

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940
Release No. 32170 / July 5, 2016

In the Matter of	:
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GUGGENHEIM FUNDS TRUST	:
GUGGENHEIM VARIABLE FUNDS TRUST	:
GUGGENHEIM FUNDS DISTRIBUTORS, LLC	:
805 King Farm Boulevard, Suite 600	:
Rockville, MD 20850	:
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SECURITY INVESTORS, LLC	:
330 Madison Avenue, 10th Floor	:
New York, NY 10022	:
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GUGGENHEIM PARTNERS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, LLC	:
100 Wilshire Boulevard, 5th Floor	:
Santa Monica, CA 90401	:
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(812-14525)	:
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ORDER UNDER SECTION 12(d)(1)(J) OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940 GRANTING AN EXEMPTION FROM SECTIONS 12(d)(1)(A), (B) AND (C) OF THE ACT, UNDER SECTIONS 6(c) AND 17(b) OF THE ACT GRANTING AN EXEMPTION FROM SECTION 17(a) OF THE ACT

Guggenheim Funds Trust, Guggenheim Variable Funds Trust, Guggenheim Partners Investment Management, LLC, Security Investors, LLC, and Guggenheim Funds Distributors, LLC filed an application on July 31, 2015, and amendments to the application on December 16, 2015 and April 13, 2016, requesting an order under section 12(d)(1)(J) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “Act”) granting 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 granting an exemption from section 17(a) of the Act. The order would permit certain registered open-end management investment companies that operate as “funds of funds” to acquire shares of certain registered open-end management investment companies, registered closed-end management investment companies, “business development companies” as defined by section 2(a)(48) of the Act, and registered unit investment trusts that are within or outside the same group of investment companies as the acquiring investment companies.

On June 6, 2016, a notice of the filing of the application was issued (Investment Company Act Release No. 32140). The notice gave interested persons an opportunity to request a

hearing and stated that an order granting 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, that granting the requested exemption is appropriate in and consistent with 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 also found that the terms of the proposed transactions are reasonable and fair and do not involve overreaching, and the proposed transactions are consistent with the policies of each registered investment company concerned and with the general purposes of the Act.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED, that the relief requested under section 12(d)(1)(J) of the Act from sections 12(d)(1)(A), (B) and (C) of the Act and under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act from section 17(a) of the Act by Guggenheim Funds Trust, et al. (File No. 812-14525) is granted, effective immediately, subject to the conditions contained in the application, as amended.

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

Brent J. Fields
Secretary