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## **Sale Is Cleared for Legitimate Part of Madoff Firm**

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More than six months after shutting, a part of Bernard Madoff's firm will soon have new life.

The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, the securities industry's self-regulatory body, approved the takeover of Mr. Madoff's securities-trading operations to broker-dealer Castor Pollux Securities Inc., said a person involved in the deal.



Bernard Madoff

Finra's blessing means Castor, of Medfield, Mass., will be able to complete its \$25.5 million purchase, which was announced in April, according to Stephen Sussman, managing member of Regulatory Compliance LLC, which was hired to ensure the new business would meet regulatory requirements. The sale of that part of the firm, Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC, is expected to close this coming week, he said. Finra declined to comment.

Proceeds of the sale will eventually be distributed to victims of Mr. Madoff's multibillion-dollar Ponzi scheme.

The securities-trading part of Mr. Madoff's firm, where traders matched buyers and sellers of stocks, was legitimate, unlike his investment-advisory business, officials have said.

Castor, founded by Darin Oliver, recently hired Frank Petrilli, former president and chief executive officer of TD Waterhouse USA, and Robert Mazarella, former president of Fidelity Brokerage Services, to run the new business, according to regulatory filings.

Castor also hired some of Mr. Madoff's former employees and will take over the Madoff firms' old office in Manhattan's Lipstick Building, according to people familiar with the deal.

The court-appointed trustee of Mr. Madoff's defunct firm, Irving Picard, declined to comment, as did Mr. Oliver.

Meanwhile, Mr. Picard said in court filings Friday that he would depose Sandra Manzke, the principal of Maxam Capital Management LCC, which channeled client money to the Madoff firm, on June 17. He said he could seek to recover nearly \$100 million from Maxam. Lawyers for Maxam didn't respond to requests for comment.

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