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United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Office Action (Official Letter) About Applicant's Trademark Application

U.S. Application Serial No. 87834383

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

AFTER FINAL ACTION

DENIED

Issue date: January 10, 2020

The Office has reassigned this application to the undersigned trademark examining attorney.

Applicant's request for reconsideration is denied. See 37 C.F.R. §2.63(b)(3). The trademark examining attorney has carefully reviewed applicant's request and determined the request did not: (1) raise a new issue, (2) resolve the outstanding issue, (3) provide any new or compelling evidence with regard to the outstanding issue, or (4) present analysis and arguments that were persuasive or shed new light on the outstanding issue. TMEP §§715.03(a)(ii)(B), 715.04(a).

Objection to Evidence

Applicant has submitted a list of registrations within their Request for Reconsideration dated November 11, 2019 at p. 4-5. However, the mere submission of a list of registrations does not make such registrations part of the record. *See In re Peace Love World Live, LLC,* 127 USPQ2d 1400, 1405 n.17 (TTAB 2018) (citing *In re 1st USA Realty Prof'ls,* 84 USPQ2d 1581, 1583 (TTAB 2007); *In re Duofold Inc.,* 184 USPQ 638, 640 (TTAB 1974)); TBMP §1208.02; TMEP §710.03.

To make third party registrations part of the record, an applicant must submit copies of the registrations, or the complete electronic equivalent from the USPTO's automated systems, prior to appeal. *In re Star Belly Stitcher, Inc.*, 107 USPQ2d 2059, 2064 (TTAB 2013); TBMP §1208.02; TMEP §710.03. Accordingly, these registrations and any arguments based thereon will not be considered.

Moreover, applicant's arguments were carefully considered and found to be unpersuasive for the following reasons.

Applicant primarily argues applicant's mark is not confusingly similar to registrant's mark in appearance, sound, connotation and commercial impression, because applicant's mark when viewed in its entirety includes the additional words "OPPORTUNITIES PARTNERS", whereas registrant's mark just consists of the acronym "TSSP". See Request for Reconsideration dated November 11, 2019 at p. 2-3. However this is unpersuasive, because both applicant's mark and the registrant's mark share the identical dominant distinctive acronym of **TSSP**. Moreover, consumers are generally more inclined to focus on the first word, prefix, or syllable in any trademark or service mark. See Palm Bay Imps., Inc. v. Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin Maison Fondee En 1772, 396 F.3d 1369, 1372, 73 USPQ2d 1689, 1692 (Fed. Cir. 2005) (finding similarity between VEUVE ROYALE and two VEUVE CLICQUOT marks in part because "VEUVE ... remains a 'prominent feature' as the first word in the mark and the first word to appear on the label"); Century 21 Real Estate Corp. v. Century Life of Am., 970 F.2d 874, 876, 23 USPQ2d 1698, 1700 (Fed Cir. 1992) (finding similarity between CENTURY 21 and CENTURY LIFE OF AMERICA in part because "consumers must first notice th[e] identical lead word"); see also In re Detroit Athletic Co., 903 F.3d 1297, 1303, 128 USPQ2d 1047, 1049 (Fed. Cir. 2018) (finding "the identity of the marks' two initial words is particularly significant because consumers typically notice those words first"). In this case, the first term and dominant feature of applicant's mark is the acronym **TSSP**, which is identical to the entirety of registrant's mark TSSP.

In addition, adding a term to a registered mark generally does not obviate the similarity between the compared marks, as in the present case, nor does it overcome a likelihood of confusion under Section 2(d). See Coca-Cola Bottling Co. v. Jos. E. Seagram & Sons, Inc., 526 F.2d 556, 557, 188 USPQ 105, 106 (C.C.P.A. 1975) (finding BENGAL and BENGAL LANCER and design confusingly similar); In re Toshiba Med. Sys. Corp., 91 USPQ2d 1266, 1269 (TTAB 2009) (finding TITAN and VANTAGE TITAN confusingly similar); In re El Torito Rests., Inc., 9 USPQ2d 2002, 2004 (TTAB 1988) (finding MACHO and MACHO COMBOS confusingly similar); TMEP §1207.01(b)(iii). In the present case, applicant's mark adds the phrase **OPPORTUNITIES PARTNERS** to the end of registrant's mark **TSSP**, which does not obviate the similarity between the compared marks nor does it overcome a likelihood of confusion under Section 2(d). Further, the registrant's mark TSSP is wholly encompassed within the applicant's mark TSSP **OPPORTUNITIES PARTNERS**, thus, purchasers are likely to believe that applicant's mark merely identifies an additional line of accounting, business, tax, banking and financial services. Specifically, purchasers are likely to believe that the mark TSSP OPPORTUNITIES PARTNERS identifies a new line of accounting, business, tax, banking and financial services offered under the **TSSP** line of financial services. Incorporating the entirety of one mark within another does not obviate the similarity between the compared marks, as in the present case, nor does it overcome a likelihood of confusion under Section 2(d). See Wella Corp. v. Cal. Concept Corp., 558 F.2d 1019, 1022, 194 USPQ 419, 422 (C.C.P.A. 1977) (finding CALIFORNIA CONCEPT and surfer design and CONCEPT confusingly similar); Coca-Cola Bottling Co. v. Jos. E. Seagram & Sons, Inc., 526 F.2d 556, 557, 188 USPQ 105, 106 (C.C.P.A. 1975) (finding BENGAL LANCER and design and BENGAL confusingly similar); In re Integrated Embedded, 120 USPQ2d 1504, 1513 (TTAB 2016) (finding BARR GROUP and BARR confusingly similar); In re Mr. Recipe, LLC, 118 USPQ2d 1084, 1090 (TTAB 2016) (finding JAWS DEVOUR YOUR HUNGER and JAWS confusingly similar); TMEP §1207.01(b)(iii). Thus, the marks are identical in part and confusingly similar.

Additionally, the services are related, because many companies offer both applicant's and registrant's services and market these services under the same mark, as shown by the evidence attached to the Final Office Action dated January 14, 2019 at p. 2-27, http://www.marcumllp.com/services, http

Furthermore, the trademark examining attorney has attached evidence from the USPTO's X-Search database consisting of a number of third-party marks registered for use in connection with the same or similar services as those of both applicant and registrant in this case. This evidence shows that the services listed therein, namely, "Investment advice; Investment management; Investment consultation;

Investment of funds for others; Accounting services; Business development services; Business consulting services; Business information services; Tax consultation; Tracking and monitoring insurance compliance for business purposes; Financial management; Financial asset management; Business brokerage services and related consulting; Investment banking services; Investment advisory services" are of a kind that may emanate from a single source under a single mark. *See In re I-Coat Co.*, 126 USPQ2d 1730, 1737 (TTAB 2018) (citing *In re Infinity Broad. Corp.*, 60 USPQ2d 1214, 1217-18 (TTAB 2001); *In re Albert Trostel & Sons Co.*, 29 USPQ2d 1783, 1785-86 (TTAB 1993); *In re Mucky Duck Mustard Co.*, 6 USPQ2d 1467, 1470 n.6 (TTAB 1988)); TMEP §1207.01(d)(iii). *See* the third party registrations attached herein.

The overriding concern is not only to prevent buyer confusion as to the source of the services, but to protect the registrant from adverse commercial impact due to use of a similar mark by a newcomer. *See In re Shell Oil Co.*, 992 F.2d 1204, 1208, 26 USPQ2d 1687, 1690 (Fed. Cir. 1993). Therefore, any doubt regarding a likelihood of confusion determination is resolved in favor of the registrant. TMEP §1207.01(d)(i); *see Hewlett-Packard Co. v. Packard Press, Inc.*, 281 F.3d 1261, 1265, 62 USPQ2d 1001, 1003 (Fed. Cir. 2002); *In re Hyper Shoppes (Ohio), Inc.*, 837 F.2d 463, 464-65, 6 USPQ2d 1025, 1026 (Fed. Cir. 1988).

Based on the facts of this application record and the evidence therein, the marks are confusingly similar and the services are related.

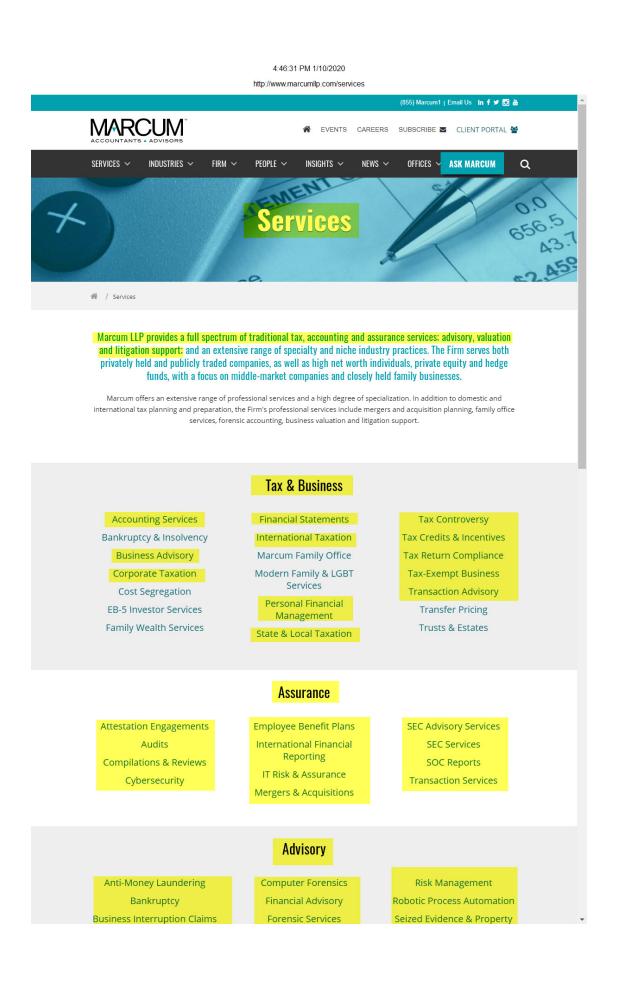
Accordingly, the following refusal made final in the Office action dated January 14, 2019 is **maintained and continued**:

• Section 2(d) Refusal – Likelihood of Confusion

See TMEP §§715.03(a)(ii)(B), 715.04(a).

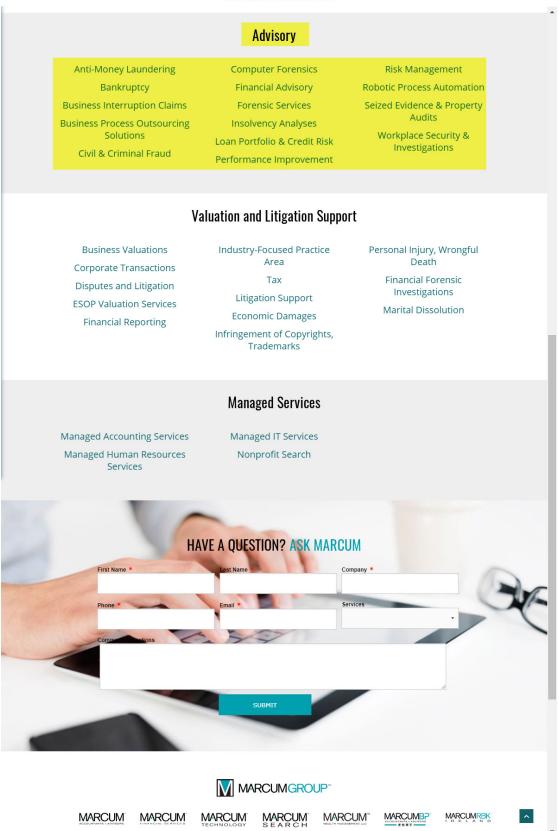
If applicant has already filed an appeal with the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, the Board will be notified to resume the appeal. *See* TMEP §715.04(a).

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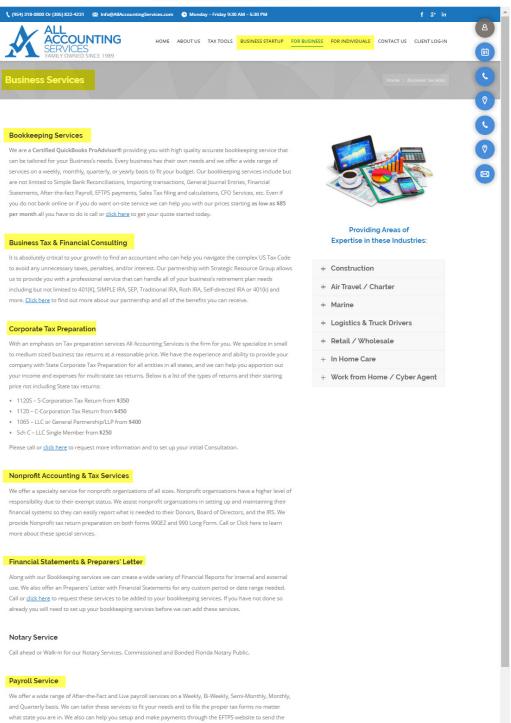
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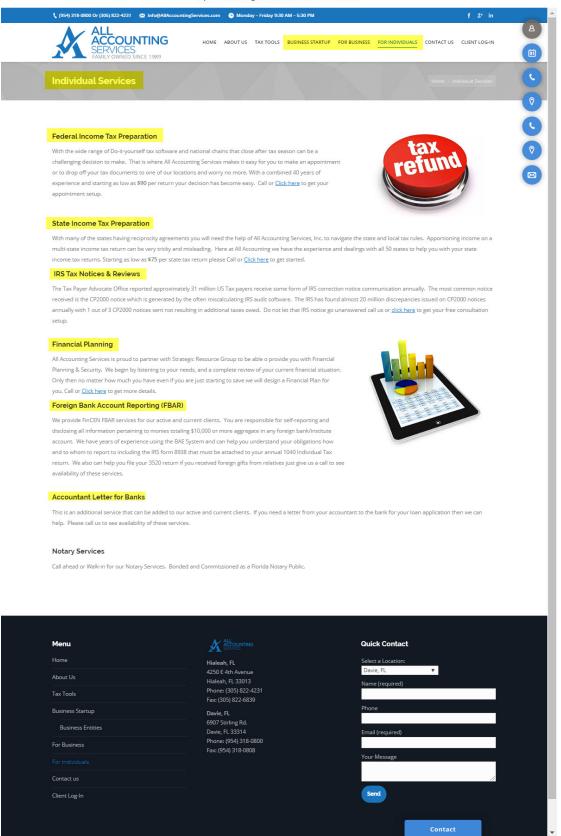
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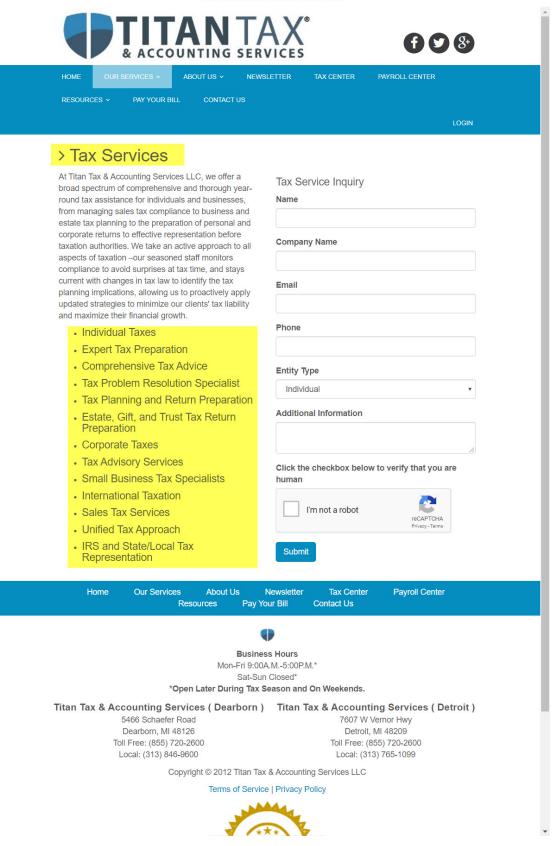
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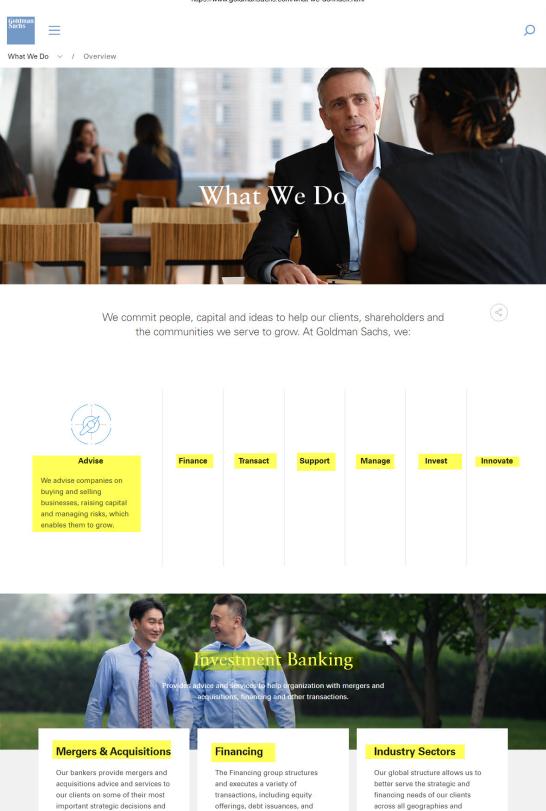
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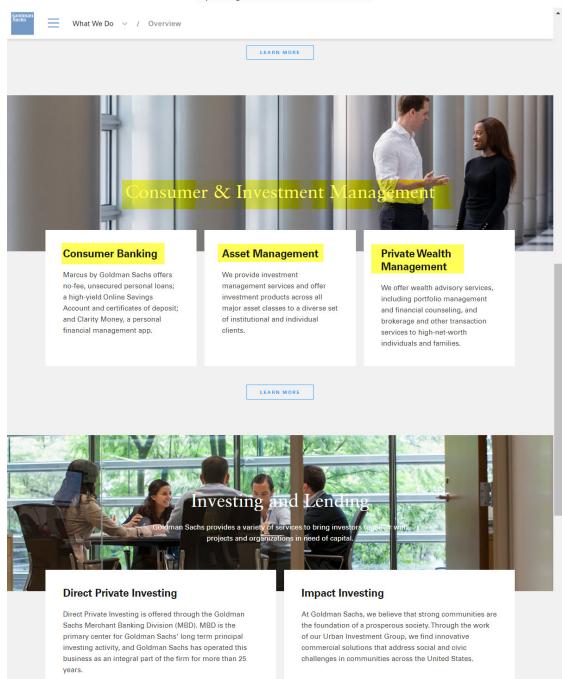
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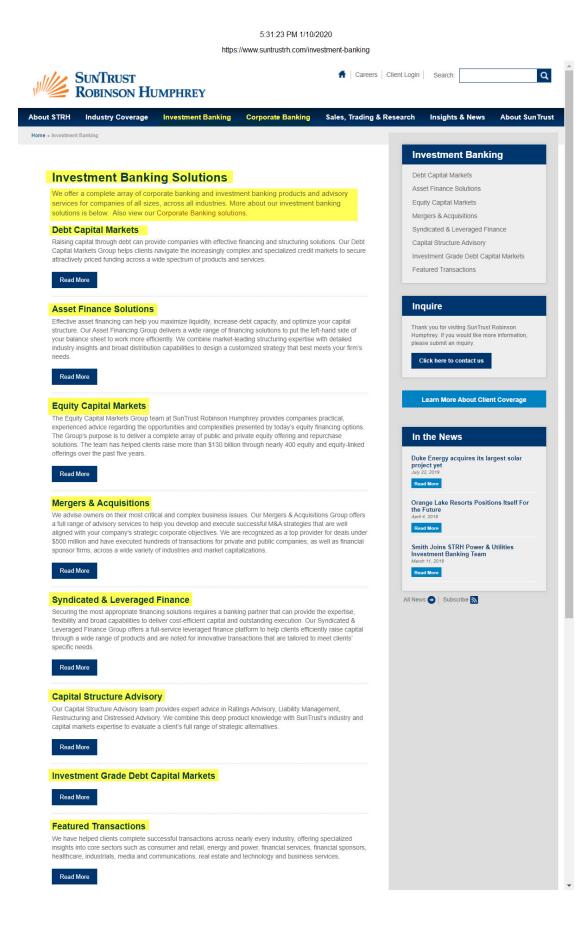


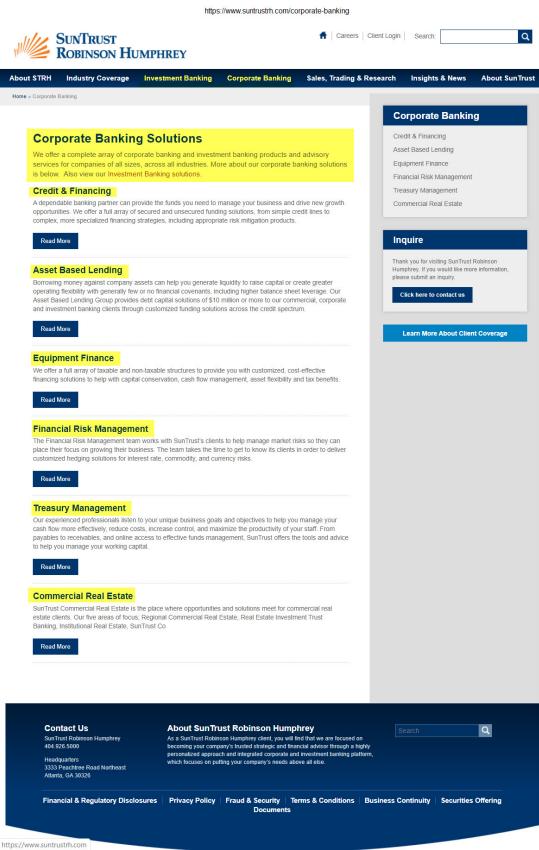
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