

The Exchange believes the proposed Pre-Trade Risk Controls will assist Entering Firms and Clearing Firms in managing their financial exposure which, in turn, could enhance the integrity of trading on the securities markets and help to assure the stability of the financial system. As a result, the level of competition should increase as public confidence in the markets is solidified.

*C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others*

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

**III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action**

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or up to 90 days (i) as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

- (A) By order approve or disapprove the proposed rule change, or
- (B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

**IV. Solicitation of Comments**

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

*Electronic Comments*

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-NYSE-2019-68 on the subject line.

*Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSE-2019-68. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<http://www.sec.gov/>

[rules/sro.shtml](#)). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSE-2019-68 and should be submitted on or before January 7, 2020.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>12</sup>

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**[Release No. 34-87719; File No. SR-CboeBZX-2019-102]**

**Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing of a Proposed Rule Change To List and Trade Shares of the Clearbridge Focus Value ETF Under Currently Proposed Rule 14.11(k)**

December 11, 2019.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on November 27, 2019, Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "BZX") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The

<sup>12</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

**I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change**

The Exchange proposes a rule change to list and trade shares of the Clearbridge Focus Value ETF under currently proposed Rule 14.11(k).

The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Exchange's website ([http://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/regulation/rule\\_filings/bzx/](http://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/regulation/rule_filings/bzx/)), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary, 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 aspects of such statements.

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

**1. Purpose**

The Exchange has submitted a proposal and four subsequent amendments to add new Rule 14.11(k) for the purpose of permitting the listing and trading of Managed Portfolio Shares, which are securities issued by an actively managed open-end management investment company.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup> As proposed, the term "Managed Portfolio Share" means a security that (a) represents an interest in an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Investment Company") organized as an open-end management investment company, that invests in a portfolio of securities selected by the Investment Company's investment adviser consistent with the Investment Company's investment objectives and policies; (b) is issued in a Creation Unit, or multiples thereof, in return for a designated portfolio of instruments (and/or an amount of cash) with a value equal to the next determined net asset value and delivered to the Authorized Participant (as defined in the Investment Company's Form N-1A filed with the SEC) through a Confidential Account; (c) when aggregated into a Redemption Unit, or multiples thereof, may be redeemed for a designated portfolio of instruments (and/or an amount of cash) with a value equal to the next determined net asset value delivered to the Confidential Account for the benefit of the Authorized Participant; and (d) the

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Proposed Rule 14.11(k)(2)(A) would require the Exchange to file separate proposals under Section 19(b) of the Act before listing and trading any series of Managed Portfolio Shares on the Exchange. As such, the Exchange is submitting this proposal in order to list and trade shares of the ClearBridge Focus Value ETF (the “Fund”) under proposed Rule 14.11(k).

#### Description of the Fund and the Trust

The shares of the Fund (the “Shares”) will be issued by ActiveShares ETF Trust (the “Trust”), a statutory trust organized under the laws of the State of Maryland and registered with the Commission as an open-end management investment company.<sup>4</sup> The investment adviser to the Trust will be Precidian Funds LLC (the “Adviser”). The Sub-Adviser to the Fund will be ClearBridge Investments, LLC (“ClearBridge”). Western Asset Management Company, LLC, (“Western Asset” and, collectively with ClearBridge, the “Sub-Adviser”) manages the portion of the Fund’s cash and short-term instruments allocated to it by the Adviser. Legg Mason Investor Services, LLC (the “Distributor”) will serve as the distributor of the Fund’s Shares. All statements and representations made in this filing regarding the description of the portfolio or reference assets, limitations on portfolio holdings or reference assets, dissemination and availability of the Verified Intraday Indicative Value (“VIIV”),<sup>5</sup> reference assets, and intraday

portfolio holdings for which are disclosed within at least 60 days following the end of every calendar quarter. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 86157 (June 19, 2019), 84 FR 29892 (June 25, 2019) and 87062 (September 23, 2019) (SR-CboeBZX–2019–047) (the “Proposal”).

<sup>4</sup> The Trust is registered under the 1940 Act. The Trust has filed a registration statement on Form N–1A relating to the Fund (the “Registration Statement”). An order granting exemptive relief to the Adviser was issued on May 20, 2019 (File No. 812–14405) (the “Exemptive Order”). Investments made by the Fund will comply with the conditions set forth in the Exemptive Order. The description of the operation of the Trust and the Fund herein is based, in part, on the Exemptive Order. The Exemptive Order specifically notes that “granting the requested exemptions is appropriate in and consistent with the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the Act. It is further found that the terms of the proposed transactions, including the consideration to be paid or received, are reasonable and fair and do not involve overreaching on the part of any person concerned, and that the proposed transactions are consistent with the policy of each registered investment company concerned and with the general purposes of the Act.” See Investment Company Act Release Nos. 33440 and 33477.

<sup>5</sup> Proposed Rule 14.11(k)(3)(B) defines the term VIIV as the indicative value of a Managed Portfolio Share based on all of the holdings of a series of Managed Portfolio Shares as of the close of business

indicative values, and the applicability of Exchange rules shall constitute continued listing requirements for listing the Shares on the Exchange, as provided under proposed Rule 14.11(a).

Proposed Rule 14.11(k)(2)(D) provides that if the investment adviser to the Investment Company issuing Managed Portfolio Shares is registered as a broker-dealer or is affiliated with a broker-dealer, such investment adviser will erect and maintain a “fire wall” between the investment adviser and personnel of the broker-dealer or broker-dealer affiliate, as applicable, with respect to access to information concerning the composition of and/or changes to such Investment Company portfolio and/or the Creation Basket.<sup>6</sup> Any person related to the investment adviser or Investment Company who makes decisions pertaining to the Investment Company’s portfolio composition or has access to information regarding the Investment Company’s portfolio composition or changes thereto or the Creation Basket must be subject to procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material nonpublic information regarding the applicable Investment Company portfolio or changes thereto or the Creation Basket.<sup>7</sup> Proposed Rule

on the prior business day and, for corporate actions, based on the applicable holdings as of the opening of business on the current business day, priced and disseminated in one second intervals during Regular Trading Hours by the Reporting Authority.

<sup>6</sup> Proposed Rule 14.11(K)(3)(E) defines the term “Creation Basket” as on any given business day the names and quantities of the specified instruments (and/or an amount of cash) that are required for an AP Representative to deposit in-kind on behalf of an Authorized Participant in exchange for a Creation Unit and the names and quantities of the specified instruments (and/or an amount of cash) that will be transferred in-kind to an AP Representative on behalf of an Authorized Participant in exchange for a Redemption Unit, which will be identical and will be transmitted to each AP Representative before the commencement of trading.

<sup>7</sup> An investment adviser to an open-end fund is required to be registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (the “Advisers Act”). As a result, the Adviser, the Sub-Adviser, and their respective related personnel will be subject to the provisions of Rule 204A–1 under the Advisers Act relating to codes of ethics. This Rule requires investment advisers to adopt a code of ethics that reflects the fiduciary nature of the relationship to clients as well as compliance with other applicable securities laws. Accordingly, procedures designed to prevent the communication and misuse of non-public information by an investment adviser must be consistent with Rule 204A–1 under the Advisers Act. In addition, Rule 206(4)–7 under the Advisers Act makes it unlawful for an investment adviser to provide investment advice to clients unless such investment adviser has (i) adopted and implemented written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent violations, by the investment adviser and its supervised persons, of the Advisers Act and the Commission rules adopted thereunder; (ii) implemented, at a minimum, an annual review regarding the adequacy of the

14.11(k)(2)(D) is similar to Rule 14.11(c)(5)(A)(i), related to Index Fund Shares, except that proposed Rule 14.11(k)(2)(D) relates to the establishment of a “fire wall” between the investment adviser and the broker-dealer as applicable to an Investment Company’s portfolio and/or Creation Basket, not an underlying benchmark index, as is the case with index-based funds. Proposed Rule 14.11(k)(2)(D) is also similar to Rule 14.11(i)(7), related to Managed Fund Shares, except that proposed Rule 14.11(k)(2)(D) relates to the establishment of a “fire wall” between the investment adviser and the broker-dealer as applicable to an Investment Company’s portfolio and/or Creation Basket, and not just the underlying portfolio, as is the case with Managed Fund Shares. The Adviser is not registered as a broker-dealer or affiliated with a broker-dealer. The Sub-Adviser is not registered as a broker-dealer, but is affiliated with a broker-dealer and has implemented and will maintain a “fire wall” with respect to such broker-dealer regarding access to information concerning the composition and/or changes to the Fund’s portfolio and Creation Basket.

In the event (a) the Adviser or Sub-Adviser becomes registered as a broker-dealer or becomes newly affiliated with a broker-dealer, or (b) any new adviser or sub-adviser is a registered broker-dealer or becomes affiliated with a broker-dealer, it will implement and maintain a fire wall with respect to its relevant personnel or its broker-dealer affiliate regarding access to information concerning the composition and/or changes to the portfolio and/or the Creation Basket, and will be subject to procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material non-public information regarding such portfolio and/or Creation Basket.

Further, proposed Rule 14.11(k)(2)(E) requires that any person or entity, including an AP Representative, custodian, Reporting Authority, distributor, or administrator, who has access to information regarding the Investment Company’s portfolio composition or changes thereto or the Creation Basket, must be subject to procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material nonpublic information regarding the applicable Investment Company portfolio or changes thereto or the Creation Basket. Moreover, if any such

policies and procedures established pursuant to subparagraph (i) above and the effectiveness of their implementation; and (iii) designated an individual (who is a supervised person) responsible for administering the policies and procedures adopted under subparagraph (i) above.

person or entity is registered as a broker-dealer or affiliated with a broker-dealer, such person or entity will erect and maintain a “fire wall” between the person or entity and the broker-dealer with respect to access to information concerning the composition and/or changes to such Investment Company portfolio or Creation Basket.

#### Description of the Fund

##### ClearBridge Focus Value ETF

The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation. By employing fundamental research, in an effort to identify securities with favorable risk-adjusted return characteristics, the Fund’s portfolio management team constructs the portfolio on a bottom-up basis. The Fund will invest primarily in equity securities of large capitalization companies, but may also make limited investments in mid-capitalization companies. While most investments will be in U.S. companies, the fund may also invest in American Depositary Receipts (“ADRs”) and U.S.-listed shares of foreign companies. The team considers a number of variables such as business fundamentals, valuation, free cash flow generation, earnings growth, management quality and competitive positioning. The Fund will invest in a diversified portfolio typically consisting of the securities of 30 to 40 issuers.

In addition, the Fund may also invest in common stocks, preferred securities, and warrants and rights of U.S. exchange-listed companies, U.S. exchange traded notes, U.S. exchange listed real estate investment trusts (“REITs”), U.S. ETFs,<sup>8</sup> U.S. exchange-listed ADRs, U.S. exchange-listed equity futures contracts, and U.S. exchange-listed equity index futures contracts. All exchange-listed equity securities in which the Fund will invest will be listed and traded on U.S. national securities exchanges. The Fund may also hold cash without limitation, and may invest in short-term U.S. Treasury securities, government money market funds and may enter into repurchase agreements for cash management or defensive investment purposes.

The Exchange notes that the Fund’s holdings will meet the generic listing standards applicable to series of Managed Fund Shares under Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C). While such standards do not apply directly to series of Managed Portfolio Shares, the Exchange believes

that the overarching policy issues related to liquidity, market cap, diversity, and concentration of portfolio holdings that Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C) is intended to address are equally applicable to series of Managed Portfolio Shares.

#### Investment Restrictions

The Fund may hold up to an aggregate amount of 15% of its net assets in illiquid assets.<sup>9</sup> Illiquid securities and other illiquid assets include those subject to contractual or other restrictions on resale and other instruments or assets that lack readily available markets as determined in accordance with Commission staff guidance.<sup>10</sup> The Fund will monitor its portfolio liquidity on an ongoing basis to determine whether, in light of current circumstances, an adequate level of liquidity is being maintained, and will consider taking appropriate steps in order to maintain adequate liquidity. In any event, the Fund will not purchase any securities that are illiquid investments at the time of purchase.

According to the Registration Statement, the Fund will seek to qualify for treatment as a Regulated Investment Company (“RIC”) under the Internal Revenue Code.<sup>11</sup>

The Shares of the Fund will conform to the initial and continued listing criteria under proposed Rule 14.11(k). The Fund’s holdings will be limited to and consistent with what is permissible under the Exemptive Order and described herein.

The Fund’s investments will be consistent with its investment objective and will not be used to enhance

<sup>9</sup> See Rule 22e-4(b)(1)(iv), which prohibits a fund from acquiring any illiquid investment if, immediately after the acquisition, the fund would have invested more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid investments that are assets. See Investment Company Act Release No. 32315 (Oct. 13, 2016), 81 FR 82142 (Nov. 18, 2016) (adopting Rule 22e-4 under the 1940 Act). Prior to the adoption of Rule 22e-4 in 2016, the Commission had long-standing guidelines that required open-end funds to hold no more than 15% of their net assets in illiquid securities and other illiquid assets. See Investment Company Act Release No. 28193 (March 11, 2008), 73 FR 14618 (March 18, 2008), FN 34. See also Investment Company Act Release Nos. 5847 (October 21, 1969), 35 FR 19989 (December 31, 1970) (Statement Regarding “Restricted Securities”); and 18612 (March 12, 1992), 57 FR 9828 (March 20, 1992) (Revisions of Guidelines to Form N-1A).

<sup>10</sup> A fund’s portfolio security is illiquid if it cannot be disposed of in the ordinary course of business within seven days at approximately the value ascribed to it by the fund. See Investment Company Act Release Nos. 14983 (March 12, 1986), 51 FR 9773 (March 21, 1986) (adopting amendments to Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act); and 17452 (April 23, 1990), 55 FR 17933 (April 30, 1990) (adopting Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933).

<sup>11</sup> 26 U.S.C. 851.

leverage. While the Fund may invest in inverse ETFs, the Fund will not invest in leveraged (e.g., 2X, -2X, 3X or -3X) ETFs.

#### Creations and Redemptions of Shares

Creations and redemptions of the Shares will occur as described in the Proposal. More specifically, in connection with the creation and redemption of Creation Units<sup>12</sup> and Redemption Units,<sup>13</sup> the delivery or receipt of any portfolio securities in-kind will be required to be effected through a separate confidential brokerage account (a “Confidential Account”).<sup>14</sup> Authorized Participants (as defined in the Fund’s Exemptive Application, “AP”) will sign an agreement with an AP Representative<sup>15</sup> establishing the Confidential Account for the benefit of the AP. AP Representatives will be broker-dealers. An AP must be a Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) Participant that has executed a “Participant Agreement” with the Distributor with respect to the creation and redemption of Creation Units and Redemption Units and formed a Confidential Account for its benefit in accordance with the terms of the Participant Agreement. For purposes of creations or redemptions, all transactions will be effected through the respective AP’s Confidential Account, for the benefit of the AP without

<sup>12</sup> Proposed Rule 14.11(k)(3)(F) defines the term “Creation Unit” as a specified minimum number of Managed Portfolio Shares issued by an Investment Company at the request of an Authorized Participant in return for a designated portfolio of instruments and/or cash.

<sup>13</sup> Proposed Rule 14.11(k)(3)(G) defines the term “Redemption Unit” as a specified minimum number of Managed Portfolio Shares that may be redeemed to an Investment Company at the request of an Authorized Participant in return for a portfolio of instruments and/or cash.

<sup>14</sup> Proposed Rule 14.11(k)(3)(D) defines the term “Confidential Account” as an account owned by an Authorized Participant and held with an AP Representative on behalf of the Authorized Participant. The account will be established and governed by contractual agreement between the AP Representative and the Authorized Participant solely for the purposes of creation and redemption, while keeping confidential the Creation Basket constituents of each series of Managed Portfolio Shares, including from the Authorized Participant. The books and records of the Confidential Account will be maintained by the AP Representative on behalf of the Authorized Participant.

<sup>15</sup> Proposed Rule 14.11(k)(3)(C) defines the term “AP Representative” as an unaffiliated broker-dealer with which an Authorized Participant has signed an agreement to establish a Confidential Account for the benefit of such Authorized Participant that will deliver or receive all consideration to or from the Investment Company in a creation or redemption. An AP Representative will be restricted from disclosing the Creation Basket. Each AP shall enter into its own separate Confidential Account agreement (“Confidential Account Agreement”) with an AP Representative.

<sup>8</sup> For purposes of describing the holdings of the Fund, ETFs include Portfolio Depository Receipts (as described in Rule 14.11(b)); Index Fund Shares (as described in Rule 14.11(c)); and Managed Fund Shares (as described in Rule 14.11(i)). The ETFs in which the Fund may invest all will be listed and traded on U.S. national securities exchanges.

disclosing the identity of such securities to the AP.

Each AP Representative will be given, before the commencement of trading each Business Day (defined below), the Creation Basket for that day. This information will permit an AP that has established a Confidential Account with an AP Representative, to instruct the AP Representative to buy and sell positions in the portfolio securities to permit creation and redemption of Creation Units and Redemption Units. Shares of the Fund will be issued and redeemed in Creation Units and Redemption Units of 5,000 or more Shares. The Fund will offer and redeem Creation Units and Redemption Units on a continuous basis at the net asset value (the "NAV") per share next determined after receipt of an order in proper form. The NAV per share of the Fund will be determined as of the close of regular trading on the Exchange on each day that the Exchange is open (a "Business Day"). The Fund will sell and redeem Creation Units and Redemption Units only on Business Days. The Adviser anticipates that the initial price of a share will range from \$20 to \$60, and that the price of a Creation Unit will be at least \$100,000.

To keep costs low and permit the Fund to be as fully invested as possible, Shares will be purchased and redeemed in Creation Units and Redemption Units and generally on an in-kind basis. Accordingly, except where the purchase or redemption will include cash under the circumstances described in the Exemptive Application, APs will be required to purchase Creation Units by making an in-kind deposit of specified instruments ("Deposit Instruments"), and APs redeeming their Shares will receive an in-kind transfer of specified instruments ("Redemption Instruments") through the AP Representative in their Confidential Account.<sup>16</sup>

#### Placement of Purchase Orders

The Fund will issue Shares through the Distributor on a continuous basis at NAV. The Exchange represents that the issuance of Shares will operate in a manner similar to that of other ETFs. The Fund will issue Shares only at the NAV per share next determined after an order in proper form is received.

In the case of a creation, the AP would enter an irrevocable creation order with the Fund and direct the AP

Representative to purchase the Creation Basket. The AP Representative would then purchase the necessary securities in the Confidential Account. In purchasing the necessary securities, the AP Representative will use methods, such as breaking the transaction into multiple transactions and transacting in multiple marketplaces, to avoid revealing the composition of the Creation Basket. Once the Creation Basket has been acquired in the Confidential Account, the AP Representative would contribute the Creation Basket in-kind to the Fund.

The Distributor will furnish acknowledgements to those placing such orders that the orders have been accepted, but the Distributor may reject any order which is not submitted in proper form, as described in the Fund's prospectus or Statement of Additional Information ("SAI"). The NAV of the Fund is expected to be determined once each Business Day at a time determined by the Trust's Board of Trustees ("Board"), currently anticipated to be as of the close of the regular trading session on the Exchange (ordinarily 4:00 p.m. E.T.) (the "Valuation Time"). The Fund will establish a cut-off time ("Order Cut-Off Time") for purchase orders in proper form. Such Order Cut-Off Time will be provided in the Registration Statement. To initiate a purchase of Shares, an AP must submit to the Distributor an irrevocable order to purchase such Shares after the most recent prior Valuation Time. All orders to purchase Creation Units must be received by the Distributor no later than the Order Cut-Off Time in each case on the date such order is placed ("Transmittal Date") for the AP to receive the NAV per share next determined.<sup>17</sup>

Purchases of Shares will be settled in-kind and/or cash for an amount equal to the applicable NAV per share purchased plus applicable "Transaction Fees," as discussed below. While the Fund will generally receive securities in-kind, the Adviser may determine from time to time that it is not in the Fund's best interests to receive securities in-kind, but rather to receive cash.

#### Authorized Participant Redemption

The Shares may be redeemed to the Fund in Redemption Unit size or multiples thereof as described below. Redemption orders of Redemption Units must be placed by an AP ("AP Redemption Order"). The Fund will

establish in its Registration Statement an Order Cut-Off Time for redemption orders of Redemption Units in proper form. Redemption Units of the Fund will be redeemable at their NAV per share next determined after receipt of a request for redemption by the Trust in the manner specified below before the Order Cut-Off Time. To initiate an AP Redemption Order, an AP must submit to the Distributor an irrevocable order to redeem such Redemption Unit after the most recent prior Valuation Time, but not later than the Order Cut-Off Time.

In the case of a redemption, the AP would enter into an irrevocable redemption order, and then immediately instruct the AP Representative to sell the Creation Basket that it will receive in the redemption. As with the purchase of securities, the AP Representative will use methods, such as breaking the transaction into multiple transactions and transacting in multiple marketplaces, to avoid revealing the composition of the Creation Basket.

Consistent with the provisions of Section 22(e) of the 1940 Act and Rule 22e-2 thereunder, the right to redeem will not be suspended, nor payment upon redemption delayed, except for: (1) Any period during which the Exchange is closed other than customary weekend and holiday closings, (2) any period during which trading on the Exchange is restricted, (3) any period during which an emergency exists as a result of which disposal by the Fund of securities owned by it is not reasonably practicable or it is not reasonably practicable for the Fund to determine its NAV, and (4) for such other periods as the Commission may by order permit for the protection of shareholders.

Redemptions will occur primarily in-kind, although redemption payments may also be made partly or wholly in cash.<sup>18</sup> The Participant Agreement signed by each AP will require establishment of a Confidential Account to receive distributions of securities in-kind upon redemption. Each AP will be required to open a Confidential Account with an AP Representative in order to facilitate orderly processing of redemptions. While the Fund will generally distribute securities in-kind, the Adviser may determine from time to time that it is not in the Fund's best interests to distribute securities in-kind, but rather to sell securities and/or distribute cash. For example, the Adviser may distribute cash to facilitate orderly portfolio management in

<sup>16</sup> The Fund must comply with the federal securities laws in accepting Deposit Instruments and satisfying redemptions with Redemption Instruments, including that the Deposit Instruments and Redemption Instruments are sold in transactions that would be exempt from registration under the 1933 Act.

<sup>17</sup> To the extent that the Fund allows creations or redemptions to be conducted in cash, such transactions will be effected in the same manner for all APs.

<sup>18</sup> The value of any positions not susceptible to in-kind settlement may be paid in cash.

connection with rebalancing or transitioning a portfolio in line with its investment objective, or if there is substantially more creation than redemption activity during the period immediately preceding a redemption request, or as necessary or appropriate in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.<sup>19</sup>

#### Net Asset Value

The NAV per share of the Fund will be computed by dividing the value of the net assets of the Fund (*i.e.*, the value of its total assets less total liabilities) by the total number of Shares of the Fund outstanding, rounded to the nearest cent. Expenses and fees, including, without limitation, the management, administration and distribution fees, will be accrued daily and taken into account for purposes of determining NAV. Interest and investment income on the Trust's assets accrue daily and will be included in the Fund's total assets. The NAV per share for the Fund will be calculated by the Fund's administrator and determined as of the close of the regular trading session on the Exchange (ordinarily 4:00 p.m., E.T.) on each day that the Exchange is open.

Shares of U.S. exchange-listed equity securities, including common stocks, preferred securities, securities of other investment companies and of REITs, and warrants and rights, as well as ETFs, exchange-listed ADRs, and U.S. exchange-listed futures will be valued at market value, which will generally be determined using the last reported official closing or last trading price on the exchange or market on which the securities are primarily traded at the time of valuation.

#### Availability of Information

The Fund's website ([www.leggmason.com](http://www.leggmason.com)), which will be publicly available prior to the listing and trading of Shares, will include a form of the prospectus for the Fund that may be downloaded. The Fund's website will include additional quantitative information updated on a daily basis, including, for the Fund, (1) the prior Business Day's NAV, market closing price or mid-point of the bid/ask spread at the time of calculation of such NAV (the "Bid/Ask Price"),<sup>20</sup> and a calculation of the premium and

discount of the market closing price or Bid/Ask Price against the NAV, and (2) data in chart format displaying the frequency distribution of discounts and premiums of the daily Bid/Ask Price against the NAV, within appropriate ranges, for each of the four previous calendar quarters. The website and information will be publicly available at no charge.

The Trust's SAI and the Fund's shareholder reports will be available free upon request from the Trust. These documents and forms may be viewed on-screen or downloaded from the Commission's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

Information regarding market price and trading volume of the Shares will be continually available on a real-time basis throughout the day on brokers' computer screens and other electronic services. Quotation and last sale information for the Shares will be available via the Consolidated Tape Association ("CTA") high-speed line. In addition, the VIIV, as defined in proposed Rule 14.11(k)(3)(B) and as described further below, will be widely disseminated by the Reporting Authority<sup>21</sup> and/or one or more major market data vendors in one-second intervals during Regular Trading Hours.

#### Dissemination of the VIIV

With respect to trading of the Shares, the ability of market participants to buy and sell Shares at prices near the VIIV is dependent upon their assessment that the VIIV is a reliable, indicative real-time value for the Fund's underlying holdings. Market participants are expected to accept the VIIV as a reliable, indicative real-time value because (1) the VIIV will be calculated and disseminated based on the Fund's actual portfolio holdings, (2) the securities in which the Fund plans to invest are generally highly liquid and actively traded and therefore generally have accurate real time pricing available, and (3) market participants will have a daily opportunity to evaluate whether the VIIV at or near the close of trading is indeed predictive of the actual NAV. The VIIV for the Fund will be

disseminated by the Reporting Authority and/or one or more major market data vendors in one-second intervals during Regular Trading Hours. If the Adviser determines that a portfolio security does not have a readily available market quotation, that fact along with the identity and weighting of that security in a Fund's VIIV calculation will be publicly disclosed on the Fund's website.<sup>22</sup>

#### Trading Halts

With respect to trading halts, the Exchange may consider all relevant factors in exercising its discretion to halt or suspend trading in the Shares of the Fund. The Exchange will halt trading in the Shares under the conditions specified in BZX Rule 11.18. Trading may be halted because of market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in the Shares inadvisable, including whether unusual conditions or circumstances detrimental to the maintenance of a fair and orderly market are present. Trading in the Shares also will be subject to proposed Rule 14.11(k)(4)(B)(iii)(a) and (b) in the Proposal, which set forth circumstances under which trading in the Shares of the Fund will be halted.

Specifically, Proposed Rule 14.11(k)(4)(B)(iii)(a) provides that the Exchange may consider all relevant factors in exercising its discretion to halt trading in a series of Managed Portfolio Shares. Trading may be halted because of market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in the series of Managed Portfolio Shares inadvisable. These may include: (i) The extent to

<sup>22</sup> The Exchange notes that this is consistent with the Exemptive Application, which provides the following: "Applicants acknowledge that, if the bid/ask spread on a security is significant, the mid-point may not accurately reflect the price at which the security could be bought or sold, which may cause the VIIV to deviate from the actual purchase or sale price of a Fund's underlying portfolio securities. In light of this possibility, the Adviser will monitor the bid and ask quotations for any portfolio security that stops trading and, if the Adviser determines pursuant to Board-approved procedures that the current quotations for a portfolio security are no longer reliable for purposes of calculating the VIIV, which could be the situation when, for example, an Exchange institutes an extended trading halt in a portfolio security, that fact, along with the identity and weighting of that security in the Fund's VIIV calculation, will be publicly disclosed on the Fund's website. Applicants believe that this mix of information will permit market participants to calculate the effect of that security on the VIIV calculation, determine their own fair value of the disclosed portfolio security, and better judge the accuracy of that day's VIIV for the Fund. Nonetheless, the VIIV will continue to be calculated using the mid-point of the most recent bid and ask quotations. See Exemptive Application at 23.

<sup>19</sup> To the extent that the Fund allows creations or redemptions to be conducted in cash, such transactions will be effected in the same manner for all APs.

<sup>20</sup> The Bid/Ask Price of the Fund will be determined using the mid-point between the current NBB and NBO as of the time of calculation of the Fund's NAV. The records relating to Bid/Ask Prices will be retained by the Fund and its service providers.

<sup>21</sup> Proposed Rule 14.11(k)(3)(H) defines the term "Reporting Authority" in respect of a particular series of Managed Portfolio Shares means the Exchange, the exchange that lists a particular series of Managed Portfolio Shares (if the Exchange is trading such series pursuant to unlisted trading privileges), an institution, or a reporting service designated by the Investment Company as the official source for calculating and reporting information relating to such series, including, the net asset value, the Verified Intraday Indicative Value, or other information relating to the issuance, redemption or trading of Managed Portfolio Shares. A series of Managed Portfolio Shares may have more than one Reporting Authority, each having different functions.

which trading is not occurring in the securities and/or the financial instruments composing the portfolio; or (ii) whether other unusual conditions or circumstances detrimental to the maintenance of a fair and orderly market are present. The Adviser has represented to the Exchange that it will provide the Exchange with prompt notification upon the existence of any such condition or set of conditions.

Proposed Rule 14.11(k)(4)(B)(iii)(b) provides that, if the Exchange becomes aware that: (i) The Verified Intraday Indicative Value of a series of Managed Portfolio Shares is not being calculated or disseminated in one second intervals, as required; (ii) the net asset value with respect to a series of Managed Portfolio Shares is not disseminated to all market participants at the same time; (iii) the holdings of a series of Managed Portfolio Shares are not made available on at least a quarterly basis as required under the 1940 Act; or (iv) such holdings are not made available to all market participants at the same time, (except as otherwise permitted under the currently applicable exemptive order or no-action relief granted by the Commission or Commission staff to the Investment Company with respect to the series of Managed Portfolio Shares), it will halt trading in such series until such time as the Verified Intraday Indicative Value, the net asset value, or the holdings are available, as required.

#### Trading Rules

The Exchange deems the Shares to be equity securities, thus rendering trading in the Shares subject to the Exchange's existing rules governing the trading of equity securities. Shares will trade on the Exchange only during Regular Trading Hours as provided in proposed Rule 14.11(k)(2)(B). As provided in BZX Rule 11.11(a), the minimum price variation for quoting and entry of orders in securities traded on the Exchange is \$0.01, with the exception of securities that are priced less than \$1.00, for which the minimum price variation for order entry is \$0.0001.

The Shares will conform to the initial and continued listing criteria under Rule 14.11(k) as well as all terms in the Exemptive Order. The Exchange represents that, for initial and/or continued listing, the Fund will be in compliance with Rule 10A-3 under the Act.<sup>23</sup> A minimum of 100,000 Shares of the Fund will be outstanding at the commencement of trading on the Exchange. The Exchange will obtain a representation from the issuer of the Shares of the Fund that the NAV per

share of the Fund will be calculated daily and will be made available to all market participants at the same time.

#### Surveillance

The Exchange believes that its surveillance procedures are adequate to properly monitor the trading of the Shares on the Exchange during all trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange rules and the applicable federal securities laws. Trading of the Shares through the Exchange will be subject to the Exchange's surveillance procedures for derivative products, including Managed Portfolio Shares. As part of these surveillance procedures and consistent with proposed Rule 14.11(k)(2)(C), the Adviser will upon request make available to the Exchange and/or FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, the daily portfolio holdings of the Fund. The issuer has represented to the Exchange that it will advise the Exchange of any failure by the Fund to comply with the continued listing requirements, and, pursuant to its obligations under Section 19(g)(1) of the Exchange Act, the Exchange will surveil for compliance with the continued listing requirements. If the Fund is not in compliance with the applicable listing requirements, the Exchange will commence delisting procedures under Exchange Rule 14.12.

The Exchange or FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, or both, will communicate as needed regarding trading in the Shares, underlying equity securities and U.S. exchange-listed futures with other markets and other entities that are members of the Intermarket Surveillance Group ("ISG"), and the Exchange or FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, or both, may obtain trading information regarding trading such securities from such markets and other entities. In addition, the Exchange may obtain information regarding trading in the Shares, underlying equity securities and U.S. exchange-listed futures from markets and other entities that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement.<sup>24</sup>

In addition, the Exchange also has a general policy prohibiting the distribution of material, non-public information by its employees.

#### Information Circular

Prior to the commencement of trading, the Exchange will inform its members in an Information Circular

("Circular") of the special characteristics and risks associated with trading the Shares. Specifically, the Circular will discuss the following: (1) The procedures for purchases and redemptions of Shares; (2) BZX Rule 3.7, which imposes suitability obligations on Exchange members with respect to recommending transactions in the Shares to customers; (3) how information regarding the VIIV is disseminated; (4) the requirement that members deliver a prospectus to investors purchasing newly issued Shares prior to or concurrently with the confirmation of a transaction; (5) trading information; and (6) that the portfolio holdings will be disclosed within at least 60 days following the end of every calendar quarter.

In addition, the Circular will reference that the Fund is subject to various fees and expenses described in the Registration Statement. The Circular will discuss any exemptive, no-action, and interpretive relief granted by the Commission from any rules under the Act. The Circular will also disclose that the NAV for the Shares will be calculated after 4:00 p.m., E.T. each trading day.

#### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that this proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>25</sup> in general and Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>26</sup> in particular in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

The Exchange believes that, to the extent that the Proposal and, thus proposed Rule 14.11(k), is approved by the Commission, this proposed rule change is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices in that the Fund would meet each of the rules relating to listing and trading of Managed Portfolio Shares and, to the extent that the Fund is not in compliance with such rules, the Exchange would either prevent the Fund from listing and trading if it hadn't started trading on the Exchange or would commence delisting procedures under Exchange Rule 14.12. More specifically, the Exchange will consider the suspension of trading in, and will commence delisting proceedings under Rule 14.12 for, the Fund under any of the following

<sup>23</sup> See 17 CFR 240.10A-3.

<sup>24</sup> For a list of the current members of ISG, see [www.isgportal.org](http://www.isgportal.org).

<sup>25</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f.

<sup>26</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

circumstances: (a) If, following the initial twelve-month period after commencement of trading on the Exchange, there are fewer than 50 beneficial holders of the Fund for 30 or more consecutive trading days; (b) if the Exchange has halted trading in a Fund because the VIIV is interrupted pursuant to Rule 14.11(k)(4)(B)(iii)(b) and such interruption persists past the trading day in which it occurred or is no longer available; (c) if the Exchange has halted trading in a Fund because the net asset value with respect to such Fund is not disseminated to all market participants at the same time, the holdings of such Fund are not made available on at least a quarterly basis as required under the 1940 Act, or such holdings are not made available to all market participants at the same time pursuant to Rule 14.11(k)(4)(B)(iii)(b) and such issue persists past the trading day in which it occurred; (d) if the Exchange has halted trading in the Fund pursuant to Rule 14.11(k)(4)(B)(iii)(a) and such issue persists past the trading day in which it occurred; (e) if the Fund has failed to file any filings required by the Commission or if the Exchange is aware that the Fund is not in compliance with the conditions of any currently applicable exemptive order or no-action relief granted by the Commission or Commission staff with respect to the Fund; (f) if any of the continued listing requirements set forth in Rule 14.11(k) are not continuously maintained; (g) if any of the applicable Continued Listing Representations, as defined in Rule 14.11(a), for the Fund are not continuously met; or (h) if such other event shall occur or condition exists which, in the opinion of the Exchange, makes further dealings on the Exchange inadvisable.

The Adviser is not registered as a broker-dealer or affiliated with a broker-dealer. The Sub-Adviser is not registered as a broker-dealer, but is affiliated with a broker-dealer and has implemented and will maintain a “fire wall” with respect to such broker-dealer regarding access to information concerning the composition and/or changes to the Fund’s portfolio and Creation Basket.

In the event (a) the Adviser or Sub-Adviser becomes registered as a broker-dealer or becomes newly affiliated with a broker-dealer, or (b) any new adviser or sub-adviser is a registered broker-dealer or becomes affiliated with a broker-dealer, it will implement and maintain a fire wall with respect to its relevant personnel or its broker-dealer affiliate personnel access to information concerning the composition and/or changes to the portfolio and Creation

Basket, and will be subject to procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material non-public information regarding such portfolio and Creation Basket.

Further, proposed Rule 14.11(k)(2)(E) requires that any person or entity, including an AP Representative, custodian, Reporting Authority, distributor, or administrator, who has access to information regarding the Investment Company’s portfolio composition or changes thereto or the Creation Basket, must be subject to procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material nonpublic information regarding the applicable Investment Company portfolio or changes thereto or the Creation Basket. Moreover, if any such person or entity is registered as a broker-dealer or affiliated with a broker-dealer, such person or entity will erect and maintain a “fire wall” between the person or entity and the broker-dealer with respect to access to information concerning the composition and/or changes to such Investment Company portfolio or Creation Basket.

The Exchange further believes that the proposed rules are designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices related to the listing and trading of Managed Portfolio Shares because they provide meaningful requirements about both the data that will be made publicly available about the Shares as well as the information that will only be available to certain parties and the controls on such information. Specifically, the Exchange believes that the requirements related to information protection enumerated under proposed Rule 14.11(k)(2)(E) will act as a strong safeguard against misuse and improper dissemination of information related to the Fund’s portfolio composition or changes thereto or the Creation Basket. The requirement that any person or entity implement procedures to prevent the use and dissemination of material nonpublic information regarding the portfolio or Creation Basket will act to prevent any individual or entity from sharing such information externally and the internal “fire wall” requirements applicable where an entity is a registered broker-dealer or affiliated with a broker-dealer will act to make sure that no entity will be able to misuse the data for their own purposes. As such, the Exchange believes that this proposal is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices.

The Exchange further believes that the proposal is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices related to the listing and

trading of Managed Portfolio Shares and to promote just and equitable principles of trade and to protect investors and the public interest in that the Exchange would halt trading under certain circumstances under which trading in the Shares may be inadvisable. Specifically, trading in the Shares will be subject to proposed Rule 14.11(k)(4)(B)(iii)(a), which provides that the Exchange may consider all relevant factors in exercising its discretion to halt trading in a series of Managed Portfolio Shares. Trading may be halted because of market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in the series of Managed Portfolio Shares inadvisable. These may include: (i) The extent to which trading is not occurring in the securities and/or the financial instruments composing the portfolio; or (ii) whether other unusual conditions or circumstances detrimental to the maintenance of a fair and orderly market are present.<sup>27</sup> The Adviser has represented to the Exchange that it will provide the Exchange with prompt notification upon the existence of any such condition or set of conditions. Trading in the Shares will also be subject to proposed Rule 14.11(k)(4)(B)(iii)(b), which provides that if the Exchange becomes aware that: (i) The Verified Intraday Indicative Value of a series of Managed Portfolio Shares is not being calculated or disseminated in one second intervals, as required; (ii) the net asset value with respect to a series of Managed Portfolio Shares is not disseminated to all market participants at the same time; (iii) the holdings of a series of Managed Portfolio Shares are not made available on at least a quarterly basis as required under the 1940 Act; or (iv) such holdings are not made available to all market participants at the same time, (except as otherwise permitted under

<sup>27</sup> The Exemptive Application provides that the Investment Company or their agent will request that the Exchange halt trading in the applicable series of Managed Portfolio Shares where: (i) The intraday indicative values calculated by the pricing verification agent(s) differ by more than 25 basis points for 60 seconds in connection with pricing of the Verified Intraday Indicative Value; or (ii) holdings representing 10% or more of a series of Managed Portfolio Shares’ portfolio have become subject to a trading halt or otherwise do not have readily available market quotations. Any such requests will be one of many factors considered in order to determine whether to halt trading in a series of Managed Portfolio Shares and the Exchange retains sole discretion in determining whether trading should be halted. As provided in the Application and Notice, each series of Managed Portfolio Shares would employ a pricing verification agent to continuously compare two intraday indicative values during Regular Trading Hours in order to ensure the accuracy of the Verified Intraday Indicative Value.



the currently applicable exemptive order or no-action relief granted by the Commission or Commission staff to the Investment Company with respect to the series of Managed Portfolio Shares), it will halt trading in such series until such time as the Verified Intraday Indicative Value, the net asset value, or the holdings are available, as required.

With respect to the proposed listing and trading of Shares of the Fund, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices in that the Shares will be listed and traded on the Exchange pursuant to the initial and continued listing criteria in Rule 14.11(k). The Fund will invest primarily in equity securities of large capitalization companies, but may also make limited investments in mid-capitalization companies. While most investments will be in U.S. companies, the fund may also invest in ADRs and U.S.-listed shares of foreign companies. The team considers a number of variables such as business fundamentals, valuation, free cash flow generation, earnings growth, management quality and competitive positioning. The Fund will invest in a diversified portfolio typically consisting of the securities of 30 to 40 issuers.

In addition, the Fund may also invest in common stocks, preferred securities, and warrants and rights of U.S. exchange-listed companies, U.S. exchange traded notes, U.S. exchange listed REITs, U.S. ETFs, U.S. exchange-listed ADRs, U.S. exchange-listed equity futures contracts, and U.S. exchange-listed equity index futures contracts. The Fund may also hold cash without limitation, and may invest in short-term U.S. Treasury securities, government money market funds and may enter into repurchase agreements for cash management or defensive investment purposes.

The Exchange notes that the Fund's holdings will meet the generic listing standards applicable to series of Managed Fund Shares under Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C). All equity securities in which the Fund will invest will be listed and traded on U.S. national securities exchanges. Price information for the U.S. exchange-listed equity securities held by the Fund will be available through major market data vendors or securities exchanges listing and trading such securities. Price information for any other U.S. exchange-listed instruments held by the Fund will be available through major market data vendors or exchanges listing and trading such instruments. The Fund's investments will be consistent with its investment objective

and will not be used to enhance leverage. The Fund will not invest in non-U.S. exchange-listed securities. All futures held by the Fund will be listed on U.S. futures exchanges. The Exchange or FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, or both, will communicate as needed regarding trading in the Shares, underlying equity securities and U.S. exchange-listed futures with other markets and other entities that are members of the ISG, and the Exchange or FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, or both, may obtain trading information regarding trading such securities from such markets and other entities. In addition, the Exchange may obtain information regarding trading in the Shares, underlying equity securities, and U.S. exchange-listed futures from markets and other entities that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement.

With respect to trading of the Shares, the ability of market participants to buy and sell Shares at prices near the VIIV is dependent upon their assessment that the VIIV is a reliable, indicative real-time value for the Fund's underlying holdings. Market participants are expected to accept the VIIV as a reliable, indicative real-time value because (1) the VIIV will be calculated and disseminated based on the Fund's actual portfolio holdings, (2) the securities in which the Fund plans to invest are generally highly liquid and actively traded and therefore generally have accurate real time pricing available, and (3) market participants will have a daily opportunity to evaluate whether the VIIV at or near the close of trading is indeed predictive of the actual NAV.<sup>28</sup>

The proposed rule change is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade and to protect investors and the public interest in that the Exchange will obtain a representation that the NAV per share of the Fund will be calculated daily and that the NAV will be made available to all market participants at the same time. Investors can also obtain the Fund's SAI, shareholder reports, Form N-CEN, Form N-CSR, and Form N-PORT. The Fund's SAI and shareholder reports will be available free upon request from the applicable fund, and those documents and the Form N-CSR and Form N-PORT may be viewed on-screen or downloaded from the Commission's website. In addition, with respect to the Fund, a large amount

of information will be publicly available regarding the Fund and the Shares, thereby promoting market transparency. Quotation and last sale information for the Shares will be available via the CTA high-speed line. Information regarding the VIIV will be widely disseminated every second throughout Regular Trading Hours by the Reporting Authority and/or one or more major market data vendors. The website for the Fund will include a prospectus for the Fund that may be downloaded, and additional data relating to NAV and other applicable quantitative information, updated on a daily basis.

Moreover, prior to the commencement of trading, the Exchange will inform its members in a Circular of the special characteristics and risks associated with trading the Shares. The Exchange will halt trading in the Shares under the conditions specified in BZX Rule 11.18 or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in the Shares inadvisable. Trading in the Shares will be subject to proposed Rule 14.11(k)(4)(B)(iii)(a) and (b), which set forth circumstances under which Shares of the Fund will be halted.

In addition, as noted above, investors will have ready access to the VIIV, and quotation and last sale information for the Shares. The Shares will conform to the initial and continued listing criteria under proposed Rule 14.11(k). The Fund's holdings will be limited to and consistent with what is permissible under the Exemptive Order and described herein. The Fund's investments will be consistent with its investment objective and will not be used to enhance leverage. While the Fund may invest in inverse ETFs, the Fund will not invest in leveraged (e.g., 2X, -2X, 3X or -3X) ETFs.

The proposed rule change is designed to perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest in that it will facilitate the listing and trading of an actively-managed exchange-traded product that will enhance competition among market participants, to the benefit of investors and the marketplace. As noted above, the Exchange has in place surveillance procedures relating to trading in the Shares and may obtain information via ISG from other exchanges that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has entered into a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement. In addition, as noted above, investors will have ready access to information regarding the VIIV and quotation and last sale information for the Shares.

For the above reasons, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change

<sup>28</sup> The statements in the Statutory Basis section of this filing relating to pricing efficiency, arbitrage, and activities of market participants, including market makers and APs, are based on statements in the Exemptive Order, representations by Precidian, and review by the Exchange.



is consistent with the requirements of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act.

#### *B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition*

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purpose of the Act. The Exchange notes that the proposed rule change, rather will facilitate the listing and trading of an actively-managed exchange-traded product that will enhance competition among both market participants and listing venues, to the benefit of investors and the marketplace.

#### *C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others*

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

### **III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action**

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period up to 90 days (i) as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the Exchange consents, the Commission will:

A. By order approve or disapprove such proposed rule change, or

B. Institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

### **IV. Solicitation of Comments**

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

#### *Electronic Comments*

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-CboeBZX-2019-102 on the subject line.

#### *Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CboeBZX-2019-102. This

file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CboeBZX-2019-102 and should be submitted on or before January 7, 2020.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>29</sup>

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## **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**[Release No. 34-87716; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2019-089]**

### **Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Rule 5815 To Preclude Stay During Hearing Panel Review of Staff Delisting Determinations in Certain Circumstances**

December 11, 2019.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup>

<sup>29</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

notice is hereby given that on November 27, 2019, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

### **I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change**

The Exchange proposes to amend Exchange Rule 5815 regarding review of Nasdaq Staff ("Staff") Delisting Determinations by Hearings Panels. The proposed change would preclude the stay of a Staff Delisting Determination during the review period in three specified circumstances outlined below.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at <http://nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com>, at the principal office of the Exchange, 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 aspects of such statements.

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

##### **1. Purpose**

Nasdaq administers a series of rules that govern the initial and continued listing qualifications required of companies listed on the Exchange.<sup>3</sup> Newly listing companies must demonstrate compliance with all initial listing requirements before they are listed. Once listed, Nasdaq staff ("Staff") monitors each company to ensure

<sup>3</sup> See Nasdaq Rules 5300, 5400, and 5500 Series, outlining requirements for companies seeking to conduct an initial listing on Nasdaq Global Select Market, Nasdaq Global Market and Nasdaq Capital Market, respectively, as well as requirements for continued listing once an initial listing has been completed.