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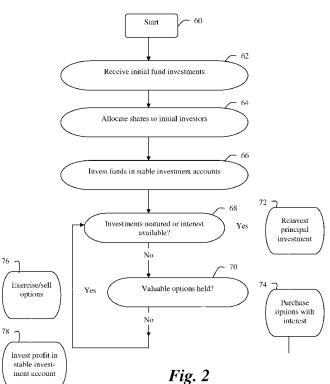
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(57) Abstract: Disclosed is a system and method for operating an investment account which provides a predetermined level of principle preservation while achieving growth by investing gains from zero or low-risk stable investments into options. In one form, the investment account may be owned by an individual investor or by a number of investors, such as in the form of a mutual fund. In yet another form, business logic may be programmed to automatically select the options based upon their associated premium cost per week until expiration.



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