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**Separate Account Client Letter
Second Quarter 2019**

For the quarter, Broad Run's Focus Equity Separate Accounts¹ returned 7.5% net of fees² compared to 4.1% for the Russell 3000 Index. Year to date, the Focus Equity Separate Accounts returned 21.2% net of fees compared to 18.7% for the Russell 3000 Index. The performance for your account will differ somewhat from these reported results due to variations in holdings and other client-specific circumstances. We remind you that we manage your account for long-term results, so we encourage you to evaluate its performance over a multi-year time frame. Long-term performance is presented at the end of this letter.

During the second quarter, we exited our 1.3% position in Fox Corporation. Recall from our first quarter letter that we received this position during that quarter as a result of the Disney-21st Century Fox corporate transaction. We used the proceeds from the Fox Corporation sale to increase our Disney position by 1.3%. While we believe Fox Corporation should see good earnings growth over the next several years, the business is closely tied to the traditional U.S. cable bundle which we believe will have many fewer subscribers five and ten years from now. Disney has much less exposure to this headwind, and we believe a brighter long-term future due to its Disney+ and Hulu direct-to-consumer offerings.

We also trimmed 2.1% from our American Tower position with most of the proceeds used to incrementally add to Brookfield Asset Management, CarMax, and Disney (for reference, this brings Disney to 7.0% of assets at quarter-end). American Tower's business continues to perform well, but the stock has had a strong run recently and the valuation is near its historical highs. We trimmed the position to reduce what had become an outsized weighting, and because we thought we had good alternative uses for the capital. American Tower remains among our largest, and highest conviction ideas at 9.9% of assets.

To further your understanding of what we own, and why, we will use the balance of this letter to discuss Aon plc, a top five holding at 8.6% of assets. We have owned shares of Aon since 2010 and believe it aligns well with our five investment criteria (high-quality business, large growth opportunity, excellent management, low tail risk, and discount valuation). In particular, we think a brief review of Aon's history is helpful in illustrating the critical role a management team's capital allocation skill can play in creating shareholder value.

Aon plc

There are two major chapters in Aon's corporate history. The first chapter, from 1971 to 2005, was under the leadership of founder Patrick Ryan. During this period, the company grew quickly through more than 400 acquisitions targeting mostly the insurance brokerage industry. The second chapter, from 2005 to today, is under the leadership of current CEO Greg Case. During Case's tenure, the company has focused on pruning and integrating Ryan's conglomerate, strengthening the firm's strategic positioning, and accelerating organic growth.

Greg Case joined Aon as CEO after 17 years at McKinsey & Co., where he was a rising star who moved rapidly through the ranks including running the insurance practice and eventually running the entire financial services practice. Case arrived at Aon with a unique perspective on insurance and financial

¹ See the end of this letter for historical performance and important disclosures.

² Net of highest applicable fee of 1.0% per annum as described in our Form ADV, Part 2A.

services, a ROIC decision-making framework, and knowledge about how a world-class professional services firm should be run.

In our view, Case has been masterful in his leadership of Aon. Aon was a good business when Case arrived, and we think he has transformed it into an excellent business during his tenure. Here is a summary of the major actions undertaken by Case to remake Aon:

- Upon arrival, Case moved quickly to exit Aon's collection of insurance underwriting businesses, which he assessed as lower ROIC with less attractive prospects than insurance brokerage. He finalized the exit of these underwriters in 2008 with a series of transactions generating \$2.8 billion in proceeds (at a full valuation in our view). He used these proceeds to repurchase \$1.7 billion of stock and to buy Benfield Group for \$1.4 billion. Benfield solidified Aon as the clear #1 reinsurance broker (a specialized segment of the market where insurance companies insure each other) with about 40% market share.
- In 2010, Aon acquired Hewitt Associates for \$4.9 billion in a 50% cash, 50% stock deal. Aon was #4 in human resources, retirement, and health care consulting, but moved to #1 or #2 in these categories with the addition of Hewitt. Aon also gained ownership of a leading benefits administration business with the acquisition; a reasonably attractive business administering large company benefit programs, but more of a data processing business model than Aon's core franchises that rely upon specialized knowledge to provide expert advice.
- In 2012, Aon redomiciled from the U.S. to the U.K. This reduced the company's tax rate by about six percentage points, increased capital allocation flexibility, improved proximity to the important Lloyd's of London market, and enhanced access to emerging markets (about 54% of revenue was from outside the U.S. at that time). Aon was the first S&P 500 company to redomicile to the U.K.
- In 2017, Aon sold its benefits administration business to Blackstone for \$4.3 billion, with an additional \$500 million payment contingent upon the deal achieving targeted IRRs. Proceeds from this sale were used to repurchase \$2.3 billion of stock. In addition, this transaction removed structural impediments that had prevented Aon from fully consolidating its shared corporate services and information systems.
- Since the sale of the benefits administration business, Aon has focused on "Aon United". Aon United is the company's pivot to a single operating platform, single brand, modern technology infrastructure, and a new organizational structure that emphasizes broader solutions selling of the full Aon portfolio of services. Several prior restructuring plans, totaling over \$1.0 billion in investment, had cut expenses and streamlined operations over the years, but Aon United is expected to be the most fundamentally transformative initiative yet.
- Aon has invested over \$250 million annually collecting proprietary data and building analytics capabilities and products for clients. Aon was a first-mover harnessing the data on its insurance brokerage platform, and views this as a key differentiator and structural advantage over small and mid-sized brokers (about 70% of the industry) that do not place as much industry volume.
- Finally, Aon has found its own stock to be systemically undervalued during Case's tenure, and repurchased over \$16 billion in response. This has been the biggest use of cash, and a large contributor to returns. Aon compares the ROIC available on acquisitions against the ROIC on share repurchases and other investment options, and adjusts its behavior accordingly. Management makes frequent reference to this ROIC decision making framework, a refreshing reminder of their commitment to value creation.

Today, following these maneuvers, Aon is #1 or #2 in all its major lines of business: insurance brokerage, reinsurance brokerage, retirement consulting, health care consulting, and related data and analytics. Over the last decade, adjusted operating margins have improved to 25% from 15%, ROIC has improved to 22% from 12%, and per share returns at the business level (EPS growth + dividend yield) have compounded at 14%.

While Aon’s restructuring opportunities appear largely complete, organic growth has become an important contributor to value creation. Aon United is improving cross-selling, and Aon’s reinvestment in data and new capabilities is yielding results. Organic revenue growth rates have accelerated from low-single digits for much of the last decade to the mid-single digits in recent years³, and management guidance is for “mid-single digits or greater” over the long-term.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Aon Organic Revenue Growth Rate</u> ⁴
2014	3%
2015	3%
2016	4%
2017	4%
2018	5%
2019 (<i>first quarter</i>)	6%

In addition, there is significant opportunity for acquisitions, especially now that Aon is a more cohesive enterprise. The top three insurance brokers still have only about 30% global market share, and there are increasing benefits to scale from proprietary data and global reach. In fact, Aon was recently in exploratory discussions to acquire Willis Towers Watson, the third-largest provider of insurance brokerage, in what would be a transformative deal. In recent years, Aon has been increasing its acquisition of complementary service companies that address key client pain points (e.g. cybersecurity, intellectual property, etc.), and management asserts that its M&A pipeline is now “the best it has ever been” during Case’s tenure.

Over the next five years, we expect 5-6% organic revenue growth and modest operating leverage to generate 7-9% operating income growth. In addition, as an asset-light business, Aon can grow organically without significant capital reinvestment, allowing for high free cash flow generation. We expect Aon to have about a 5% free cash flow yield, and to produce another 1% cash flow from sustaining its current leverage rate on its growing earnings base. We expect this cash flow to be used for share repurchases, acquisitions, and dividends, driving 13-15% total returns (7-9% operating income growth + reinvestment of 5% free cash flow yield + reinvestment of 1% cash flow from sustained leverage).

The stock is trading 20x our next twelve-month earnings expectations, a two-point multiple premium to the market. Aon has historically traded at a one to two point multiple discount to the market, but that was before organic growth accelerated from below GDP levels to above GDP levels. Overall, from this valuation level, we think returns in Aon’s stock will approximate its low- to mid-teens growth in adjusted EPS. Importantly, Aon has below average cyclicality, and some positive optionality that management will achieve discontinuous value creation via a transformative acquisition like Willis Towers Watson.

³ Some small part of this improvement is likely due to a firming insurance pricing environment, but these growth rates also comfortably outpace other large competitors illustrating the company specific success Aon is having.

⁴ At a constant currency exchange rate

In closing

Please let us know if there has been any change to your contact information, any change to your financial circumstances or investment objectives that might impact how we manage your account, or if you would like to add or modify any reasonable restrictions to our investment advisory services.

We thank you for entrusting your capital to us. We will continue to do our best to protect and grow your investment over time.

Sincerely,

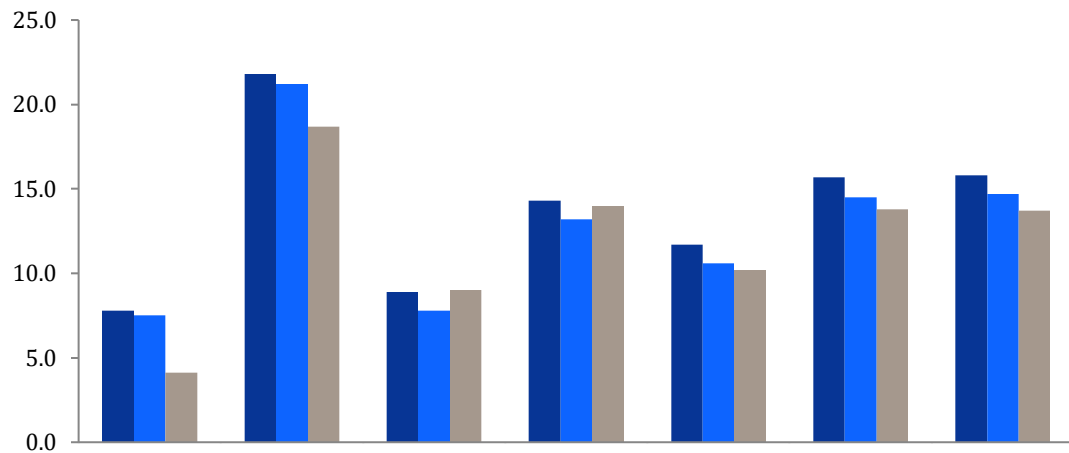
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Focus Equity Separate Accounts (FE-SA) Historical Performance and Disclosures



	2Q'19	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	7 YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION (09.01.09)
FE-SA (Gross)	7.8	21.8	8.9	14.3	11.7	15.7	15.8
FE-SA (Net of 1% fee)	7.5	21.2	7.8	13.2	10.6	14.5	14.7
Russell 3000® Index	4.1	18.7	9.0	14.0	10.2	13.8	13.7

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Broad Run Investment Management, LLC Focus Equity Composite Disclosure Presentation

Composite Name	Focus Equity Composite
Reference Index	Russell 3000 Index
Reporting Date	June 30, 2019
Composite Inception	September 1, 2009

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Reference Index Disclosure. The Russell 3000 Index measures the performance of the largest 3000 U.S. companies representing approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market. The index is market-value weighted. Index figures reflect the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Index figures do not reflect deductions for any fees, expenses, or taxes. Investors cannot invest directly in an index. The index's performance returns are included to illustrate the general trend of the U.S. equity market and are not intended as a benchmark for the composite.

Other. All returns presented in the table below (including the reference index) include the reinvestment of dividends, interest income, and capital gains. Valuations are computed and performance is reported in U.S. dollars.

	Calendar											Annualized (06/30/19)				
	2019 (thru 6/30)	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	Sep-Dec 2009 ¹	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	7 YR	Since Inception
Focus Equity Composite Gross Return (%)	23.67	-9.09	21.43	8.83	4.40	11.76	37.18	18.27	5.13	26.40	8.64	10.73	13.29	10.99	14.94	15.31
Focus Equity Composite Net Return (%)	23.08	-10.01	20.24	7.76	3.37	10.66	35.85	17.11	4.08	25.16	8.29	9.63	12.17	9.89	13.81	14.18
Russell 3000 Return (%)	18.71	-5.24	21.13	12.74	0.48	12.56	33.55	16.24	1.03	16.93	10.34	8.98	14.02	10.19	13.79	13.65
Composite Standard Deviation²	11.60	11.25	10.31	12.06	11.30	9.44	12.52	16.80	- ³	- ³	- ³	n.m. ⁴	11.60	12.30	11.34	13.47
Russell 3000 Standard Deviation²	12.35	11.18	10.09	10.88	10.58	9.30	12.54	15.74	- ³	- ³	- ³	n.m. ⁴	12.35	12.22	11.28	13.02
Number of Portfolios	164	155	137	101	52	41	30	1	1	1	1					
Internal Dispersion⁵	n.m.	0.64	0.96	0.31	0.13	0.10	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.					
Composite Assets (USD millions)	2,473.4	2,326.8	3,309.6	2,671.8	2,266.5	1,618.5	1,454.0	781.2	672.2	772.8	812.5					
Firm Assets (USD millions)	2,475.5	2,330.3	3,311.2	2,794.1	2,268.6	1,619.5	1,459.8	781.2	N/A	N/A	N/A					

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1: Annual Performance Results reflect partial period performance. The returns are calculated from September 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 for the Focus Equity Composite. **2:** Standard deviation measures the variability of the gross returns of the composite and the reference index. All standard deviation figures are calculated using monthly gross performance numbers. Figures presented for calendar year and YTD periods are three-year annualized standard deviations. **3:** The three-year annualized standard deviation is not shown due to having less than 36 months of composite returns. **4:** n.m. - Not statistically meaningful for periods less than 3 years. **5:** The annual composite dispersion presented is a dollar-weighted standard deviation of the gross returns for all accounts in the composite for the entire year, using beginning of period values; not statistically meaningful (n.m.) for periods less than one year, or when there are five or fewer accounts in the composite for the entire year.

Other Disclosures

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