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EmStone Advisers Marks One-Year Anniversary of Innovative Enhanced Fixed Income Strategies

(MALVERN, PA) – EmStone Advisers is marking the one year anniversary of its solutions-driven Enhanced Fixed Income strategies – unique investment portfolios designed to assist institutional clients seeking income in the current low interest rate economic environment. "Our ability to deliver customized portfolio solutions built to each client's individual needs is the cornerstone of our corporate philosophy," said EmStone CEO and chief strategist Steven L. Sanders.

The two innovative EmStone strategies combine traditional fixed income investments and a collective investment fund investing in marketplace lending notes generated by online lending platforms. "The traditional fixed income portfolio seeks to provide stability and liquidity, while the marketplace lending fund seeks to provide an enhanced yield," said portfolio manager Steven E. Russell.

The two strategies are designed to provide tailored solutions for EmStone clients with specific investment needs:

<u>Liquidity Reserve Solution</u> – A short-term strategy emphasizing current return, liquidity, and stability of principal using an array of short-term obligations.

<u>Enhanced Fixed Income Solution</u> – A strategy that can be used as a solution to core fixed income mandates, limiting duration to control volatility and emphasizing cash flow to seek consistency of return.

The initial client account marked its first anniversary invested in the enhanced strategies in July, 2016, and the strategies have grown to over \$68 million in assets invested by several public pension funds as of September 30, 2016.

EmStone is an entrepreneurially driven minority-owned money management firm, jointly owned by Beltraith Capital LLC and Emerald Advisers, Inc. EmStone provides actively managed, individually designed portfolios that include duration-controlled fixed income portfolios for lower volatility and structured solutions for enhanced return. EmStone is designed to capitalize

on the strengths of its parent companies' subsidiary advisers and its structure provides flexibility to efficiently deploy customized products and solutions for its clients.

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