

# Instructions for Obtaining a Signature Guarantee

## What is a Signature Guarantee?

The investment industry uses signature guarantees to protect shareholder accounts from unauthorized transactions. An officer of a financial institution guarantees your signature as genuine by stamping the document and signing his/her name and title. The institution providing the guarantee financially backs the transaction in the event of fraudulent activity.

### Why does Pear Tree Funds require a Signature Guarantee?

Simply for your protection. When a STAMP 2000 Guarantee is placed on a security or transaction form, we are warranted by the Medallion Guarantor that the signature is genuine, the signer has the legal capacity to sign, and the signer is an appropriate person to endorse the document.

## When is a Signature Guarantee required?

You will need to provide a signature guarantee if you are requesting any of the transactions listed below. Please note there may be other situations when a signature guarantee is required. To confirm if one is needed, you may contact our Customer Service Department toll free at 1-800-326-2151.

#### Redemptions:

- ✓ Requests over \$100,000
- Requests in which the address of record has been changed within 30 days
- Requests sending the check to an address other than the address on our records
- Requests made payable to someone other than the registered shareholder
- Requests for which the purchase was made over the Internet and the bank account number has changed

#### Transfers:

 Requests to transfer shares to an account with a different registration

#### **Account Maintenance:**

- Requests to add telephone redemption capabilities
- ✓ Requests to change existing or add new banking information to an account

## Where can you get a Signature Guarantee?

Pear Tree only accepts original STAMP 2000 Medallion Signature Guarantees. These may be obtained from:

- ✓ Credit unions
- ✓ Domestic banks
- ✓ Trust companies
- √ National securities exchanges
- ✓ Savings associations (including savings and loan associations)
- ✓ Registered securities association
- ✓ Broker/Dealers
- ✓ Clearing agencies
- ✓ Municipal securities broker/dealers
- Government securities broker/dealers whose net capital exceeds \$100.000

# What is a STAMP 2000 Medallion Signature Guarantee and how do they work?

Stamp 2000 Medallion Signature Guarantees are the only acceptable guarantee for Pear Tree Funds. **Only originals will be accepted**.

The guarantees are based on the dollar amounts of the transaction. If the surety bond of the guarantee is less than the amount of the transaction(s), your request will be rejected. There is an identification number with a letter prefix on each medallion that indicates the dollar amount covered by the guarantor. The amount of coverage provided with the corresponding prefix is listed below:

<u>Letter Prefix</u>	Coverage Amount	<u>Letter Prefix</u>	Coverage Amount
А	\$1,000,000	E	\$100,000
В	\$750,000	F	\$100,000
С	\$500,000	(credit unions)	(per transaction)
D	\$250,000	Х	\$2,000,000 (or more)



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