UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940 Release No. 27665 / January 18, 2007

In the Matter of

FORUM FUNDS
Two Portland Square
Portland, Maine 04101

And

ABSOLUTE INVESTMENT ADVISERS
350 Lincoln Street, Suite 216
Hingham, Massachusetts 02043

(812-13265)

ORDER UNDER SECTION 6(c) OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940 GRANTING AN EXEMPTION FROM SECTION 15(a) OF THE ACT, RULE 18f-2 UNDER THE ACT AND CERTAIN DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

Forum Funds and Absolute Investment Advisers LLC filed an application on March 8, 2006, and an amendment to the application on January 3, 2007, requesting an order under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") exempting applicants from section 15(a) of the Act and rule 18f-2 under the Act. The order would permit applicants to enter into and materially amend subadvisory agreements without shareholder approval and grant relief from certain disclosure requirements.

On December 20, 2006, a notice of the filing of the application was issued (Investment Company Act Release No. 27605). 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, 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.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED, under section 6(c) of the Act, that the relief requested by Forum Funds, et al. (File No. 812-13265) 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.

Florence E. Harmon Deputy Secretary