or Reuters. Quotation information from brokers and dealers or pricing services will be available for U.S. government obligations, high quality securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government (in addition to Treasury bills) and non-U.S. governments, and each of their agencies and instrumentalities, money market instruments, convertible securities, structured notes, non-exchange-listed securities of other investment companies, and OTC options.

The Commission also believes that the proposal is designed to prevent trading when a reasonable degree of transparency cannot be assured. The Exchange states that trading in the Shares may be halted for market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading advisable. Similarly, trading in the Shares will be halted if an interruption to the dissemination of either of the Intraday Indicative Value or the value of the Underlying Index persists past the trading day in which it occurred. The Exchange will obtain a representation from the issuer of the Shares that the NAV per Share will be calculated daily and made available to all market participants at the same time.

The Exchange has represented that its surveillance procedures are adequate to properly monitor the trading of the Shares on the Exchange during all trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange rules and the applicable federal securities laws. The Exchange has also represented that it may obtain information regarding trading in the Shares and other exchange-traded securities and instruments held by the Fund via the ISG from other exchanges that are members of the ISG or with which the Exchange has entered into a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement.

The Exchange has represented that all statements and representations made in this filing regarding the Underlying Index composition; the description of the portfolio or reference assets; limitations on portfolio holdings or reference assets; dissemination and availability of the Underlying Index, reference asset, and intraday indicative values; and the applicability of Exchange rules specified in this filing shall constitute continued listing requirements for the Shares.

The issuer has represented to the Exchange that it will advise the Exchange of any failure by the Fund to comply with the continued listing requirements, and, pursuant to its obligations under Section 19(g)(1) of the Act, the Exchange will surveil for compliance with the continued listing requirements. If the Fund is not in compliance with the applicable listing requirements, the Exchange will commence delisting procedures under BZX Rule 14.12. This approval order is based on all of the Exchange’s statements and representations, including those set forth above and in Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1, is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, that the proposed rule change (SR—BZX—2017–011), as modified by Amendment No. 1 be, and it hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 33047; File No. 812–14848]


March 14, 2018.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”).

ACTION: Notice.

Notice of application for an order under sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “Act”) and rule 17d–1 under the Act to permit certain joint transactions otherwise prohibited by sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) of the Act and rule 17d–1 under the Act.

Summary of Application: Applicants request an order to permit certain business development companies (“BDC”) and closed-end management investment companies to co-invest in portfolio companies with each other and with affiliated investment funds.


Filing Dates: The application was filed on November 30, 2017, and amended on February 15, 2018.

Hearing or Notification of Hearing: An order granting the requested relief will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission’s Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on April 9, 2018, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Pursuant to rule 0–5 under the Act, hearing requests should state the nature of the writer’s interest, any facts bearing upon the desirability of a hearing on the matter, the reason for the request, and the issues contested.

Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing or of a request for a hearing should file proof of service on applicants, in the form of a statement and representation made in this filing regarding the Underlying Index, reference asset, and intraday indicative values; and the applicability of Exchange rules specified in this filing shall constitute continued listing requirements for the Shares.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained via the Commission’s website by searching for the file number, or for an applicant using the Company name box, at http://www.sec.gov/search/search.htm or by calling (202) 551–8090.

Applicants’ Representations:
1. Term Fund was organized under the Delaware Statutory Trust Act for the purpose of operating as an externally-managed, non-diversified, closed-end management investment company. Term Fund is a registered investment company under the Act. Term Fund’s Objectives and Strategies are to provide shareholders with current income as a secondary investment objective, the Term Fund will seek to provide capital preservation and, to a lesser extent, long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in a global portfolio of privately originated energy company and project debt. Term Fund has a five member Board, of which three members are Independent Trustees, one member is considered an “interested person” of Triloma, within the meaning of section 2(a)(19) of the Act, and one member is considered an “interested person” of EIG.

2. Triloma was organized under the Delaware Statutory Trust Act for the purpose of operating as an externally-managed, non-diversified, closed-end management investment company. Perpetual Fund is a registered investment company under the Act. Perpetual Fund has the same Objectives and Strategies as Term Fund. Perpetual Fund will be governed by a Board comprised of the same trustees (including Independent Trustees) that serve as the Board of Term Fund.

3. Triloma is a Florida limited liability company and is registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (the “Advisers Act”). Triloma serves as the investment adviser to the Existing Regulated Entities. Triloma also provides administrative services to the Existing Regulated Entities under an administrative services agreement. EIG is a Delaware limited liability company and is registered as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act. EIG serves as the sub-adviser to the Existing Regulated Entities. EIG is an indirectly owned subsidiary of EIG Global Energy Partners, LLC (“EIG Partners”).

4. Each Existing Affiliated Investors is a privately-offered fund that would be an investment company but for section 3(c)(1) or 3(c)(7) of the Act. An Existing EIG Advisor serves as the investment adviser to each Existing Affiliated Investor. Each Existing EIG Advisor is either, directly or indirectly, controlled by EIG Partners or under common control with EIG and is registered as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act.

5. Applicants seek to supersede the Prior Order to permit one or more Regulated Entities and/or one or more Affiliated Investors to participate in the same investment opportunities through a proposed co-investment program (the “Co-Investment Program”) where such participation would otherwise be prohibited under sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) and the rules under the Act. For purposes of the application, “Co-Investment Transaction” means any transaction in which a Regulated Entity (or its Wholly-Owned Investment Subsidiary, as defined below) participated together with one or more other Regulated Entities and/or one or more Affiliated Investors in reliance on the requested Order. Potential Co-Investment Transaction means any investment opportunity in which a Regulated Entity (or its Wholly-Owned Investment Subsidiary) could not participate together with one or more Affiliated Investors and/or one or more other Regulated Entities without obtaining and relying on the Order.

6. Applicants state that a Regulated Entity may, from time to time, form a Wholly-Owned Investment Subsidiary. Such a subsidiary would be prohibited from investing in a Co-Investment Transaction with any Affiliated Investor because it would be a company controlled by its parent Regulated Entity for purposes of section 57(a)(4) and rule 17d–1. Applicants request that each Wholly-Owned Investment Subsidiary be permitted to participate in Co-Investment Transactions in lieu of its parent Regulated Entity and that the Wholly-Owned Investment Subsidiary’s participation in any such transaction be treated, for purposes of the requested Order, as though the parent Regulated Entity is itself an affiliate of the subsidiary.

7. All existing entities that currently intend to rely upon the requested Order have been named as applicants. Any other existing or future entity that subsequently relies on the Order will comply with the terms and conditions of the application.

8. The term “Wholly-Owned Investment Subsidiary” means an entity (i) that is wholly-owned by a Regulated Entity (with such Regulated Entity at all times holding, beneficially and of record, 100% of the voting and economic interests); (ii) whose sole business purpose is to hold one or more investments on behalf of the Regulated Entity (and, in the case of an entity that is licensed by the Small Business Administration to operate under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended (the “SBA Act”), as a small business investment company (an “SBIC”)); (iii) to maintain a license under the SBA Act and issue debentures guaranteed by the Small Business Administration; (iv) with respect to which the Regulated Entity’s Board has the sole authority to make all determinations with respect to the entity’s participation under the conditions of the application; and (v) that would be an investment company but for section 3(c)(1) or 3(c)(7) of the Act. All subsidiaries participating in the Co-Investment Program will be Wholly-Owned Investment Subsidiaries and will have Objectives and Strategies that are substantially the same as, or a subset of, their parent Regulated Entity’s Objectives and Strategies. A subsidiary that is an SBIC may be a Wholly-Owned Investment Subsidiary if it satisfies the conditions in this definition.
Entity were participating directly. Applicants represent that this treatment is justified because a Wholly-Owned Investment Subsidiary would have no purpose other than serving as a holding vehicle for the Regulated Entity’s investments and, therefore, no conflicts of interest could arise between the Regulated Entity and the Wholly-Owned Investment Subsidiary. The Regulated Entity’s Board would make all relevant determinations under the conditions with regard to a Wholly-Owned Investment Subsidiary’s participation in a Co-Investment Transaction, and the Regulated Entity’s Board would be informed of, and take into consideration, any proposed use of a Wholly-Owned Investment Subsidiary in the Regulated Entity’s place. If the Regulated Entity proposes to participate in the same Co-Investment Transaction with any of its Wholly-Owned Investment Subsidiaries, the Board will also be informed of, and take into consideration, the relative participation of the Regulated Entity and the Wholly-Owned Investment Subsidiary.

8. It is anticipated that an EIG Advisor will periodically determine that certain investments the EIG Advisor recommends for a Regulated Entity would also be appropriate investments for one or more other Regulated Entities and/or one or more Affiliated Investors. Such a determination may result in the Regulated Entity, one or more other Regulated Entities and/or one or more Affiliated Investors co-investing in certain investment opportunities. For each such investment opportunity, the Advisors to each Regulated Entity will independently analyze and evaluate the investment opportunity as to its appropriateness for such Regulated Entity taking into consideration the Regulated Entity’s Objectives and Strategies.

9. Applicants state that Triloma serves as the Existing Regulated Entities’ investment adviser and administrator and EIG serves as the Existing Regulated Entities’ sub-adviser, and with respect to any Future Regulated Entity, either (i) Triloma or another Triloma Advisor and EIG or another EIG Advisor will serve in the same capacities as with Existing Regulated Entities, or (ii) EIG or another EIG Advisor will serve as investment adviser. Applicants represent that although an EIG Advisor will identify and recommend investments for each Regulated Entity for which Triloma or another Triloma Advisor serves as investment advisor, prior to any investment by such Regulated Entity, the EIG Advisor will present each proposed investment to the Triloma Advisor which has the authority to approve or reject all investments proposed for the Regulated Entity by the EIG Advisor. With respect to any Future Regulated Entity for which EIG or another EIG Advisor serves as investment adviser, rather than sub-adviser, EIG or such other EIG Advisor will be responsible for the overall management of the Future Regulated Entity’s activities, and for the day-to-day management of the Future Regulated Entity’s investment portfolio, in each case consistent with its fiduciary duties and pursuant to the terms of an Advisory Agreement with the Future Regulated Entity.

10. Applicants state that each EIG Advisor has (or will have, in the case of future advisers) an investment committee through which it will carry out its obligation under condition 1 to make a determination as to the appropriateness of a Potential Co-Investment Transaction for each Regulated Entity. Applicants represent that each EIG Advisor, as a registered investment adviser, has (or will have, in the case of future advisers) developed a robust allocation process that is designed to allocate investment opportunities fairly and equitably among its clients over time. Applicants state that, in the case of a Potential Co-Investment Transaction, the applicable EIG Advisor would apply its allocation policies and procedures in determining the proposed allocation for the Regulated Entity consistent with the requirements of condition 2(a).

11. Applicants state that, once the applicable EIG Advisor determined a proposed allocation for a Regulated Entity for which Triloma or another Triloma Advisor serves as investment adviser, such EIG Advisor would notify the applicable Triloma Advisor of the Potential Co-Investment Transaction and the EIG Advisor’s recommended allocation for such Regulated Entity. Applicants further state that the applicable Triloma Advisor would then present the Potential Co-Investment Transaction and the EIG Advisor’s proposed allocation to the Triloma Advisor’s investment committee for its approval. Applicants represent that the Triloma Advisor’s investment committee would review the EIG Advisor’s recommendation for the Regulated Entity and would have the ability to ask questions of the EIG Advisor and request additional information from the EIG Advisor. Applicants further submit that if the Triloma Advisor’s investment committee approved the investment for the Regulated Entity, the investment and all relevant allocation information would then be presented to the Regulated Entity’s Board for its approval in accordance with the conditions to the application. Applicants state that they believe the investment process between the EIG Advisors and the Triloma Advisors, prior to seeking approval from the Regulated Entity’s Board (which is in addition to, rather than in lieu of, the procedures required under the conditions of the application), is significant and provides for additional procedures and processes to ensure that the Regulated Entity is being treated fairly in respect of Potential Co-Investment Transactions.

12. If the Advisors to a Regulated Entity determine that a Potential Co-Investment Opportunity is appropriate for the Regulated Entity (and the applicable Triloma Advisor approves the investment for such Regulated Entity), and one or more other Regulated Entities and/or one or more Affiliated Investors may also participate, the Advisors will present the investment opportunity to the Eligible Trustees of the Regulated Entity prior to the actual investment by the Regulated Entity. As to any Regulated Entity, a Co-Investment Transaction will be consummated only upon approval by a required majority of the Eligible Trustees of such Regulated Entity within the meaning of section 57(o) of the Act (“Required Majority”).

13. With respect to the pro rata dispositions and follow-on Investments provided in conditions 7 and 8, a Regulated Entity may participate in a pro rata disposition or follow-on Investment without obtaining prior approval of the Required Majority if, among other things: (i) The proposed participation of each Regulated Entity and Affiliated Investor in such disposition is proportionate to its outstanding investments in the issuer immediately preceding the disposition or follow-on investment, as the case may be; and (ii) each Regulated Entity’s Board has approved that Regulated Entity’s participation in pro rata

9 Applicants represent that the Triloma Advisors will not source any Potential Co-Investment Transactions under the requested Order.

10 “Eligible Trustees” means the trustees or directors of a Regulated Entity that are eligible to vote under section 57(o) of the Act.

11 In the case of a Regulated Entity that is a registered closed-end fund, the trustees or directors that make up the Required Majority will be determined as if the Regulated Entity were a BDC subject to section 57(o). As defined in section 57(o), “required majority” means “both a majority of a business development company’s directors or general partners who have no financial interest in such transaction, plan, or arrangement and a majority of such directors or general partners who are not interested persons of such company.”
dispositions and follow-on investments as being in the best interests of the Regulated Entity. If the Board does not so approve, any such disposition or follow-on investment will be submitted to the Regulated Entity’s Eligible Trustees. The Board of any Regulated Entity may at any time rescind, suspend or qualify its approval of pro rata dispositions and follow-on investments with the result that all dispositions and/or follow-on investments must be submitted to the Eligible Trustees.

14. No Independent Trustee of a Regulated Entity will have a financial interest in any Co-Investment Transaction.

15. Under condition 15, if an Advisor or its principals, or any person controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Advisor or its the principals, and any Affiliated Investors (collectively, the “Holders”) own in the aggregate more than 25% of the outstanding voting securities of a Regulated Entity (“Shares”), then the Holders as directed by an independent third party when voting on matters specified in the condition. Applicants believe that this condition will ensure that the Independent Trustees will act independently in evaluating the Co-Investment Program, because the ability of the Advisor or its principals to influence the Independent Trustees by a suggestion, explicit or implied, that the Independent Trustees can be removed will be limited significantly. Applicants represent that the Independent Trustees shall evaluate and approve any such independent third party, taking into account its qualifications, reputation for independence, cost to the shareholders, and other factors that they deem relevant.

Applicants’ Legal Analysis:

1. Section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d–1 under the Act prohibit participation by a registered investment company and an affiliated person in any “joint enterprise or other joint arrangement or profit-sharing plan,” as defined in the rule, without prior approval by the Commission. Any Co-Investment Program, together with related transactions, must be approved by the Independent Trustees of the Regulated Entity. The Board of any Regulated Entity may at any time rescind, suspend or qualify its approval of any such Co-Investment Program. Transactions not so approved must be submitted to the Eligible Trustees for approval, or prior to such an approval process, to security holders for approval, or prior to its adoption or modification if not so approved. Section 17(d) and section 57(b) apply to any participant in a Co-Investment Program. Applicants further state that the terms and conditions proposed herein will ensure that all such transactions are reasonable and fair to each Regulated Entity and the Affiliated Investors and do not involve overreaching by any person concerned, including Triloma or EIG.

Applicants’ Conditions:

1. Applicants agree that the Order will be subject to the following conditions:

   a. If the Advisors to a Regulated Entity advise or sub-advised by any of the other participating Regulated Entities and/or Affiliated Investors, one or more other Regulated Entities and/or Affiliated Investors will have a financial interest in any Co-Investment Transaction.

   b. Applicants state that they expect that co-investment in portfolio companies by a Regulated Entity, one or more other Regulated Entities and/or one or more Affiliated Investors will increase favorable investment opportunities for each Regulated Entity.

   c. Applicants submit that the Joint Transaction is consistent with the provisions, policies, and purposes of the Act and the extent to which such joint participation is consistent with the provisions, policies, and purposes of the Act and the best interests of the Regulated Entities.

   d. Applicants submit that the fact that the Required Majority will approve each Co-Investment Transaction before investment (except for certain dispositions or follow-on investments, as described in the conditions), and other protective conditions set forth in the application, will ensure that each Regulated Entity will be treated fairly.

   e. Applicants state that each Regulated Entity’s participation in the Co-Investment Transactions will be consistent with the provisions, policies, and purposes of the Act and on a basis that is not different from or less advantageous than that of other participants. Applicants further state that the terms and conditions proposed herein will ensure that all such transactions are reasonable and fair to each Regulated Entity and the Affiliated Investors and do not involve overreaching by any person concerned, including Triloma or EIG.

   f. Applicants submit that the fact that the Joint Transaction is consistent with the provisions, policies, and purposes of the Act and the extent to which such joint participation is consistent with the provisions, policies, and purposes of the Act and the best interests of the Regulated Entities.

   g. Applicants submit that the fact that the Required Majority will approve each Co-Investment Transaction before investment (except for certain dispositions or follow-on investments, as described in the conditions), and other protective conditions set forth in the application, will ensure that each Regulated Entity will be treated fairly.

   h. Applicants state that each Regulated Entity’s participation in the Co-Investment Transactions will be consistent with the provisions, policies, and purposes of the Act and on a basis that is not different from or less advantageous than that of other participants. Applicants further state that the terms and conditions proposed herein will ensure that all such transactions are reasonable and fair to each Regulated Entity and the Affiliated Investors and do not involve overreaching by any person concerned, including Triloma or EIG.

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   l. Applicants state that each Regulated Entity’s participation in the Co-Investment Transactions will be consistent with the provisions, policies, and purposes of the Act and on a basis that is not different from or less advantageous than that of other participants. Applicants further state that the terms and conditions proposed herein will ensure that all such transactions are reasonable and fair to each Regulated Entity and the Affiliated Investors and do not involve overreaching by any person concerned, including Triloma or EIG.

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exceeds the amount of the investment opportunity, the amount of the investment opportunity will be allocated among the Regulated Entities and such Affiliated Investors, pro rata based on each participant’s Available Capital 12 for investment in the asset class being allocated, up to the amount proposed to be invested by each. The Advisors to each participating Regulated Entity will provide the Eligible Trustees of each participating Regulated Entity with information concerning each participating party’s Available Capital to assist the Eligible Trustees with their review of the Regulated Entity’s investments for compliance with these allocation procedures.

c. After making the determinations required in conditions 1 and 2(a) above, the Advisors to the Regulated Entity will distribute written information concerning the Potential Co-Investment Transaction, including the amount proposed to be invested by each Regulated Entity and any Affiliated Investor, to the Eligible Trustees of each participating Regulated Entity for their consideration. A Regulated Entity will co-invest with one or more other Regulated Entities and/or an Affiliated Investor only if, prior to the Regulated Entities’ and the Affiliated Investors’ participation in the Potential Co-Investment Transaction, a Required Majority concludes that:

(i) The terms of the Potential Co-Investment Transaction, including the consideration to be paid, are reasonable and fair to the Regulated Entity and its shareholders and do not involve overreaching in respect of the Regulated Entity or its shareholders on the part of any person concerned;

(ii) the Potential Co-Investment Transaction is consistent with:

(a) The interests of the Regulated Entity’s shareholders; and

(b) the Regulated Entity’s then-current Objectives and Strategies;

(iii) the investment by any other Regulated Entity or an Affiliated Investor would not disadvantage the Regulated Entity, and participation by the Regulated Entity would not be on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of any other Regulated Entity or Affiliated Investor; provided, that if another Regulated Entity or Affiliated Investor, but not the Regulated Entity itself, gains the right to nominate a director for election to a portfolio company’s board of directors or the right to have a board observer, or any similar right to participate in the governance or management of the portfolio company, such event shall not be interpreted to prohibit a Required Majority from reaching the conclusions required by this condition 2(c)(iii), if:

(a) The Eligible Trustees will have the right to ratify the selection of such director or board observer, if any; and

(b) the Advisors to the Regulated Entity agree to, and do, provide periodic reports to the Regulated Entity’s Board with respect to the actions of such director or the information received by such board observer or obtained through the exercise of any similar right to participate in the governance or management of the portfolio company; and

(c) any fees or other compensation that any other Regulated Entity or any Affiliated Investor or any affiliated person of any other Regulated Entity or an Affiliated Investor receives in connection with the right of one or more Regulated Entities or Affiliated Investors to nominate a director or appoint a board observer or otherwise to participate in the governance or management of the portfolio company will be shared proportionately among the participating Affiliated Investors (who may, in turn, share their portion with their affiliated persons) and any participating Regulated Entity in accordance with the amount of each party’s investment; and

(iv) the proposed investment by the Regulated Entity will not benefit the Advisors, any other Regulated Entity or the Affiliated Investors or any affiliated person of any of them (other than the parties to the Co-Investment Transaction) except (A) to the extent permitted by condition 13, (B) to the extent permitted under sections 17(e) and 57(k) of the Act, as applicable, (C) in the case of fees or other compensation described in condition 2(c)(iii)(c), or (D) indirectly, as a result of an interest in the securities issued by one of the parties to the Co-Investment Transaction.

3. Each Regulated Entity will have the right to decline to participate in any Potential Co-Investment Transaction or to invest less than the amount proposed.

4. The Advisors will present to the Board of each Regulated Entity, on a quarterly basis, a record of all investments in Potential Co-Investment Transactions made by any of the other Regulated Entities or any of the Affiliated Investors during the preceding quarter that fell within the Regulated Entity’s then-current Objectives and Strategies that were not made available to the Regulated Entity, and an explanation of why the investment opportunities were not offered to the Regulated Entity. All information presented to the Board pursuant to this condition will be kept for the life of the Regulated Entity and at least two years thereafter, and will be subject to examination by the Commission and its staff.

5. Except for follow-on investments made in accordance with condition 8, 13 a Regulated Entity will not invest in reliance on the Order in any issuer in which another Regulated Entity or an Affiliated Investor or any affiliated person of another Regulated Entity or an Affiliated Investor is an existing investor.

6. A Regulated Entity will not participate in any Potential Co-Investment Transaction unless the terms, conditions, price, class of securities to be purchased, settlement date, and registration rights will be the same for each participating Regulated Entity and Affiliated Investor. The grant to one or more Regulated Entities or Affiliated Investors, but not the Regulated Entity itself, of the right to nominate a director for election to a portfolio company’s board of directors, the right to have an observer on the board of directors or similar rights to participate in the governance or management of the portfolio company will not be interpreted so as to violate this condition 6, if conditions 2(c)(iii)(a), (b) and (c) are met.

7. a. If any Regulated Entity or Affiliated Investor elects to sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of an interest in a security that was acquired by one or more Regulated Entities and/or Affiliated Investors in a Co-Investment Transaction, the Advisors will:

(i) Notify each Regulated Entity that participated in the Co-Investment Transaction of the proposed disposition at the earliest practical time; and

(ii) formulate a recommendation as to participation by each Regulated Entity in the disposition.

b. Each Regulated Entity will have the right to participate in such disposition.

12 “Available Capital” means (a) for each Regulated Entity, the amount of capital available for investment determined based on the amount of cash on hand, existing commitments and reserves, if any, the targeted leverage level, targeted asset mix and other investment policies and restrictions set from time to time by the Board of the applicable Regulated Entity or imposed by applicable laws, rules, regulations or interpretations and (b) for each Affiliated Investor, the amount of capital available for investment determined based on the amount of cash on hand, existing commitments and reserves, if any, the targeted leverage level, targeted asset mix and other investment policies and restrictions set by the Affiliated Investor’s directors, general partners or adviser or imposed by applicable laws, rules, regulations or interpretations.

13 This exception applies only to follow-on investments by a Regulated Entity in issuers in which that Regulated Entity already holds investments.
on a pro rata basis, at the same price and on the same terms and conditions as those applicable to the Affiliated Investors and any other Regulated Entity.

c. A Regulated Entity may participate in such disposition without obtaining prior approval of the Required Majority if: (i) The proposed participation of each Regulated Entity and each Affiliated Investor in such disposition is proportionate to its outstanding investments in the issuer immediately preceding the disposition; (ii) the Regulated Entity’s Board has approved as being in the best interests of the Regulated Entity the ability to participate in such dispositions on a pro rata basis (as described in greater detail in the application); and (iii) the Regulated Entity’s Board is provided on a quarterly basis with a list of all dispositions made in accordance with this condition. In all other cases, the Advisors will provide their written recommendation as to the Regulated Entity’s participation to the Eligible Trustees, and the Regulated Entity will participate in such disposition solely to the extent that a Required Majority determines that it is in the Regulated Entity’s best interests.

d. Each Regulated Entity and each Affiliated Investor will bear its own expenses in connection with the disposition.

8. a. If any Regulated Entity or Affiliated Investor desires to make a “follow-on investment” (i.e., an additional investment in the same entity, including through the exercise of warrants or other rights to purchase securities of the issuer) in a portfolio company whose securities were acquired by the Regulated Entity and the Affiliated Investor in a Co-Investment Transaction, the Advisors will:

(i) Notify each Regulated Entity of the proposed transaction at the earliest practical time; and

(ii) formulate a recommendation as to the proposed participation, including the amount of the proposed follow-on investment, by each Regulated Entity.

b. A Regulated Entity may participate in such follow-on investment without obtaining prior approval of the Required Majority if: (i) The proposed participation of each Regulated Entity and each Affiliated Investor in such investment is proportionate to its outstanding investments in the issuer immediately preceding the follow-on investment; and (ii) the Regulated Entity’s Board has approved as being in the best interests of such Regulated Entity the ability to participate in follow-on investments on a pro rata basis (as described in greater detail in the application). In all other cases, the Advisors will provide their written recommendation as to such Regulated Entity’s participation to the Eligible Trustees, and the Regulated Entity will participate in such follow-on investment solely to the extent that the Required Majority determines that it is in such Regulated Entity’s best interests.

c. If, with respect to any follow-on investment:

(i) The amount of a follow-on investment is not based on the Regulated Entities’ and the Affiliated Investors’ outstanding investments immediately preceding the follow-on investment; and

(ii) the aggregate amount recommended by the Advisors to be invested by the Regulated Entity in the follow-on investment, together with the amount proposed to be invested by the other participating Regulated Entities and the Affiliated Investors in the same transaction, exceeds the amount of opportunity; then the amount invested by each such party will be allocated among them pro rata based on each participant’s Available Capital for investment in the asset class being allocated, up to the amount proposed to be invested by each.

d. The acquisition of follow-on investments as permitted by this condition will be considered a Co-Investment Transaction for all purposes and be subject to the other conditions set forth in the application.

9. The Independent Trustees of each Regulated Entity will be provided quarterly for review all information concerning Potential Co-Investment Transactions and Co-Investment Transactions, including investments made by other Regulated Entities or Affiliated Investors that a Regulated Entity considered but declined to participate in, so that the Independent Trustees may determine whether all investments made during the preceding quarter, including those investments which the Regulated Entity considered but declined to participate in, comply with the conditions of the Order. In addition, the Independent Trustees will consider at least annually the continued appropriateness for such Regulated Entity of participating in new and existing Co-Investment Transactions.

10. Each Regulated Entity will maintain the records required by section 57(f)(3) of the Act as if each of the Regulated Entities were a BDC and each of the investments permitted under these conditions were approved by a Required Majority under section 57(f).

11. No Independent Trustee of a Regulated Entity will also be a trustee, director, general partner, managing member or principal, or otherwise an “affiliated person” (as defined in the Act) of any Affiliated Investor.

12. The expenses, if any, associated with acquiring, holding or disposing of any securities acquired in a Co-Investment Transaction (including, without limitation, the expenses of the distribution of any such securities registered for sale under the 1933 Act) shall, to the extent not payable by the Advisors under their respective advisory agreements with the Regulated Entities and the Affiliated Investors, be shared by the Regulated Entities and the Affiliated Investors in proportion to the relative amounts of the securities held or to be acquired or disposed of, as the case may be.

13. Any transaction fee (including break-up or commitment fees but excluding brokerage or underwriting compensation contemplated by section 17(e) or 57(k) of the Act, as applicable) 14 received in connection with a Co-Investment Transaction will be distributed to the participating Regulated Entities and Affiliated Investors on a pro rata basis based on the amount they invested or committed, as the case may be, in such Co-Investment Transaction. If any transaction fee is to be held by an Advisor pending consummation of the transaction, the fee will be deposited into an account maintained by the Advisor at a bank or banks having the qualifications prescribed in section 26(a)(1) of the Act, and the account will earn a competitive rate of interest that will also be divided pro rata among the participating Regulated Entities and Affiliated Investors based on the amount they invest in the Co-Investment Transaction. None of the other Regulated Entities, Affiliated Investors, the Advisors nor any affiliated person of the Regulated Entities or the Affiliated Investors will receive additional compensation or remuneration of any kind as a result of or in connection with a Co-Investment Transaction (other than (a) in the case of the Regulated Entities and the Affiliated Investors, the pro rata transaction fees described above and fees or other compensation described in condition 2(c)(iii)(c), (b) brokerage or underwriting compensation permitted by section 17(e) or 57(k) of the Act, as applicable, or (c) in the case of the Advisors, investment advisory fees paid in accordance with the Regulated

14 Applicants are not requesting and the Commission is not providing any relief for transaction fees received in connection with any Co-Investment Transaction.
Entities’ and the Affiliated Investors’ investment advisory agreements).

14. The Advisors to the Regulated Entities and Affiliated Investors will maintain written policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure compliance with the foregoing conditions. These policies and procedures will require, among other things, that each of the Advisors to each Regulated Entity will be notified of all Potential Co-Investment Transactions that fall within a Regulated Entity’s then-current Objectives and Strategies and will be given sufficient information to make its independent determination and recommendations under conditions 1, 2(a), 7 and 8.

15. If the Holders own in the aggregate more than 25 percent of the shares of a Regulated Entity, then the Holders will vote such shares as directed by an independent third party when voting on (1) the election of directors or trustees; (2) the removal of one or more directors or trustees; or (3) any matters requiring approval by the vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities, as defined in section 2(a)(42) of the Act.

16. Each Regulated Entity’s chief compliance officer, as defined in Rule 38a-1(a)(4), will prepare an annual report for its Board that evaluates (and documents the basis of that evaluation) the Regulated Entity’s compliance with the terms and conditions of the application and the procedures established to achieve such compliance.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Destra Exchange-Traded Fund Trust, et al.

March 14, 2018

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”).

ACTION: Notice.

Notice of an application for an order under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “Act”) for an exemption from sections 2(a)(32), 5(a)(1), 22(d), and 22(e) of the Act and rule 22c–1 under the Act, under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act for an exemption from sections 17(a)(1) and 17(a)(2) of the Act, and under section 12(d)(1)(J) for an exemption from sections 12(d)(1)(A) and 12(d)(1)(B) of the Act. The requested order would permit (a) actively-managed series of certain open-end management investment companies (“Funds”) to issue shares redeemable in large aggregations only (“Creation Units”); (b) secondary market transactions in Fund shares to occur at negotiated market prices rather than at net asset value (“NAV”); (c) certain Funds to pay redemption proceeds, under certain circumstances, more than seven days after the tender of shares for redemption; (d) certain affiliated persons of a Fund to deposit securities into, and receive securities from, the Fund in connection with the purchase and redemption of Creation Units; (e) certain registered management investment companies and unit investment trusts outside of the same group of investment companies as the Funds (“Funds of Funds”) to acquire shares of the Funds; (f) certain Funds (“Feeder Funds”) to create and redeem Creations Units in-kind in a master-feeder structure; and (g) the Funds to issue Shares in less than Creation Unit size to investors participating in, to the extent applicable, a distribution reinvestment program.

APPLICANTS: Destra Exchange-Traded Fund Trust (the “Trust”), a Massachusetts business trust that intends to register under the Act as an open-end management investment company with multiple series, Destra Capital Advisors LLC (the “Initial Adviser”), a Delaware limited liability company registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, and Destra Capital Investments LLC (the “Distributor”), a Delaware limited liability company and broker-dealer registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”).

FILING DATES: The application was filed on June 27, 2017 and amended on December 21, 2017.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the requested relief will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission’s Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on April 9, 2018, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants, in the form of an affidavit, or for lawyers, a certificate of service. Pursuant to rule 0–5 under the Act, hearing requests should state the nature of the writer’s interest, any facts bearing upon the desirability of a hearing on the matter, the reason for the request, and the issues contested.

Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Commission’s Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549–1090; Applicants: c/o Jane Hong Shissler, Destra Capital Investments LLC, One North Wacker Drive, 48th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Asen Parachkov, Senior Counsel, or Andrea Ottomanelli Magovern, Branch Chief, at (202) 551–6821 (Division of Investment Management, Chief Counsel’s Office).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained via the Commission’s website by searching for the file number, or for an applicant using the Company name box, at http://www.sec.gov/search/search.htm or by calling (202) 551–8090.

Summary of the Application

1. Applicants request an order that would allow Funds to operate as actively-managed exchange traded funds (“ETFs”).1 Fund shares will be purchased and redeemed at their NAV in Creation Units only (other than pursuant to a distribution reinvestment program described in the application). All orders to purchase Creation Units and all redemption requests will be placed by or through an “Authorized Participant”, which will have signed a participant agreement with the Distributor. Shares will be listed and traded individually on a national securities exchange, where share prices will be based on the current bid/offer market. Any order granting the requested relief would be subject to the terms and conditions stated in the application.

2. Each Fund will consist of a portfolio of securities and other assets

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1 Applicants request that the order apply to the initial Fund, as well as to future series of the Trust and any future open-end management investment companies or series thereof (each, included in the term “Fund”), each of which will operate as an actively-managed ETF. Any Fund will (a) be advised by the Initial Adviser or an entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Initial Adviser (each such entity or any successor thereto is included in the term “Adviser”) and (b) comply with the terms and conditions of the application. For purposes of the requested order, the term “successor” is limited to an entity that results from a reorganization into another jurisdiction or a change in the type of business organization.