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TEMPORARY FORM D

NOTICE OF SALE OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO REGULATION D, SECTION 4(6), AND/OR UNIFORM LIMITED OFFERING EXEMPTION

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Name of Offering (check if this is an amendment and name has changed, and indicate change.) Canyon Special Opportunities Fund (Cayman), Ltd. (the "Issuer")

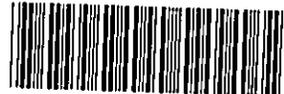
Washington, DC 100

Filing Under (Check box(es) that apply): Rule 504 Rule 505 Rule 506 Section 4(6) ULOE Type of Filing: New Filing Amendment

A. BASIC IDENTIFICATION DATA

1. Enter the information requested about the issuer

Name of Issuer (check if this is an amendment and name has changed, and indicate change.) Canyon Special Opportunities Fund (Cayman), Ltd.



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Address of Executive Offices (Number and Street, City, State, ZIP Code) Telephone Number c/o Fortis Prime Fund Solutions (Cayman) Limited, P.O. Box 2003, Grand Pavilion Commercial Centre, 802 West Bay Road, Grand Cayman KY1-1104, Cayman Islands, British West Indies (345) 949-7942

Address of Principal Business Operations (Number and Street, City, State, ZIP Code) Telephone Number (including Area Code) (if different from Executive Offices) 2000 Avenue of the Stars, 11th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90067 (310) 272-1360

Brief Description of Business To invest in Canyon Special Opportunities Master Fund (Cayman), Ltd., which focuses on areas of the capital markets that the investment advisor believes to be particularly disrupted, which may include stressed and distressed credit opportunities.

Type of Business Organization corporation limited partnership, already formed other (please specify): Cayman Islands Exempted Company limited partnership, to be formed business trust

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Actual or Estimated Date of Incorporation or Organization: Month 08 Year 07 Actual Estimated Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization: (Enter two-letter U.S. Postal Service abbreviation for State: CN for Canada; FN for other foreign jurisdiction) F N

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS Note: This is a special Temporary Form D (17 CFR 239.500T) that is available to be filed instead of Form D (17 CFR 239.500) only to issuers that file with the Commission a notice on Temporary Form D (17 CFR 239.500T) or an amendment to such a notice in paper format on or after September 15, 2008 but before March 16, 2009.

Federal: Who Must File: All issuers making an offering of securities in reliance on an exemption under Regulation D or Section 4(6), 17 CFR 230.501 et seq. or 15 U.S.C. 77d(6).

When to File: A notice must be filed no later than 15 days after the first sale of securities in the offering. A notice is deemed filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on the earlier of the date it is received by the SEC at the address given below or, if received at that address after the date on which it is due, on the date it was mailed by United States registered or certified mail to that address.

Where to File: U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549.

Copies Required: Two (2) copies of this notice must be filed with the SEC, one of which must be manually signed. The copy not manually signed must be a photocopy of the manually signed copy or bear typed or printed signatures.

Information Required: A new filing must contain all information requested. Amendments need only report the name of the issuer and offering, any changes thereto, the information requested in Part C, and any material changes from the information previously supplied in Parts A and B. Part E and the Appendix need not be filed with the SEC.

Filing Fee: There is no federal filing fee.

State: This notice shall be used to indicate reliance on the Uniform Limited Offering Exemption (ULOE) for sales of securities in those states that have adopted ULOE and that have adopted this form. Issuers relying on ULOE must file a separate notice with the Securities Administrator in each state where sales are to be, or have been made.

ATTENTION Failure to file notice in the appropriate states will not result in a loss of the federal exemption. Conversely, failure to file the appropriate federal notice will not result in a loss of an available state exemption unless such exemption is predicated on the filing of a federal notice.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless form displays a currently valid OMB number.

A. BASIC IDENTIFICATION DATA

2. Enter the information requested for the following:

- Each promoter of the issuer, if the issuer has been organized within the past five years;
- Each beneficial owner having the power to vote or dispose, or direct the vote or disposition of, 10% or more of a class of equity securities of the issuer;
- Each executive officer and director of corporate issuers and of corporate general and managing partners of partnership issuers; and
- Each general and managing partner of partnership issuers.

Check Box(es) that Apply: Promoter Beneficial Owner Executive Officer Director General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)
Canyon Capital Advisors LLC (the "Investment Advisor")

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)
2000 Avenue of the Stars, 11th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90067

Check Box(es) that Apply: Promoter Beneficial Owner Executive Officer Director General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)
Friedman, Joshua S.

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)
c/o Canyon Capital Advisors LLC, 2000 Avenue of the Stars, 11th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90067

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Full Name (Last name first, if individual)
Julis, Mitchell R.

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Full Name (Last name first, if individual)
Turner, K. Robert

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Full Name (Last name first, if individual)
Dooley, Patrick J.

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Full Name (Last name first, if individual)
Ba, Allen

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Check Box(es) that Apply: Promoter Beneficial Owner Executive Officer Director General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)
Mielle, Dominique

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)
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- Each general and managing partner of partnership issuers.

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Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Simpson, John H.

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

c/o Canyon Capital Advisors LLC, 2000 Avenue of the Stars, 11th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90067

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Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Young, Peter M.O.

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

c/o Fortis Prime Fund Solutions (Cayman) Limited, P.O. Box 2003, Grand Pavilion Commercial Centre, 802 West Bay Road, Grand Cayman KY1-1104, Cayman Islands, British West Indies

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Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Young, Samuel A.D.

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

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Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Abu Dhabi Investment Authority

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

P.O. Box 3600, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Check Box(es) that Apply: Promoter Beneficial Owner Executive Officer Director General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Common Pension Fund E

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

Attention: Director, Division of Investment, 50 West State Street, 9th Floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08608

Check Box(es) that Apply: Promoter Beneficial Owner Executive Officer Director General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

GMAM Absolute Return Strategies Fund, LLC

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

c/o General Motors Investment Management Corp., 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153

Check Box(es) that Apply: Promoter Beneficial Owner Executive Officer Director General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Varma Mutual Pension Insurance Company

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

Annankatu 18, P.O. Box 4, Helsinki, Finland

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B. INFORMATION ABOUT OFFERING

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| 1. Has the issuer sold, or does the issuer intend to sell, to non-accredited investors in this offering? | YES | NO |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Answer also in Appendix, Column 2, if filing under ULOE. | | |
| 2. What is the minimum investment that will be accepted from any individual? | \$5,000,000* | |
| * Subject to the discretion of the Directors to lower such amount. | | |
| 3. Does the offering permit joint ownership of a single unit? | YES | NO |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Enter the information requested for each person who has been or will be paid or given, directly or indirectly, any commission or similar remuneration for solicitation of purchasers in connection with sales of securities in the offering. If a person to be listed is an associated person or agent of a broker or dealer registered with the SEC and/or with a state or states, list the name of the broker or dealer. If more than five (5) persons to be listed are associated persons of such a broker or dealer, you may set forth the information for that broker or dealer only. | | |

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Not Applicable

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

Name of Associated Broker or Dealer

States in Which Person Listed Has Solicited or Intends to Solicit Purchasers

(Check "All States" or check individual States)..... All States

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C. OFFERING PRICE, NUMBER OF INVESTORS, EXPENSES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

1. Enter the aggregate offering price of securities included in this offering and the total amount already sold. Enter "0" if answer is "none" or "zero." If the transaction is an exchange offering, check this box and indicate in the columns below the amounts of the securities offered for exchange and already exchanged.

Type of Security	Aggregate Offering Price	Amount Already Sold
Debt	\$0	\$0
Equity	\$0	\$0
<input type="checkbox"/> Common <input type="checkbox"/> Preferred		
Convertible Securities (including warrants)	\$0	\$0
Partnership Interests	\$0	\$0
Other (Specify <u>Redeemable Participating Shares ("Shares")</u> (a).....)	\$1,000,000,000(b)	\$501,081,284
Total	\$1,000,000,000(b)	\$501,081,284

Answer also in Appendix, Column 3, if filing under ULOE.

2. Enter the number of accredited and non-accredited investors who have purchased securities in this offering and the aggregate dollar amounts of their purchases. For offerings under Rule 504, indicate the number of persons who have purchased securities and the aggregate dollar amount of their purchases on the total lines. Enter "0" if answer is "none" or "zero."

	Number Investors	Aggregate Dollar Amount of Purchases
Accredited Investors	8	\$501,081,284
Non-accredited investors	0	\$0
Total (for filings under Rule 504 only)	N/A	\$N/A

Answer also in Appendix, Column 4, if filing under ULOE.

3. If this filing is for an offering under Rule 504 or 505, enter the information requested for all securities sold by the issuer, to date, in offerings of the types indicated, in the twelve (12) months prior to the first sale of securities in this offering. Classify securities by type listed in Part C - Question 1.

Type of offering	Type of Security	Dollar Amount Sold
Rule 505	N/A	\$N/A
Regulation A.....	N/A	\$N/A
Rule 504	N/A	\$N/A
Total	N/A	\$N/A

4. a. Furnish a statement of all expenses in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities in this offering. Exclude amounts relating solely to organization expenses of the issuer. The information may be given as subject to future contingencies. If the amount of an expenditure is not known, furnish an estimate and check the box to the left of the estimate.

Transfer Agent's Fees.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$0
Printing and Engraving Costs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$50,000
Legal Fees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$125,000
Accounting Fees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$50,000
Engineering Fees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$0
Sales Commissions (specify finders' fees separately)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$0
Other Expenses (identify) <u>Filing Fees</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$25,000
Total	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$250,000

- (a) The Issuer is offering Shares in separate series (each, a "Series"). Initially, a single Series of Shares will be issued. Thereafter, a new Series of Shares will be issued each time there is a new subscription.
- (b) Open-end fund; estimated maximum aggregate offering amount.

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b. Enter the difference between the aggregate offering price given in response to Part C - Question 1 and total expenses furnished in response to Part C - Question 4.a. This difference is the "adjusted gross proceedsto the issuer."

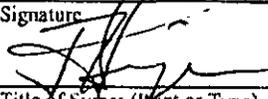
\$999,750,000

5. Indicate below the amount of the adjusted gross proceeds to the issuer used or proposed to be used for each of the purposes shown. If the amount for any purpose is not known, furnish an estimate and check the box to the left of the estimate. The total of the payments listed must equal the adjusted gross proceeds to the issuer set forth in response to Part C - Question 4.b above.

	Payments to Officers, Directors, & Affiliates	Payments to Others
Salaries and fees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$0
Purchase of real estate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$0
Purchase, rental or leasing and installation of machinery and equipment.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$0
Construction or leasing of plant buildings and facilities.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$0
Acquisition of other businesses (including the value of securities involved in this offering that may be used in exchange for the assets or securities of another issuer pursuant to a merger)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$0
Repayment of indebtedness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$0
Working capital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$0
Other (specify): <u>Portfolio Investments</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$999,750,000
.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$0
Column Totals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$999,750,000
Total Payments Listed (column totals added).....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$999,750,000	

D. FEDERAL SIGNATURE

The issuer has duly caused this notice to be signed by the undersigned duly authorized person. If this notice is filed under Rule 505, the following signature constitutes an undertaking by the issuer to furnish to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, upon written request of its staff, the information furnished by the issuer to any non-accredited investor pursuant to paragraph (b)(2) of Rule 502.

Issuer (Print or Type)	Signature	Date
Canyon Special Opportunities Fund (Cayman), Ltd.		December 2, 2008
Name of Signer (Print or Type)	Title of Signer (Print or Type)	
John H. Simpson	Director of the Issuer	

ATTENTION

Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute federal criminal violations. (See 18 U.S.C. 1001).

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