to be brought over the wall.
- 48. In each case, after receiving the material nonpublic information from the IBPA, Hwang directed Park to short sell the relevant securities in Tiger Asia's accounts in advance of the private placement.

- 49. Defendants Hwang, Tiger Management, Tiger Partners and Park knowingly or recklessly breached a duty of trust and confidence owed to the IBPAs by short selling the relevant securities while in possession of material nonpublic information about the forthcoming private placements provided by the IBPAs.
- 50. By engaging in the conduct described above, defendants Hwang, Tiger Management, Tiger Partners and Park, and each of them, in connection with the purchase or sale of securities, by use of the means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce, or of the mails, or a facility of a national securities exchange, directly or indirectly:

  (a) employed devices, schemes or artifices to defraud; (b) made untrue statements of material fact, or omitted to state material facts necessary in order to make statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or (c) engaged in acts, practices or courses of business which operated or would have operated as a fraud or deceit upon persons.
- 51. By virtue of the foregoing, defendants Hwang, Tiger Management, Tiger Partners and Park, and each of them, directly or indirectly, violated, and, unless enjoined, will again violate, Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act, [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5].

#### SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

## Violations of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act (Against all Defendants)

- 52. The Commission realleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 51 of this Complaint.
- 53. By virtue of the foregoing, in the offer or sale of securities, by the use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce, or

by use of the mails, directly or indirectly, defendants Hwang, Tiger Management, Tiger Partners and Park, and each of them: (a) employed devices, schemes or artifices to defraud; (b) obtained money or property by means of an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or (c) engaged in transactions practices or courses of business which operate or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon a purchaser.

54. By reason of the conduct described above, defendants Hwang, Tiger Management, Tiger Partners and Park, and each of them, directly or indirectly, violated, and unless enjoined, will again violate, Section 17(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)].

#### THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violations of Sections 206(1) and 206(2) of the Advisers Act (Against Defendants Hwang, Tiger Management and Tiger Partners)

- 55. The Commission realleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 54 of this Complaint.
- 56. At all relevant times, Hwang, Tiger Management and Tiger Partners were investment advisers within the meaning of Section 202(a)(11) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-2(a)(11)].
- 57. Despite owing a duty to the Funds to act in the best interests of the Funds, Hwang, Tiger Management and Tiger Partners knowingly or recklessly attempted to manipulate the month-end closing prices of stocks in which the Funds had large short positions. Tiger Asia placed these trades in an attempt to inflate the Funds' assets under

management. The more assets Tiger Asia had under management, the greater the management fee Tiger Management was entitled to collect.

- 58. By engaging in the conduct described above, defendants Hwang, Tiger Management and Tiger Partners, and each of them, directly or indirectly, knowingly or recklessly, by use of the mails or any means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce:

  (a) employed devices, schemes or artifices to defraud clients or prospective clients, or (b) engaged in transactions, practices or courses of business which operated as a fraud or deceit upon clients or prospective clients.
- 59. By reason of the foregoing, defendants Hwang, Tiger Management and Tiger Partners, and each of them, directly or indirectly, violated, and unless enjoined, will again violate, Sections 206(1) and 206(2) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-6(1) and 80b-6(2)].

#### FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violations of Sections 206(4) of the Advisers Act and Rule 206(4)-8 Thereunder (Against Defendants Hwang, Tiger Management and Tiger Partners)

- 60. The Commission realleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 59 of this Complaint.
- 61. The Funds were pooled investment vehicles, as defined in Rule 206(4)-8 under the Advisers Act, and engaged primarily in the business of investing, directly or indirectly, in securities.
- 62. By engaging in the conduct alleged above, defendants Hwang, Tiger Management and Tiger Partners, and each of them, directly or indirectly, knowingly or recklessly, by use of the mails or any means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce:

  (a) made untrue statements of material fact or omitted to state material facts necessary to

make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, to an investor or prospective investor in the Funds; or (b) otherwise engaged in acts, practices, or courses of business that were fraudulent, deceptive or manipulative with respect to investors or prospective investor in the Funds.

63. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants Hwang, Tiger Management and Tiger Partners, and each of them, directly or indirectly, violated, and unless enjoined, will again violate, Section 206(4) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-6(4)] and Rule 206(4)-8 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 275.206(4)-8].

#### FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

### Aiding and Abetting Violations of Sections 206(1) and 206(2) of the Advisers Act (Against Defendant Park)

- 64. The Commission realleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 63 of this Complaint.
- 65. At all relevant times, Park was an associated person of Tiger Management, an investment adviser.
- 66. Park provided substantial assistance to Hwang, Tiger Management and Tiger Partners in their attempts to manipulate the month-end closing prices of stocks in which the Funds had large short positions. At Hwang's direction, Park and Tiger Asia's assistant trader knowingly sold large quantities of stocks in which the Funds had large short positions on the last trading day of the months of November 2008, December 2008, January 2009, and February 2009, in an attempt to depress the stocks' closing prices.
- 67. By engaging in the conduct described above, Park knowingly provided substantial assistance to Hwang, Tiger Management and Tiger Partners, and thus aided

and abetted Hwang's, Tiger Management's and Tiger Partners' violations of Sections 206(1) and 206(2) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-6(1) and 80b-6(2)].

#### SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# Aiding and Abetting Violations of Section 206(4) of the Advisers Act and Rule 206(4)-8 Thereunder (Against Defendant Park)

- 68. The Commission realleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 67 of this Complaint.
- 69. At all relevant times, Park was an associated person of Tiger Management, an investment adviser.
- 70. By engaging in the conduct described above, Park knowingly provided substantial assistance to Hwang, Tiger Management and Tiger Partners, and thus aided and abetted Hwang's, Tiger Management's and Tiger Partners' violations of Section 206(4) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-6(4)], and Rule 206(4)-8 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 275.206(4)-8].

#### **RELIEF SOUGHT**

**WHEREFORE**, the Commission respectfully requests that this Court enter a Final Judgment:

I.

Permanently restraining and enjoining defendants Hwang, Tiger Management, Tiger Partners and Park, and each of them, from violating Section 17(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)], Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5], and Sections 206(1), 206(2), and 206(4)

of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-6(1), (2), and (4)] and Rule 206(4)-8 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 275.206(4)-8];

II.

Ordering defendants Hwang, Tiger Management, Tiger Partners and Park to disgorge, with prejudgment interest, all ill-gotten gains received as a result of the conduct alleged in this Complaint.

III.

Ordering defendants Hwang, Tiger Management, Tiger Partners and Park to pay civil monetary penalties pursuant to Section 21A of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u-1] or Section 209(e) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-9(e)]; and

IV.

Granting such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

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