

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940

Release No. 32670 / June 6, 2017

In the Matter of

SIERRA TOTAL RETURN FUND
STRF ADVISORS LLC
SIERRA OPPORTUNITY FUND
SOF ADVISORS LLC
280 Park Ave., 6th Floor East
New York, NY 10017

(812-14713)

ORDER UNDER SECTION 6(c) OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940
GRANTING AN EXEMPTION FROM SECTIONS 18(a)(2), 18(c) AND 18(i) OF THE ACT,
UNDER SECTIONS 6(c) AND 23(c)(3) OF THE ACT GRANTING AN EXEMPTION FROM
RULE 23c-3 UNDER THE ACT AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 17(d) AND RULE 17d-1
UNDER THE ACT

Sierra Total Return Fund, STRF Advisors LLC, Sierra Opportunity Fund, and SOF Advisors LLC. filed an application on October 31, 2016, and amendments to the application on March 8, 2017 and April 18, 2017, requesting an order under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (“Act”) granting an exemption from sections 18(a)(2), 18(c) and 18(i) of the Act, under sections 6(c) and 23(c)(3) of the Act granting an exemption from rule 23c-3 under the Act and pursuant to section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d-1 under the Act. The order permits certain registered closed-end management investment companies to issue multiple classes of shares and to impose asset-based distribution and/or service fees and early withdrawal charges.

On May 10, 2017, a notice of the filing of the application was issued (Investment Company Act Release No. 32632). The notice gave interested persons an opportunity to request a hearing and stated that an order disposing of the application would be issued unless a hearing was ordered. No request for a hearing has been filed, and the Commission has not ordered a hearing.

The matter has been considered and it is found, on the basis of the information set forth in the application, as amended, that granting the requested exemption is 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.

It is further found that proposed repurchases will be made in a manner which does not unfairly discriminate against any holders of the class or classes of securities to be purchased.

It is further found that the investment company's proposed institution of asset-based distribution and/or service fees is consistent with the provisions, policies, and purposes of the Act, and will not be on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of other participants.

Accordingly, in the matter of Sierra Total Return Fund, et al. (File No. 812-14713),

IT IS ORDERED, under section 6(c) of the Act, that the requested exemption from sections 18(a)(2), 18(c) and 18(i) of the Act is granted, effective immediately, subject to the condition in the application, as amended.

IT IS ALSO ORDERED, under sections 6(c) and 23(c)(3) of the Act, that the requested exemption from rule 23c-3 is granted, effective immediately, subject to the condition contained in the application, as amended.

IT IS ALSO ORDERED, under section 17(d) and rule 17d-1, that the investment company's institution of asset-based distribution and/or service fees is approved, effective immediately, subject to the condition contained in the application, as amended.

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

Brent J. Fields
Secretary