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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-29541]

Notice of Applications for Deregistration Under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

December 16, 2010.

The following is a notice of applications for deregistration under section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 for the month of December 2010. A copy of each application may be obtained via the Commission's Web site by searching for the file number, or an applicant using the Company name box, at http://www.sec.gov/search/ search.htm or by calling (202) 551-8090. An order granting each application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by writing to the SEC's Secretary at the address below and serving the relevant applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on January 11, 2011, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicant, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, 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 Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane L. Titus at (202) 551–6810, SEC, Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549–4041.

New Providence Investment Trust [File No. 811–8295]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On February 18, 2010, applicant transferred its assets to The Jacob Wisdom Fund, a series of Jacob Funds Inc., based on net asset value. Expenses of approximately \$81,630 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by Atlanta Investment Counsel, LLC and Jacob Asset Management of New York, LLC, applicant's investment advisers.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on September 30, 2010, and amended on December 1, 2010.

Applicant's Address: 116 S. Franklin St., Rocky Mount, NC 27804.

AARP Funds [File No. 811-21825]

AARP Portfolios [File No. 811–21839]

Summary: Each applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On September 29, 2010, each applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$44,000 and \$38,500, respectively, incurred in connection with the liquidations were paid by applicants and AARP Financial Inc., applicants' investment adviser. Each applicant has less than \$1,000 in miscellaneous outstanding expenses which will be paid by AARP Financial Inc. or its affiliates.

Filing Date: The applications were filed on December 6, 2010.

Applicants' Address: 650 F St., NW., 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20004.

Investment Grade Municipal Income Fund Inc. [File No. 811–7096]

Summary: Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. Between April 16, 2010 and April 20, 2010, applicant's outstanding auction preferred shares were redeemed in full, with each preferred shareholder receiving the liquidation preference of \$50,000 per share plus any accumulated but unpaid dividends. On May 10, 2010, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its common shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$263,000 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by applicant.

Filing Date: The application was filed on November 15, 2010.

Applicant's Address: 1285 Avenue of the Americas, 12th Floor, New York, NY

10019–6028. BBH Asian Opportunity Registered Fund, LLC [File No. 811–22200]

Summary: Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. Applicant has never made a public offering of its securities and does not propose to make a public offering or engage in business of any kind.

Filing Date: The application was filed on November 23, 2010.

Applicant's Address: 140 Broadway, New York, NY 10005.

UM Investment Trust [File No. 811–21044]

Summary: Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. Applicant has never made a public offering of its securities and does not propose to make a public offering or engage in any business activities other than those necessary for winding up its affairs.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on October 21, 2010, and amended on December 3, 2010.

Applicant's Address: 245 Park Ave., New York, NY 10167.

Morgan Stanley Opportunistic Municipal High Income Fund [File No. 811–21857]

Summary: Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. Applicant has never made a public offering of its securities and does not propose to make a public offering or engage in business of any kind.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on September 30, 2010, and amended on December 3, 2010.

Applicant's Address: 522 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10036.

BlackRock Core Alternatives Portfolio LLC [File No. 811–22254]

BlackRock Core Alternatives TEI Portfolio LLC [File No. 811–22364]

BlackRock Core Alternatives FB Portfolio LLC [File No. 811–22365]

BlackRock Core Alternatives FB TEI Portfolio LLC [File No. 811–22366]

Summary: Each applicant, a closedend investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. Applicants have never made a public offering of their securities and do not propose to make a public offering or engage in business of any kind.

Filing Date: The applications were filed on December 8, 2010.

Applicants' Address: 100 Bellevue Parkway, Wilmington, DE 19809.

Oppenheimer Principal Protected Trust [File No. 811–21281]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On August 26, 2010, applicant transferred its assets to Oppenheimer Main Street Funds, Inc., based on net asset value. Expenses of approximately \$74,707 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by applicant.

Filing Date: The application was filed on December 2, 2010.

Applicant's Address: OppenheimerFunds, Inc., 6803 S. Tucson Way, Centennial, CO 80112.

BlackRock California Investment Quality Municipal Trust Inc. [File No. 811–7664]

Summary: Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. By September 30, 2010, applicant had redeemed all of its Series W7 Preferred Shares at their liquidation preference plus any accrued but unpaid dividends. On September 30, 2010, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its common shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$25,025 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by applicant. Applicant has retained approximately \$100,000 in cash to pay any contingent liabilities recognized after the liquidation date.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on October 5, 2010 and amended on December 6, 2010.

Applicant's Address: 100 Bellevue Parkway, Wilmington, DE 19809.

T. Rowe Price Tax-Free Intermediate Bond Fund, Inc. [File No. 811–7051]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On November 13, 2006, applicant transferred its assets to T. Rowe Price Summit Municipal Funds, Inc., based on net asset value. Expenses of approximately \$17,940 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by applicant, the acquiring fund and T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc., applicant's investment adviser.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on June 26, 2009, and amended on December 2, 2010.

Applicant's Address: 100 E. Pratt St., Baltimore, MD 21202.

AFBA 5Star Funds [File No. 811–8035]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On March 12, 2010, applicant transferred its assets to corresponding series of FBR Funds, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$94,946 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by AFBA Investment Management Company, applicant's investment adviser, and FBR Fund Advisers, Inc., investment adviser to the acquiring fund. *Filing Dates:* The application was filed on September 22, 2010, and amended on December 14, 2010.

Applicant's Address: 909 N. Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

Liquid Institutional Reserves [File No.

811–6281]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On April 22, 2004, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$6,560 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by UBS Global Asset Management (Americas) Inc., an affiliate of applicant's investment adviser.

Filing Date: The application was filed on December 9, 2010.

Applicant's Address: c/o UBS Global Asset Management, Attn: Keith A. Weller, 1285 Avenue of the Americas, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10019.

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

Florence E. Harmon,

Deputy Secretary. [FR Doc. 2010–32287 Filed 12–22–10; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 8011–01–P

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-63573; File No. 4-622]

Credit Rating Standardization Study

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Securities and Exchange Commission is requesting public comment to help inform its study pursuant to Section 939(h) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 on the feasibility and desirability of: Standardizing credit ratings terminology, so that all credit rating agencies issue credit ratings using identical terms; standardizing the market stress conditions under which ratings are evaluated; requiring a quantitative correspondence between credit ratings and a range of default probabilities and loss expectations under standardized conditions of economic stress; and standardizing credit rating terminology across asset classes, so that named ratings correspond to a standard range of default probabilities and expected losses independent of asset class and issuing entity.

DATES: The Commission will accept comments regarding issues related to the study on or before February 7, 2011. **ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

• Use the Commission's Internet comment form (*http://www.sec.gov/ rules/other.shtml*); or

• Send an e-mail to *rulecomments@sec.gov*. Please include File Number 4–622 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number 4-622. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help us process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (http:// www.sec.gov). Comments are also available for Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. All comments received will be posted without change; we do not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randall W. Roy, Assistant Director, Division of Trading and Markets, at (202) 551–5522; Alan A. Dunetz, Branch Chief, Division of Trading and Markets, at (212) 336-0072; Kevin S. Davey, Securities Compliance Examiner, at (212) 336-0075; Kristin A. Devitto, Securities Compliance Examiner, at (212) 336–0038; Mark M. Attar, Branch Chief, Division of Trading and Markets, at (202) 551–5889; or Raymond A. Lombardo, Branch Chief, Division of Trading and Markets, at (202) 551–5755, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-7010.

Discussion:

On July 21, 2010, President Obama signed the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (the "Dodd-Frank Act") into law. Under Section 939(h) of the Dodd-Frank Act, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") is required to study the feasibility and desirability of: (A) Standardizing credit