

#### IV. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 5 Thereto, and Timing for Commission Action

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act<sup>69</sup> provides that, after initiating disapproval proceedings, the Commission shall issue an order approving or disapproving the proposed rule change not later than 180 days after the date of publication of notice of the filing of the proposed rule change. The Commission may, however, extend the period for issuing an order approving or disapproving the proposed rule change by not more than 60 days if the Commission determines that a longer period is appropriate and publishes the reasons for such determination. The Commission determined that it was appropriate to designate a longer period within which to issue an order approving or disapproving the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider the proposed rule change.<sup>70</sup> Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>71</sup> designated July 22, 2016, as the date by which the Commission shall either approve or disapprove the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 5 thereto (File No. SR-BATS-2015-100).

#### V. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether Amendment No. 5 to the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

##### *Electronic Comments*

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-BATS-2015-100 on the subject line.

##### *Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-BATS-2015-100. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission 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/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be 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 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-BATS-2015-100 and should be submitted on or before June 28, 2016.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>72</sup>

**Robert W. Errett,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 32140; File No. 812-14525]

#### Guggenheim Funds Trust, et al.; Notice of Application

June 6, 2016.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

**ACTION:** Notice of an application for an order under section 12(d)(1)(J) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") for an exemption from sections 12(d)(1)(A), (B), and (C) of the Act and under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act for an exemption from sections 17(a)(1) and (2) of the Act. The requested order would permit certain registered open-end investment companies to acquire shares of certain registered open-end investment companies, registered closed-end investment companies, business development companies, as defined in section 2(a)(48) of the Act

("BDCs"), and registered unit investment trusts (collectively, "Underlying Funds") that are within and outside the same group of investment companies as the acquiring investment companies, in excess of the limits in section 12(d)(1) of the Act.

**APPLICANTS:** Guggenheim Funds Trust and Guggenheim Variable Funds Trust, each a Delaware statutory trust and registered under the Act as an open-end management investment company with multiple series (each, a "Trust"); Guggenheim Partners Investment Management, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("GPIM"), and Security Investors, LLC, a Kansas limited liability company ("Security Investors"), each registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940; and Guggenheim Funds Distributors, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, registered as a broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act").

**FILING DATES:** The application was filed on July 31, 2015, and amended on December 16, 2015 and April 13, 2016.

**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 July 1, 2016 and should be accompanied by proof of service on the 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:** Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090. Applicants: Guggenheim Funds Trust, Guggenheim Variable Funds Trust, and Guggenheim Funds Distributors, LLC, 805 King Farm Boulevard, Suite 600, Rockville, MD 20850; Security Investors, LLC, 330 Madison Avenue, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10022; and Guggenheim Partners Investment Management, LLC, 100 Wilshire Boulevard, 5th Floor, Santa Monica, CA 90401.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven I. Amchan, Senior Counsel, at

<sup>69</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>70</sup> See *supra* note 13 and accompanying text.

<sup>71</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>72</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

(202) 551-6826, or David J. Marcinkus, 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 Web site 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 to permit (a) a Fund<sup>1</sup> (each a "Fund of Funds") to acquire shares of Underlying Funds<sup>2</sup> in excess of the limits in sections 12(d)(1)(A) and (C) of the Act and (b) the Underlying Funds that are registered open-end investment companies or series thereof, their principal underwriters and any broker or dealer registered under the Exchange Act to sell shares of the Underlying Fund to the Fund of Funds in excess of the limits in section 12(d)(1)(B) of the Act.<sup>3</sup> Applicants also request an order of exemption under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act from the prohibition on certain affiliated transactions in section 17(a) of the Act to the extent necessary to permit the Underlying Funds to sell their shares to, and redeem their shares from, the Funds of Funds.<sup>4</sup> Applicants

<sup>1</sup> Applicants request that the order apply to each existing and future series of the Trusts and to each existing and future registered open-end investment company or series thereof that is advised by GPIM or Security Investors or their successors or by any other investment adviser controlling, controlled by, or under common control with GPIM or Security Investors or their successors and is part of the same "group of investment companies" as the Trusts (each, a "Fund"). For purposes of the requested order, "successor" is limited to an entity that results from a reorganization into another jurisdiction or a change in the type of business organization. For purposes of the request for relief, the term "group of investment companies" means any two or more registered investment companies, including closed-end investment companies or BDCs, that hold themselves out to investors as related companies for purposes of investment and investor services.

<sup>2</sup> Certain of the Underlying Funds have obtained exemptions from the Commission necessary to permit their shares to be listed and traded on a national securities exchange at negotiated prices and, accordingly, to operate as an exchange-traded fund ("ETF").

<sup>3</sup> Applicants do not request relief for the Funds of Funds to invest in reliance on the order in BDCs and registered closed-end investment companies that are not listed and traded on a national securities exchange.

<sup>4</sup> A Fund of Funds generally would purchase and sell shares of an Underlying Fund that operates as an ETF through secondary market transactions rather than through principal transactions with the Underlying Fund. Applicants nevertheless request relief from section 17(a) to permit a Fund of Funds to purchase or redeem shares from the ETF. A Fund of Funds will purchase and sell shares of an

state that such transactions will be consistent with the policies of each Fund of Funds and each Underlying Fund and with the general purposes of the Act and will be based on the net asset values of the Underlying Funds.

2. Certain Underlying Funds may invest up to 25% of their assets in a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of the Underlying Fund organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands as an exempted company or under the laws of another non-U.S. jurisdiction (each, a "Cayman Sub"), in order to invest in commodity-related instruments and certain other instruments. Applicants state that these Cayman Subs are created for tax purposes in order to ensure that the Underlying Fund would remain qualified as a regulated investment company for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

3. Applicants agree that any order granting the requested relief will be subject to the terms and conditions stated in the application. Such terms and conditions are designed to, among other things, help prevent any potential (i) undue influence over an Underlying Fund that is not in the same "group of investment companies" as the Fund of Funds through control or voting power, or in connection with certain services, transactions, and underwritings, (ii) excessive layering of fees, and (iii) overly complex fund structures, which are the concerns underlying the limits in sections 12(d)(1)(A), (B), and (C) of the Act.

4. Section 12(d)(1)(J) of the Act provides that the Commission may exempt any person, security, or transaction, or any class or classes of persons, securities, or transactions, from any provision of section 12(d)(1) if the exemption is consistent with the public interest and the protection of investors. Section 17(b) of the Act authorizes the Commission to grant an order permitting a transaction otherwise prohibited by section 17(a) if it finds that (a) the terms of the proposed transaction are fair and reasonable and do not involve overreaching on the part of any person concerned; (b) the proposed transaction is consistent with the policies of each registered investment company involved; and (c) the proposed transaction is consistent with the general purposes of the Act. Section 6(c) of the Act permits the

Underlying Fund that is a closed-end fund or BDC through secondary market transactions at market prices rather than through principal transactions with the closed-end fund or BDC. Accordingly, applicants are not requesting section 17(a) relief with respect to transactions in shares of closed-end funds (including BDCs).

Commission to exempt any persons or transactions from any provision of the Act if such exemption is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the Act.

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

**Robert W. Errett,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-78003; File No. SR-NYSEArca-2015-93]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on Proceedings To Determine Whether To Approve or Disapprove a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1 Thereto, Relating to Listing and Trading of Shares of the Cumberland Municipal Bond ETF Under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600

June 7, 2016.

On November 24, 2015, NYSE Arca, Inc. ("Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> a proposed rule change to list and trade shares of the Cumberland Municipal Bond ETF, a series of the ETFs Series Trust I. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on December 14, 2015.<sup>3</sup> On December 29, 2015, the Exchange submitted Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.<sup>4</sup> On

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 76590 (Dec. 8, 2015), 80 FR 77384 ("Notice").

<sup>4</sup> In Amendment No. 1, the Exchange clarified that each Municipal Bond (as defined herein) held by the Fund must be a constituent of a deal where the deal's original offering amount was at least \$100 million, clarified whether certain securities would be exchange-traded or over-the-counter, deleted a statement relating to redemption of Shares, clarified pricing information for certain assets, and corrected a typographical error. Because Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change is technical in nature and does not materially alter the substance of the proposed rule change or raise any novel regulatory issues, it is not subject to notice and comment. Amendment No. 1, which amended and replaced the original proposal in its entirety, is available on the Commission's Web site at: <http://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-nysearca-2015-93/nysearca201593-1.pdf>.