

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
BEFORE THE  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940  
Release no. 33269 / October 12, 2018

In the Matter of

VARIANT ALTERNATIVE INCOME FUND  
VARIANT INVESTMENTS, LLC  
10250 SW Greenburg Road  
Suite 215  
Portland, OR 97223

(812-14895)

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) 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

Variant Alternative Income Fund and Variant Investments, LLC filed an application on April 13, 2018, and an amendment to the application on August 3, 2018, 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) 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 service and/or distribution fees, and early withdrawal charges.

On September 20, 2018, a notice of the filing of the application was issued (Investment Company Act Release No. 33242). 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 service and/or distribution 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 Variant Alternative Income Fund and Variant Investments, LLC (File No. 812-14895),

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 service and/or distribution 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.

Eduardo A. Aleman  
Assistant Secretary