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IRS RELEASES NEW FORM W-7 (APPLICATION FOR FOREIGNER'S "ITIN")

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As we previously informed you, the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has finalized regulations that require nonresident aliens ("NRAs") to include an IRS-generated "individual taxpayer identification number" or "ITIN" on U.S. tax returns filed after December 31, 1996.* Of most interest to investment companies, this requirement will apply to any NRA shareholder whose request for recovery of overwithheld U.S. tax must be made on an IRS Form 1040-NR. Recently, the IRS released the attached new IRS Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, which must be used by any NRA requesting an ITIN. The attached instructions to the Form explain (1) the W-7s purpose, (2) who must file the W-7 application and (3) how, when and where to file it. The instructions also provide specific help regarding completing certain items on the Form that are not self-explanatory. We will keep you informed of developments. Keith D. Lawson Associate Counsel - Tax Attachment

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