Company a list of the names of each Fund of Funds Affiliate and Underwriting Affiliate. The Fund of Funds will notify the Unaffiliated Investment Company of any changes to the list of the names as soon as reasonably practicable after a change occurs. The Unaffiliated Investment Company and the Fund of Funds will maintain and preserve a copy of the order, the Participation Agreement, and the list with any updated information for the duration of the investment and for a period of not less than six years thereafter, the first two years in an easily accessible place.

9. Before approving any advisory contract under section 15 of the Act, the Board of each Fund of Funds, including a majority of the Independent Trustees, shall find that the advisory fees charged under such advisory contract are based on services provided that are in addition to, rather than duplicative of, services provided under the advisory contract(s) of any Underlying Fund in which the Fund of Funds may invest. Such finding and the basis upon which the finding was made will be recorded fully in the minute books of the appropriate Fund of Funds.

10. A Fund of Funds Adviser will waive fees otherwise payable to it by a Fund of Funds in an amount at least equal to any compensation (including fees received pursuant to any plan adopted by an Unaffiliated Investment Company under rule 12b−1 under the Act) received from an Unaffiliated Fund by the Fund of Funds Adviser, or an affiliated person of the Fund of Funds Adviser, other than any advisory fees paid to the Fund of Funds Adviser or its affiliated person by an Unaffiliated Investment Company, in connection with the investment by the Fund of Funds in the Unaffiliated Fund. Any Subadviser will waive fees otherwise payable to the Subadviser, directly or indirectly, by the Fund of Funds in an amount at least equal to any compensation received by the Subadviser, or an affiliated person of the Subadviser, from an Unaffiliated Fund, other than any advisory fees paid to the Subadviser or its affiliated person by an Unaffiliated Investment Company, in connection with the investment by the Fund of Funds in the Unaffiliated Fund made at the direction of the Subadviser. In the event that a Subadviser waives fees, the benefit of the waiver will be passed through to the applicable Fund of Funds.

11. No Underlying Fund will require securities of any other investment company or company relying on section 3(c)(1) or 3(c)(7) of the Act in excess of the limits contained in section 12(d)(1)(A) of the Act, except to the extent that such Underlying Fund: (a) Acquires such securities in compliance with section 12(d)(1)(E) of the Act and either is an Affiliated Fund or is in the same “group of investment companies,” as defined in section 12(d)(1)(G)(ii) of the Act, as its corresponding master fund; (b) receives securities of another investment company as a dividend or as a result of a plan of reorganization of a company (other than a plan devised for the purpose of evading section 12(d)(1) of the Act); or (c) Acquires (or is deemed to have acquired) securities of another investment company pursuant to exemptive relief from the Commission permitting such Underlying Fund to (i) acquire securities of one or more investment companies for short-term cash management purposes, or (ii) engage in interfund borrowing and lending transactions.

12. Any sales charges and/or service fees charged with respect to shares of a Fund of Funds will not exceed the limits applicable to fund of funds set forth in NASD Conduct Rule 2830.

Other Investments by Same Group Investing Funds

Applicants agree that the relief to permit Same Group Investing Funds to invest in Other Investments shall be subject to the following condition:

13. Applicants will comply with all provisions of rule 12d1−2 under the Act, except for paragraph (a)(2) to the extent that it restricts any Same Group Investing Fund from investing in Other Investments as described in the application.

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

Kevin M. O’Neill, Deputy Secretary.

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[Investment Company Act Release No. 30413; 812−14003]

Cohen & Steers Real Assets Fund, Inc., et al.; Notice of Application

March 4, 2013.

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

ACTION: Notice of an application under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (“Act”) for an exemption from section 15(a) of the Act and rule 18f−2 under the Act, as well as from certain disclosure requirements.

SUMMARY OF THE APPLICATION:

Applicants request an order that would permit them to enter into and materially amend subadvisory agreements without shareholder approval and would grant relief from certain disclosure requirements.

APPLICANTS: Cohen & Steers Real Assets Fund, Inc. (the “Corporation”), Cohen & Steers Real Assets Fund, Ltd. (the “Subsidiary”), and Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. (“Cohen & Steers” or the “Advisor”).


HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission’s Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on March 28, 2013, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer’s interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Commission’s Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549−1090. Applicants: the Corporation and the Advisor, 280 Park Avenue, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10017; the Subsidiary, Maples Corporate Services Limited, PO Box 309, Ugland House, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands KY1−1104.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven I. Amchan, Senior Counsel, at (202) 551−6826, or Jennifer L. Sawin, Branch Chief, at (202) 551−6821 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained via the Commission’s Web site by searching for the file number, or an applicant using the Company name box, at http://www.sec.gov/search/search.htm or by calling (202) 551−8090.

Applicants’ Representations

1. The Corporation is a Maryland corporation registered under the Act as
an open-end management investment company and is advised by the Advisor and various affiliated and unaffiliated subadvisors (any unaffiliated subadvisors, “Subadvisors”). The Corporation currently employs two unaffiliated subadvisors. The Advisor is, and any other Advisor will be, registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (“Advisers Act”). Cohen & Steers serves as the investment Adviser of the initial Corporation under an investment advisory agreement (“Advisory Agreement”) with the Corporation. Cohen & Steers or another Advisor will serve as investment adviser to any future Corporations. The Advisory Agreement was approved by the Corporation’s initial shareholder and the Corporation’s board of directors (that board of directors, and the boards of directors of any future Corporation, each a “Board”), including a majority of the directors who are not “interested persons,” as defined in section 2(a)(19) of the Act, of either the Corporation or the Advisor (“Independent Directors”) in the manner required by sections 15(a) and (c) of the Act and rule 18f–2 under the Act.

2. Under the terms of the Advisory Agreement, the Advisor is responsible for the overall management of the Corporation’s business affairs and selecting the Corporation’s investments in accordance with its investment objectives, policies and restrictions. For the investment advisory services that it provides to the Corporation, the Advisor receives the fee specified in the Advisory Agreement. The Advisory Agreement also permits the Advisor to retain one or more Subadvisors for the purpose of managing the investments of the Corporation. Pursuant to this authority, the Advisor has entered into investment subadvisory agreements (“Subadvisory Agreements”) with two Subadvisors to provide investment advisory services to the Corporation. Each Subadvisor is or will be registered as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act or not subject to such registration. The Advisor will supervise, evaluate and allocate assets to the Subadvisors, and make recommendations to the Board about their hiring, retention or release, at all times subject to the authority of the Board. Under the terms of the current Advisory Agreement, the Advisor will compensate the Subadvisors out of the fees the Advisor receives from the Corporation.

3. The Subsidiary is a Cayman Islands corporation wholly-owned by the Corporation. The Subsidiary will initially be managed by a Subadvisor, and is expected to provide the Corporation with exposure to commodities. The Subsidiary has entered into an investment advisory agreement with the Advisor (the “Subsidiary Advisory Agreement”), which has been approved by the board of directors of the Subsidiary, pursuant to which the Advisor is responsible for the overall management of the Subsidiary’s business affairs and selecting the Subsidiary’s investments according to the Subsidiary’s investment objectives, policies, and restrictions. Under the Subsidiary Advisory Agreement, the Advisor may retain one or more Subadvisors, to be compensated by the Advisor, for the purpose of managing the investment of the assets of the Subsidiary.

4. Applicants request an order to permit the Advisor, subject to Board approval, to enter into and materially amend Subadvisory Agreements without obtaining shareholder approval. The requested relief will not extend to any subadvisor that is an affiliated person, as defined in section 2(a)(3) of the Act, of a Corporation or the Advisor, other than by reason of serving as a subadvisor to a Corporation or a Corporation’s wholly-owned subsidiary (an “Affiliated Subadvisor”). Applicants acknowledge that any affiliated person of a Corporation also would be deemed to be an affiliated person of the Corporation’s wholly-owned subsidiaries for purposes of the relief requested.

5. Applicants also request an exemption from the various disclosure provisions described below that may require the Corporations to disclose fees paid by the Advisor to the Subadvisors. An exemption is requested to permit a Corporation to disclose (as both a dollar amount and as a percentage of each Corporation’s net assets): (a) the aggregate fees paid to the Advisor and any Affiliated Subadvisors; and (b) the aggregate fees paid to Subadvisors (collectively, “Aggregate Fee Disclosure”). Any Corporation that employs an Affiliated Subadvisor will provide separate disclosure of any fees paid to the Affiliated Subadvisor.

6. The Corporations will inform shareholders of the hiring of a new Subadvisor pursuant to the following procedures ("Modified Notice and Access Procedures"): (a) Within 90 days after a new Subadvisor is hired for any Corporation, that Corporation will send its shareholders either a Multi-manager Notice or a Multi-manager Notice and Multi-manager Information Statement; (b) Each Subadvisory Agreement with respect to any Subadvisor will also be approved by the board of the Corporation that owns that Subadvisor, including in each case a majority of the Independent Directors of that Corporation, in accordance with sections 15(a) and 15(c) of the Act.

7. The “Multi-manager Notice” will be modeled on a Notice of Internet Availability as defined in rule 14a–16 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”), and specifically will, among other things: (a) Summarize the relevant information regarding the new Subadvisor; (b) inform shareholders that the Multi-manager Information Statement is available on a Web site; (c) provide the Web site address; (d) state the time period during which the Multi-manager Information Statement will remain available on that Web site; (e) provide instructions for accessing and printing the Multi-manager Information Statement; and (f)
and (b) the Corporation will make the Multi-manager Information Statement available on the Web site identified in the Multi-manager Notice no later than when the Multi-manager Notice (or Multi-manager Notice and Multi-manager Information Statement) is first sent to shareholders, and will maintain it on that Web site for at least 90 days.

**Applicants’ Legal Analysis**

1. Section 15(a) of the Act provides, in relevant part, that it is unlawful for any person to act as an investment adviser to a registered investment company except pursuant to a written contract that has been approved by the vote of a majority of the company’s outstanding voting securities. Rule 18f–2 under the Act provides that each series or class of stock in a series investment company affected by a matter must approve that matter if the Act requires shareholder approval.

2. Form N–1A is the registration statement used by open-end investment companies. Item 19(a)(3) of Form N–1A requires disclosure of the method and amount of the investment adviser’s compensation.

3. Rule 20a–1 under the Act requires proxies solicited with respect to an investment company to comply with Schedule 14A under the Exchange Act. Items 22(c)(1)(ii), 22(c)(1)(iii), 22(c)(6) and 22(c)(9) of Schedule 14A, taken together, require a proxy statement for a shareholder meeting at which the advisory contract will be voted upon to include the “rate of compensation of the investment adviser,” the “aggregate amount of the investment adviser’s fees,” a description of the “terms of the contract to be acted upon,” and, if a change in the advisory fee is proposed, the existing and proposed fees and the difference between the two fees.

4. Regulation S–X sets forth the requirements for financial statements required to be included as part of investment company registration statements and shareholder reports filed with the Commission. Sections 6–07(2)(a), (b) and (c) of Regulation S–X require that investment companies include in their financial statements information about investment advisory fees.

5. Section 6(c) of the Act provides that the Commission may exempt any person, security, or transaction or any class or classes of persons, securities, or transactions from any provisions of the Act, or from any rule thereunder, if such exemption is necessary or 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. Applicants state that the requested relief meets this standard for the reasons discussed below.

6. Applicants assert that the shareholders are relying on the Advisor’s expertise to select one or more Subadvisors best suited to achieve a Corporation’s investment objectives. Applicants assert that, from the perspective of the investor, the role of the Subadvisors is comparable to that of the individual portfolio managers employed by the Advisor. Applicants state that requiring shareholder approval of each Subadvisory Agreement would impose costs and unnecessary delays on the Corporations, and may preclude the Advisor from acting promptly in a manner considered advisable by the Board. Applicants note that the Advisory Agreement, the Subsidiary Advisory Agreement, and any subadvisory agreements with Affiliated Subadvisors will remain subject to section 15(a) of the Act and rule 18f–2 under the Act.

7. Applicants assert that many Subadvisors use a “posted” rate schedule to set their fees. Applicants state that, while Subadvisors are willing to negotiate fees lower than those posted in the schedule, they are reluctant to do so where the fees are disclosed to other prospective and existing customers. Applicants submit that the requested relief will allow the Adviser to negotiate more effectively with each Subadvisor.

**Applicants’ Conditions**

Applicants agree that any order granting the requested relief will be subject to the following conditions:

1. Before a Corporation may rely on the requested order, the operation of the Corporation in the manner described in the application will be approved by a majority of the Corporation’s outstanding voting securities, as defined in the Act, or in the case of a Corporation whose public shareholders purchase shares on the basis of a prospectus containing the disclosure contemplated by condition 2 below, by the initial shareholder(s) before offering shares of that Corporation to the public.

2. Each Corporation relying on the Multi-manager Information Statement may be instruct the shareholder that a paper or email copy of the Multi-manager Information Statement may be obtained, without charge, by contacting the Corporations.

A “Multi-manager Information Statement” will meet the requirements of Regulation 14C, Schedule 14C and Item 22 of Schedule 14A under the Exchange Act for an information statement. Multi-manager Information Statements will be filed electronically with the Commission via the EDGAR system.

3. Corporations will inform shareholders of the hiring of a new Subadvisor within 90 days after the hiring of the new Subadvisor pursuant to the Modified Notice and Access Procedures.

4. The Advisor will not enter into a subadvisory agreement with any Affiliated Subadvisor without such agreement, including the compensation to be paid thereunder, being approved by the shareholders of the applicable Corporation.

5. At all times, at least a majority of the Board will be Independent Directors, and the nomination of new or additional Independent Directors will be placed within the discretion of the then-existing Independent Directors.

6. Whenever a subadvisor change is proposed for a Corporation with an Affiliated Subadvisor, the Board, including a majority of the Independent Directors, will make a separate finding, reflected in the applicable Board minutes, that such change is in the best interests of the Corporation and its shareholders, and does not involve a conflict of interest from which the Advisor or the Affiliated Subadvisor derives an inappropriate advantage.

7. Independent legal counsel, as defined in Rule 0–1(a)(6) under the Act, will be engaged to represent the Independent Directors. The selection of such counsel will be within the discretion of the then existing Independent Directors.

8. The Advisor will provide general management services to each Corporation, including overall supervisory responsibility for the general management and investment of each Corporation’s assets, and, subject to review and approval of the Board, will: (a) Set each Corporation’s overall investment strategies; (b) evaluate, select and recommend Subadvisors to manage all or a part of each Corporation’s assets; (c) allocate and, when appropriate, reallocate each Corporation’s assets among one or more Subadvisors; (d) monitor and evaluate the performance of Subadvisors; and (e) implement procedures reasonably designed to ensure that the Subadvisors comply with each Corporation’s investment objective, policies and restrictions.
I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange is proposing to amend its Fee and Rebate Schedule (the “Fee Schedule”) issued pursuant to Exchange Rule 16.1(a) to charge Equity Trading Permit (“ETP”) Holders $0.0020 per share when using a Midpoint-Seeker Order 4 in the Exchange’s automatic execution mode of interaction (“Auto-Ex Mode”) 5 to remove liquidity in a security that is priced at or above $1.00. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site at www.nsx.com, at the Exchange’s principal office, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend Section I of its Fee Schedule to charge ETP Holders $0.0020 per share when using a Midpoint-Seeker Order in the Exchange’s Auto-Ex Mode to remove liquidity in a security that is priced at or above $1.00. The Midpoint Seeker Order is an Immediate-or-Cancel (“IOC”) 6 order that ETP Holders may use to execute against orders that are posted on the NSX Book 7 at a price equal to or better than the midpoint of

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Stock Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Its Fee and Rebate Schedule

March 4, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act” or “Exchange Act”) 1 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, 2 notice is hereby given that on February 26, 2013, National Stock Exchange, Inc. (“NSX” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change, as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comment on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: [78 FR 14141, March 4, 2013]

STATUS: Open Meeting.

PLACE: 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC.

DATE AND TIME OF PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED MEETING: Wednesday, March 6, 2013.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: Date and Time Change.

The Open Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., has been changed to Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact: The Office of the Secretary at (202) 551–5400.

Dated: March 6, 2013.

Kevin M. O’Neill,
Deputy Secretary.

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9. No Director or officer of a Corporation, or director, manager or officer of the Advisor, will own, directly or indirectly (other than through an affiliated investment vehicle that is not controlled by such person), any interest in a Subadvisor, except for (a) ownership of interests in the Advisor or any entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Advisor, or (b) ownership of less than 1% of the outstanding securities of any class of equity or debt of any publicly traded company that is either a Subadvisor or an entity that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with a Subadvisor. For any Corporation that owns a Subsidiary, this condition shall also apply to the Directors and officers of that Corporation with respect to any interest in a Subadvisor to that Corporation’s Subsidiaries.

10. Each Corporation will disclose in its registration statement the Aggregate Fee Disclosure.

11. In the event the Commission adopts a rule under the Act providing substantially similar relief to that in the order requested in the application, the requested order will expire on the effective date of that rule.

12. For any Corporation that pays subadvisory fees directly from its assets, any changes to a Subadvisory Agreement that would result in an increase in the total management and advisory fees payable by the Corporation will be required to be approved by the shareholders of that Corporation.

13. Whenever a subadvisor is hired or terminated, the Advisor will provide the Board with information showing the expected impact on the profitability of the Advisor.

14. Each Advisor will provide the Board, no less frequently than quarterly, with information about the profitability of the Advisor on a per Corporation basis. The information will reflect the impact on profitability of the hiring or termination of any subadvisor during the applicable quarter.

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

Kevin M. O’Neill,
Deputy Secretary.

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4 Exchange Rule 1.5 defines the term “ETP” as an Equity Trading Permit issued by the Exchange for effecting approved securities transactions on the Exchange’s Trading Facilities.
5 NSX Rule 11.11(c)(13). See also SR–NSX–2013–07.
6 Under Auto-Ex mode the Exchange matches and executes like-priced orders in accordance with the process described in Exchange Rule 11.13(b)(1).
7 Under Exchange Rule 11.11(b)(1), an “Immediate-or-Cancel Order” is a “limit order that is to be executed in whole or in part as soon as such order is received, and the portion not so executed is to be cancelled.”
8 “Exchange Rule 1.5. “NSX Book” is defined as “System’s electronic file of orders.”