

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Investment Company Act Release No. 34590; File No. 812-15208

Lafayette Square Empire BDC, Inc., et al;

May 20, 2022

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission” or “SEC”).

ACTION: Notice.

Notice of application for an order (“Order”) under sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “Act”) and rule 17d-1 under the Act to permit certain joint transactions otherwise prohibited by sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) of the Act and rule 17d-1 under the Act.

Summary of Application: Applicants request an order to permit certain business development companies (“BDCs”) and closed-end management investment companies to co-invest in portfolio companies with each other and with certain affiliated investment entities.

Applicants: Lafayette Square Empire BDC, Inc., Lafayette Square Mid-Atlantic BDC, Inc., Lafayette Square Far West BDC, Inc., Lafayette Square Gulf Coast BDC, Inc., and LS BDC Adviser, LLC.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on March 11, 2021 and amended on September 16, 2021, December 21, 2021, and April 8, 2022.

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 on any application by e-mailing the SEC’s Secretary at [Secretarys-Office@sec.gov](mailto:Secretarys-Office@sec.gov) and serving the Applicants with a copy of the request by e-mail, if an e-mail address is listed for the relevant Applicant below, or personally or by mail, if a physical address is listed for the relevant Applicant below. Hearing

requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on June 14, 2022, and should be accompanied by proof of service on 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 emailing the Commission's Secretary at [Secretarys-Office@sec.gov](mailto:Secretarys-Office@sec.gov).

ADDRESSES: The Commission: [Secretarys-Office@sec.gov](mailto:Secretarys-Office@sec.gov). Applicants: David Kraut, [kraut@lafayettesquare.com](mailto:kraut@lafayettesquare.com).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For Applicants' representations, legal analysis, and conditions, please refer to Applicants' third amended and restated application, dated April 8, 2022, which may be obtained via the Commission's website by searching for the file number at the top of this document, or for an Applicant using the Company name search field, on the SEC's EDGAR system. The SEC's EDGAR system may be searched at, at <http://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/legacy/companysearch.html>. You may also call the SEC's Public Reference Room at (202) 551-8090.

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

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Assistant Secretary.

