

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing of a Proposed Rule Change To List on the Exchange Eighteen ADRPLUS Funds of the Precidian ETFs Trust Under Rule 14.11(i), Managed Fund Shares

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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> notice is hereby given that on March 5, 2018, Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (“Exchange” or “BZX”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“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 filed a proposal to list on the Exchange eighteen ADRPLUS Funds of the Precidian ETFs Trust (the “Trust”), under Rule 14.11(i) (“Managed Fund Shares”).

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange’s website at [www.markets.cboe.com](http://www.markets.cboe.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 parts 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 proposes to list and trade shares (“Shares”) of eighteen

different series of the Trust under Rule 14.11(i), which governs the listing and trading of Managed Fund Shares.<sup>3</sup> Specifically, the Exchange is proposing to list shares of Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV ADRPLUS Fund, AstraZeneca PLC ADRPLUS Fund, Banco Santander, S.A. ADRPLUS Fund, BP P.L.C. ADRPLUS Fund, British American Tobacco p.l.c. ADRPLUS Fund, Diageo plc ADRPLUS Fund, GlaxoSmithKline plc ADRPLUS Fund, HSBC Holdings Plc ADRPLUS Fund, Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. ADRPLUS Fund, Novartis AG ADRPLUS Fund, Novo Nordisk A/S (B Shares) ADRPLUS Fund, Royal Dutch Shell plc (Class A) ADRPLUS Fund, Royal Dutch Shell plc (Class B) ADRPLUS Fund, Sanofi ADRPLUS Fund, SAP AG ADRPLUS Fund, Total S.A. ADRPLUS Fund, Toyota Motor Corporation ADRPLUS Fund, and Vodafone Group Plc ADRPLUS Fund. The Funds are a series of, and the Shares will be offered by, the Trust, which was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on August 27, 2010. Precidian Funds LLC (the “Advisor”) will serve as the investment adviser to the Funds. The Trust is registered with the Commission as an open-end management investment company and has filed a registration statement on behalf of the Funds on Form N–1A (“Registration Statement”) with the Commission.<sup>4</sup>

Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(7) provides that, if the investment adviser to the investment company issuing Managed Fund Shares is affiliated with a broker-dealer, such investment adviser shall erect and maintain a “fire wall” between the investment adviser and the broker-dealer with respect to access to information concerning the composition and/or changes to such investment company portfolio.<sup>5</sup> In addition,

Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(7) further requires that personnel who make decisions on the investment company’s portfolio composition must be subject to procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material nonpublic information regarding the applicable investment company portfolio. Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(7) is similar to Exchange Rule 14.11(b)(5)(A)(i) (which applies to index-based funds); however, Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(7) in connection with the establishment of a “fire wall” between the investment adviser and the broker-dealer reflects the applicable open-end fund’s portfolio, not an underlying benchmark index, as is the case with index-based funds. The Adviser is not a registered broker-dealer and is not affiliated with a broker-dealer. In addition, Adviser personnel who make decisions regarding a Fund’s portfolio are subject to procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material nonpublic information regarding the Fund’s portfolio. In the event that (a) the Adviser becomes registered as a broker-dealer or 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 such broker-dealer affiliate, as applicable, regarding access to information concerning the composition and/or changes to the portfolio, and will be subject to procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material non-public information regarding such portfolio.

The Funds do not intend to qualify each year as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the

result, the Adviser and its related personnel are 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 violation, 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 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.

<sup>3</sup> The Commission originally approved Exchange Rule 14.11(i) in Securities Exchange Act Release No. 65225 (August 30, 2011), 76 FR 55148 (September 6, 2011) (SR–BATS–2011–018) and subsequently approved generic listing standards for Managed Fund Shares under Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C) in Securities Exchange Act Release No. 78396 (July 22, 2016), 81 FR 49698 (July 28, 2016) (SR–BATS–2015–100) (“Generic Listing Rules”).

<sup>4</sup> See Registration Statement on Form N–1A for the Trust, filed with the Commission on June 14, 2017 (File Nos. 333–171987 and 811–22524). The descriptions of the Funds and the Shares contained herein are based, in part, on information in the Registration Statement. The Commission has issued an order granting certain exemptive relief to the Adviser and open-end management companies advised by the Adviser under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a–1). See Investment Company Act Release No. 32622 (May 2, 2017) (File No. 812–14584).

<sup>5</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

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

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, but rather as a grantor trust.

The Exchange submits this proposal in order to allow the Funds to hold U.S. Component Stocks<sup>6</sup> and listed and/or OTC derivatives in a manner that does not comply with Exchange Rules 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(3)–(4) [sic],<sup>7</sup> 14.11(i)(4)(C)(iv)(b),<sup>8</sup> and 14.11(i)(4)(C)(v),<sup>9</sup> respectively. Otherwise, the Funds will comply with all other listing requirements on an initial and continued listing basis under

Exchange Rule 14.11(i) for Managed Fund Shares.

ADRPLUS Funds

Each Fund seeks to provide investment results that correspond generally, before fees and expenses, to the price and yield performance of a particular American Depositary Receipt, hedged against fluctuations in the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and the local currency of the foreign security underlying the American

Depositary Receipt (“Local Currency”). For example, the Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV ADRPLUS Fund seeks to provide investment results that correspond generally, before fees and expenses, to the price and yield performance of Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV (ADR), hedged against fluctuations in the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and the euro. The following chart includes the underlying company and the Local Currency for each of the Funds.

Fund name	Underlying company	Local currency
Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV ADRPLUS Fund .....	Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV .....	Euro.
AstraZeneca PLC ADRPLUS Fund .....	AstraZeneca PLC .....	British pound.
Banco Santander, S.A. ADRPLUS Fund .....	Banco Santander, S.A. ....	Euro.
BP P.L.C. ADRPLUS Fund .....	BP p.l.c. ....	British pound
British American Tobacco p.l.c. ADRPLUS Fund .....	British American Tobacco p.l.c. ....	British pound.
Diageo plc ADRPLUS Fund .....	Diageo plc .....	British pound.
GlaxoSmithKline plc ADRPLUS Fund .....	GlaxoSmithKline plc .....	British pound.
HSBC Holdings Plc ADRPLUS Fund .....	HSBC Holdings Plc .....	British pound.
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. ADRPLUS Fund .....	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. ....	Japanese yen
Novartis AG ADRPLUS Fund .....	Novartis AG .....	Swiss franc.
Novo Nordisk A/S (B Shares) ADRPLUS Fund .....	Novo Nordisk A/S (B Shares) .....	Danish krone.
Royal Dutch Shell plc (Class A) ADRPLUS Fund .....	Royal Dutch Shell plc (Class A) .....	Euro.
Royal Dutch Shell plc (Class B) ADRPLUS Fund .....	Royal Dutch Shell plc (Class B) .....	British pound.
Sanofi ADRPLUS Fund .....	Sanofi .....	Euro.
SAP AG ADRPLUS Fund .....	SAP AG .....	Euro.
Total S.A. ADRPLUS Fund .....	Total S.A. ....	Euro.
Toyota Motor Corporation ADRPLUS Fund .....	Toyota Motor Corporation .....	Japanese yen.
Vodafone Group Plc ADRPLUS Fund .....	Vodafone Group Plc .....	British pound.

Each of the Funds will hold only: (i) Shares of an American Depositary Receipt (an “Unhedged ADR”) listed on a national securities exchange; (ii) listed and/or OTC derivatives that hedge against fluctuations in the exchange rate (the “Exchange Rate”) between the U.S. dollar and the Local Currency (the “Currency Hedge”); and (iii) cash and cash equivalents.<sup>10</sup>

The Funds will provide investors with the opportunity to easily eliminate currency exposure that they may not even realize exists with Unhedged ADRs

without having to transact in the currency derivatives market. The Exchange believes that this confers a significant benefit to investors and the broader marketplace by adding transparency and simplifying the process of eliminating risk from an investor’s portfolio. As further described below in the section entitled Policy Discussion, the Exchange believes that the policy concerns underlying the listing rules which the Funds would not meet, specifically Rules 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(3)–(4) [sic],<sup>11</sup>

14.11(i)(4)(C)(iv)(b),<sup>12</sup> and 14.11(i)(4)(C)(v),<sup>13</sup> are mitigated by the structure, holdings, and purpose of the Funds and, as such, this proposal to list and trade the ADRPLUS Funds should be approved.

The Trust is required to comply with Rule 10A–3 under the Act<sup>14</sup> for the initial and continued listing of the Shares of each Fund. In addition, the Exchange represents that the Shares of each Fund will meet and be subject to all other requirements of the Generic Listing Rules, as defined below, and

<sup>6</sup> As defined in Rule 14.11(c)(1)(D), the term “U.S. Component Stock” shall mean an equity security that is registered under Sections 12(b) or 12(g) of the Act, or an American Depositary Receipt, the underlying equity security of which is registered under Sections 12(b) or 12(g) of the Act.

<sup>7</sup> In particular, the Funds will not meet: (i) The requirement under Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(3) [sic] that the most heavily weighted component stock shall not exceed 30% of the equity weight of the portfolio; and (ii) the requirement under Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(4) [sic] that the equity portion of the portfolio shall include a minimum of 13 component stocks.

<sup>8</sup> In particular, the Funds may not meet the requirement under Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(iv)(b) that the aggregate gross notional value of listed derivatives based on any single underlying reference asset shall not exceed 30% of the weight of the portfolio (including gross notional exposures).

<sup>9</sup> In particular, the Funds may not meet the requirement under Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(v) that the aggregate gross notional value of OTC derivatives shall not exceed 20% of the weight of the portfolio (including gross notional exposures).

<sup>10</sup> As defined in Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(iii), cash equivalents include short-term instruments with maturities of less than three months, including: (i) U.S. Government securities, including bills, notes, and bonds differing as to maturity and rates of interest, which are either issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury or by U.S. Government agencies or instrumentalities; (ii) certificates of deposit issued against funds deposited in a bank or savings and loan association; (iii) bankers acceptances, which are short-term credit instruments used to finance commercial transactions; (iv) repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements; (v) bank time deposits, which are monies kept on deposit with banks or savings and loan associations for a stated period of time at a fixed rate of interest; (vi) commercial paper, which are short-term unsecured promissory notes; and (vii) money market funds.

<sup>11</sup> In particular, the Funds will not meet: (i) The requirement under Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(3) [sic] that the most heavily weighted component stock shall not exceed 30% of the equity weight of the portfolio; and (ii) the requirement under Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(4) [sic] that the equity portion of the portfolio shall include a minimum of 13 component stocks.

<sup>12</sup> In particular, the Funds may not meet the requirement under Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(iv)(b) that the aggregate gross notional value of listed derivatives based on any single underlying reference asset shall not exceed 30% of the weight of the portfolio (including gross notional exposures).

<sup>13</sup> In particular, the Funds may not meet the requirement under Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(v) that the aggregate gross notional value of OTC derivatives shall not exceed 20% of the weight of the portfolio (including gross notional exposures).

<sup>14</sup> 17 CFR 240.10A–3.

other applicable continued listing requirements for Managed Fund Shares under Exchange Rule 14.11(i), including those requirements regarding the Disclosed Portfolio (as defined in the Exchange rules) and the requirement that the Disclosed Portfolio and the net asset value (“NAV”) will be made available to all market participants at the same time,<sup>15</sup> intraday indicative value,<sup>16</sup> suspension of trading or removal,<sup>17</sup> trading halts,<sup>18</sup> disclosure,<sup>19</sup> and firewalls.<sup>20</sup> Further, at least 100,000 Shares of each Fund will be outstanding upon the commencement of trading.<sup>21</sup> 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 reference assets and intraday indicative values, and the applicability of Exchange listing rules specified in this filing shall constitute continued listing requirements for the Funds. The Trust, on behalf of the Funds, has represented to the Exchange that it will advise the Exchange of any failure by a Fund or the Shares to comply with the continued listing requirements, and, pursuant to its obligations under Section 19(g)(1) of the Act, the Exchange will surveil for compliance with the continued listing requirements. If a Fund or the Shares are not in compliance with the applicable listing requirements, the Exchange will commence delisting procedures under Exchange Rule 14.12.

#### Policy Discussion

The generic listing standards for listing Managed Fund Shares pursuant to Rule 19b-4(e) (the “Generic Listing Standards”), as approved by the Commission,<sup>22</sup> are designed to ensure that the holdings of the portfolio of a series of Managed Fund Shares listed pursuant to 19b-4(e) are sufficiently liquid, diverse, and non-concentrated as to mitigate the policy concerns regarding the manipulability and liquidity for the creation and redemption mechanism associated with that series of Managed Fund Shares. As

described above, the Funds do not meet the Generic Listing Standards.

The Exchange believes that, while the Funds would not meet the Generic Listing Standards, in particular Rules 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(a)(3) and (4), 14.11(i)(4)(C)(iv)(b), and 14.11(i)(4)(C)(v), the policy issues that those rules are intended to address are otherwise mitigated by the structure, holdings, and purpose of the Funds. Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(a)(3) is intended to ensure that no single equity security constitutes too concentrated of a position in a series of Managed Fund Shares and Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(a)(4) is similarly intended to diversify the holdings of a series of Managed Fund Shares. The Exchange believes that these policy concerns are mitigated as it relates to the Funds because: (i) The Unhedged ADR will meet the market cap and liquidity requirements of Rules 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(a)(1) and (2); and (ii) the intended function of the Funds is to eliminate currency exposure risk for a single security, which means that the Funds are necessarily concentrated. As described above, the creation and redemption mechanism will provide a near frictionless arbitrage opportunity that would minimize the risk of manipulation of either the Unhedged ADR or the applicable Fund and, thus, mitigate the manipulation concerns that Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(a)(3) and (4) were intended to address.

The Exchange also believes that the policy issues that Rules 14.11(i)(4)(C)(iv)(b) and 14.11(i)(4)(C)(v) are intended to address are also mitigated by the way that the Funds would use derivatives, whether listed or OTC. Such rules are intended to mitigate concerns around the manipulability of a particular underlying reference asset or derivatives contract and, for OTC derivatives, to minimize counterparty risk. While the Currency Hedge positions taken by the Currency Hedged ADRs would not meet the Generic Listing Standards, the policy concerns that the Generic Listing Standards are intended to address are otherwise mitigated by the liquidity in the underlying spot currency market that prevents manipulation of the reference prices used by the Currency Hedge. The Funds will attempt to limit counterparty risk in OTC derivatives by: (i) Entering into such contracts only with counterparties the Advisor believes are creditworthy; (ii) limiting a Fund’s exposure to each counterparty; and (iii) monitoring the creditworthiness of each counterparty and the Fund’s exposure to each counterparty on an ongoing basis. The Exchange also believes that the counterparty risk associated with OTC

derivatives is further mitigated because the currency swaps are settled on a daily basis and, thus, the counterparty risk for any particular swap is limited in two ways—first that the counterparty credit exposure is always limited to a 24 hour period and second that the exposure of the swap is only to the movement in the currencies over that same 24 hour period.

#### Availability of Information

As noted above, the Funds will each comply with the requirements for Managed Fund Shares related to Disclosed Portfolio, Net Asset Value, and the Intraday Indicative Value. Additionally, the intra-day, closing and settlement prices of exchange-traded portfolio assets, including Unhedged ADRs and listed derivatives, will be readily available from the securities exchanges, futures exchanges, and swap execution facilities trading such securities and futures, as the case may be, automated quotation systems, published or other public sources, or online information services such as Bloomberg or Reuters. Intraday price quotations on both listed and OTC swaps are available from major broker-dealer firms and from third-parties, which may provide prices free with a time delay or in real-time for a paid fee. Price information for cash equivalents will be available from major market data vendors. Each Fund’s Disclosed Portfolio will be available on the issuer’s website free of charge. Each Fund’s website will include the prospectus for the applicable Fund and additional information related to NAV and other applicable quantitative information. Information regarding market price and trading volume of the Shares will be continuously available throughout the day on brokers’ computer screens and other electronic services. Information regarding the previous day’s closing price and trading volume for the Shares will be published daily in the financial section of newspapers. Trading in the Shares may be halted for market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading inadvisable. 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. The Exchange has appropriate rules to facilitate trading in the shares during all trading sessions.

#### Surveillance

The Exchange believes that its surveillance procedures are adequate to properly monitor the trading of the Funds on the Exchange during all

<sup>15</sup> See Exchange Rules 14.11(i)(4)(A)(ii) and 14.11(i)(4)(B)(ii).

<sup>16</sup> See Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(4)(B)(i).

<sup>17</sup> See Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(4)(B)(iii).

<sup>18</sup> See Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(4)(B)(iv). The Exchange will also halt trading in a Fund where there has been a regulatory trading halt declared in the associated Unhedged ADR until trading in the Unhedged ADR resumes.

<sup>19</sup> See Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(6).

<sup>20</sup> See Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(7).

<sup>21</sup> See Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(4)(A)(i).

<sup>22</sup> See *supra* note 3.

trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange rules and the applicable federal securities laws. Trading of the Funds through the Exchange will be subject to the Exchange's surveillance procedures for derivative products, including Managed Fund Shares. The issuer has represented to the Exchange that it will advise the Exchange of any failure by a Fund to comply with the continued listing requirements, and, pursuant to its obligations under Section 19(g)(1) of the Act, the Exchange will surveil for compliance with the continued listing requirements. If a Fund is not in compliance with the applicable listing requirements, the Exchange will commence delisting proceedings under Rule 14.12. The Exchange will also consider the suspension of trading and commence delisting proceedings pursuant to Rule 14.12 for a Fund if the Unhedged ADR held by the Fund has been suspended from trading or delisted by the Unhedged ADR's listing exchange. As described above, all Unhedged ADRs will be listed on a U.S. national securities exchange, all of which are members of the Intermarket Surveillance Group ("ISG") or are exchanges with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement.<sup>23</sup> The Exchange may obtain information regarding trading in the Funds, Unhedged ADRs, and listed derivative instruments held by each Fund via the ISG, from other exchanges that are members or affiliates of the ISG, or with which the Exchange has entered into a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement.

#### Creation and Redemption Process

The Funds will create and redeem shares in large blocks of a specified number of shares or multiples thereof ("Creation Units") in transactions with Authorized Participants<sup>24</sup> that have entered into agreements with the distributor for each Fund, Foreside Fund Services, LLC (the "Distributor"). The Exchange expects that a Creation Unit for a Fund will consist of 25,000 or more shares. The Trust will issue and sell shares of each Fund in Creation

Units on a continuous basis through the Distributor or the Distributor's agent, without a sales load, at a price based on the Fund's net asset value ("NAV") per Share next determined after receipt of the purchase or redemption order, on any day that the Exchange is open for trading (a "Business Day"). Explained simply, for a creation, an Authorized Participant will be required to deliver the Unhedged ADRs in an amount equal to that day's NAV (the "Deposit Assets") plus a cash amount representing the value of fractional shares (the "Cash Component" and, collectively with the Deposit Assets, the "Fund Deposit"); and for a redemption, the Trust will deliver Unhedged ADRs to the Authorized Participant equal to the value of that day's NAV plus the Cash Component (the "Redemption Basket").

To initiate an order for a Creation Unit, an Authorized Participant must submit to the Distributor or its agent an irrevocable order to purchase Shares, in proper form, generally before 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on any Business Day to receive that day's NAV. On days when the Exchange closes earlier than normal, a Fund may require orders to be placed earlier in the day. The consideration for a purchase of a Creation Unit of a Fund generally will consist only of the Deposit Assets and the Cash Component.

A portfolio composition file, to be sent via the National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC"), will be made available on each Business Day, prior to the opening of business of the Exchange (currently 9:30 a.m., Eastern Time) which includes the required number of shares of the Deposit Assets and Cash Component to be included in the current Fund Deposit (based on information at the end of the previous Business Day). Such Fund Deposit is applicable, subject to any adjustments,<sup>25</sup> to purchases of Creation Units of Shares of the applicable Fund until such time as the next-announced Fund Deposit composition is made available.

An order to redeem Creation Units of a Fund is deemed received by the Distributor on the transmittal date if (i) such order is received not later than

4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on such transmittal date; (ii) such order is preceded or accompanied by the requisite amount of Shares based on the Creation Units specified in such order, which delivery must be made through DTC to the Distributor by a specified time on such transmittal date (the "DTC Cut-Off Time"); and (iii) all other procedures set forth in the Participant Agreement are properly followed.

Each Fund's custodian will make available through the NSCC, prior to the opening of business on the Exchange on each Business Day, the Redemption Basket (subject to possible amendment or correction) that will be applicable to redemption requests received in proper form on that day. Orders to redeem Creation Units of a Fund must be delivered through a DTC Participant that has executed the Participant Agreement with the Distributor. A DTC Participant who wishes to place an order for redemption of Creation Units of a Fund to be effected need not be a Participating Party, but such orders must state that redemption of Creation Units of the Fund will instead be effected through transfer of Creation Units of the Fund directly through DTC. An order to redeem Creation Units of a Fund is deemed received by the Distributor on the transmittal date if (i) such order is received not later than 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on such transmittal date; (ii) such order is preceded or accompanied by the requisite number of Shares of Creation Units specified in such order, which delivery must be made through DTC to the Distributor no later than the DTC Cut-Off Time on such transmittal date; and (iii) all other procedures set forth in the Participant Agreement are properly followed.

After the Distributor has deemed an order for redemption received, the Distributor will initiate procedures to transfer the requisite Fund Securities which are expected to be delivered within two Business Days and the Cash Amount to the redeeming beneficial owner by the second Business Day following the transmittal date on which such redemption order is deemed received.

#### Information Circular

Prior to the commencement of trading, the Exchange will inform its members in an Information Circular of the special characteristics and risks associated with trading the Shares. Specifically, the Information Circular will discuss the following: (1) The procedures for purchases and redemptions of Shares in Creation Units (and that Shares are not individually

<sup>23</sup> For a list of the current members and affiliate members of ISG, see [www.isgportal.com](http://www.isgportal.com). The Exchange notes that not all components of the Disclosed Portfolio for the Fund may trade on markets that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement.

<sup>24</sup> For purposes of this proposal, the term "Authorized Participant" is either (1) a "Participating Party," (*i.e.*, a broker-dealer or other participant in the clearing process of the Continuous Net Settlement System of the NSCC ("Clearing Process"); or (2) a participant of the Depository Trust Company (the "DTC") (a "DTC Participant").

<sup>25</sup> The Funds may permit or require the substitution of a "cash in lieu" amount to be added to the Cash Component in the event that the Deposit Asset is not available in sufficient quantity for delivery. The Funds also reserve the right to permit or require a "cash in lieu" amount in certain circumstances, including circumstances in which the delivery of the Deposit Asset by the Authorized Participant would be restricted under applicable securities or other local laws or in certain other situations, such as if the Authorized Participant is not able to trade due to a trading restriction. The Funds also reserve the right to permit or require Creation Units to be issued solely in exchange for cash.

redeemable); (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 Intraday Indicative Value is disseminated; (4) the risks involved in trading the Shares during the Pre-Opening<sup>26</sup> and After Hours Trading Sessions<sup>27</sup> when an updated Intraday Indicative Value will not be calculated or publicly disseminated; (5) the requirement that members deliver a prospectus to investors purchasing newly issued Shares prior to or concurrently with the confirmation of a transaction; and (6) trading information.

In addition, the Information Circular will advise members, prior to the commencement of trading, of the prospectus delivery requirements applicable to the Funds. Members purchasing Shares from a Fund for resale to investors will deliver a prospectus to such investors. The Information Circular will also discuss any exemptive, no-action and interpretive relief granted by the Commission from any rules under the Act. The Information Circular will also reference that the Funds are subject to various fees and expenses described in the Registration Statement. The Information Circular will also disclose the trading hours of the Shares and the applicable NAV calculation time for the Shares. The Information Circular will disclose that information about the Shares will be publicly available on each Fund's website.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>28</sup> in general and Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>29</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 foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, 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 given that the Shares will meet each of the initial and continued listing criteria in Exchange Rule 14.11(i) with the exception of Exchange Rules

14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(3)–(4)[sic],<sup>30</sup> 14.11(i)(4)(C)(iv)(b),<sup>31</sup> and 14.11(i)(4)(C)(v).<sup>32</sup> The Generic Listing Standards are designed to ensure that the holdings of the portfolio of a series of Managed Fund Shares listed pursuant to 19b–4(e) are sufficiently liquid, diverse, and non-concentrated as to mitigate the policy concerns regarding the manipulability and liquidity for the creation and redemption mechanism associated with that series of Managed Fund Shares. As described above, the Funds do not meet the Generic Listing Standards.

The Exchange believes that, while the Funds would not meet the Generic Listing Standards, in particular Rules 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(a)(3) and (4), 14.11(i)(4)(C)(iv)(b), and 14.11(i)(4)(C)(v), the policy issues that those rules are intended to address are otherwise mitigated by the structure, holdings, and purpose of the Funds. Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(a)(3) is intended to ensure that no single equity security constitutes too concentrated of a position in a series of Managed Fund Shares and Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(a)(4) is similarly intended to diversify the holdings of a series of Managed Fund Shares. The Exchange believes that these policy concerns are mitigated as it relates to the Funds because: (i) The Unhedged ADR will meet the market cap and liquidity requirements of Rules 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(a)(1) and (2); and (ii) the intended function of the Funds is to eliminate currency exposure risk for a single security, which means that the Funds are necessarily concentrated. As described above, the creation and redemption mechanism will provide a near frictionless arbitrage opportunity that would minimize the risk of manipulation of either the Unhedged ADR or the applicable Fund and, thus, mitigate the manipulation concerns that Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(a)(3) and (4) were intended to address.

<sup>30</sup> In particular, the Funds will not meet: (i) The requirement under Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(3) [sic] that the most heavily weighted component stock shall not exceed 30% of the equity weight of the portfolio; and (ii) the requirement under Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(4) [sic] that the equity portion of the portfolio shall include a minimum of 13 component stocks.

<sup>31</sup> In particular, the Funds may not meet the requirement under Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(iv)(b) that the aggregate gross notional value of listed derivatives based on any single underlying reference asset shall not exceed 30% of the weight of the portfolio (including gross notional exposures).

<sup>32</sup> In particular, the Funds may not meet the requirement under Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(v) that the aggregate gross notional value of OTC derivatives shall not exceed 20% of the weight of the portfolio (including gross notional exposures).

The Exchange also believes that the policy issues that Rules 14.11(i)(4)(C)(iv)(b) and 14.11(i)(4)(C)(v) are intended to address are also mitigated by the way that the Funds would use derivatives, whether listed or OTC. Such rules are intended to mitigate concerns around the manipulability of a particular underlying reference asset or derivatives contract and, for OTC derivatives, to minimize counterparty risk. While the Currency Hedge positions taken by the Currency Hedged ADRs would not meet the Generic Listing Standards, the policy concerns that the Generic Listing Standards are intended to address are otherwise mitigated by the liquidity in the underlying spot currency market that prevents manipulation of the reference prices used by the Currency Hedge. The Funds will attempt to limit counterparty risk in OTC derivatives by: (i) Entering into such contracts only with counterparties the Advisor believes are creditworthy; (ii) limiting a Fund's exposure to each counterparty; and (iii) monitoring the creditworthiness of each counterparty and the Fund's exposure to each counterparty on an ongoing basis. The Exchange also believes that the counterparty risk associated with OTC derivatives is further mitigated because the currency swaps are settled on a daily basis and, thus, the counterparty risk for any particular swap is limited in two ways—first that the counterparty credit exposure is always limited to a 24 hour period and second that the exposure of the swap is only to the movement in the currencies over that same 24 hour period.

The Exchange believes that its surveillance procedures are adequate to properly monitor the trading of the Funds 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 Funds through the Exchange will be subject to the Exchange's surveillance procedures for derivative products, including Managed Fund 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 reference assets and intraday indicative values, and the applicability of Exchange listing rules specified in this filing shall constitute continued listing requirements for the Funds. The Trust, on behalf of the Funds, has represented to the Exchange that it will advise the Exchange of any failure by a Fund or the Shares to comply with the continued

<sup>26</sup> The Pre-Opening Session is from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

<sup>27</sup> The After Hours Trading Session is from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

<sup>28</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f.

<sup>29</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

listing requirements, and, pursuant to its obligations under Section 19(g)(1) of the Act, the Exchange will surveil for compliance with the continued listing requirements. If a Fund or the Shares are not in compliance with the applicable listing requirements, the Exchange will commence delisting procedures under Exchange Rule 14.12.

The Exchange will also consider the suspension of trading and commence delisting proceedings pursuant to Rule 14.12 for a Fund if the Unhedged ADR held by the Fund has been suspended from trading or delisted by the Unhedged ADR's listing exchange. As described above, all Unhedged ADRs will be listed on a U.S. national securities exchange, all of which are members of ISG or are exchanges with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement.<sup>33</sup> The Exchange may obtain information regarding trading in the Funds, Unhedged ADRs, and listed derivative instruments held by each Fund via the ISG, from other exchanges that are members or affiliates of the ISG, or with which the Exchange has entered into a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement. At least 100,000 Shares of each Fund will be outstanding upon the commencement of trading.

For the above reasons, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change 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 will facilitate the listing and trading of an additional type of Managed Fund Shares that will enhance competition among market participants, 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.

<sup>33</sup> For a list of the current members and affiliate members of ISG, see [www.isgportal.com](http://www.isgportal.com). The Exchange notes that not all components of the Disclosed Portfolio for the Fund may trade on markets that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement.

### **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 proposal 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-2018-019 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 No. SR-CboeBZX-2018-019. 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 such filing will also 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 No. SR-CboeBZX-2018-019 and should be submitted on or before April 11, 2018.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>34</sup>

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## **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Disaster Declaration #15322 and #15323; Puerto Rico Disaster Number PR-00031]**

### **Presidential Declaration Amendment of a Major Disaster for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Amendment 4.

**SUMMARY:** This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (FEMA-4339-DR), dated 09/20/2017.

*Incident:* Hurricane Maria.

*Incident Period:* 09/17/2017 through 11/15/2017.

**DATES:** Issued on 03/14/2018.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 06/18/2018.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 06/20/2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, dated 09/20/2017, is hereby amended to extend the deadline for filing applications for physical damages as a result of this disaster to 06/18/2018.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

<sup>34</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).