

awarded, settled, or becomes unpaid before a decision on the application is served will improve FINRA's ability to oversee and review the pending arbitrations of applicants to help ensure that arbitration awards and settlements are paid in full in accordance with their terms.

In sum, the Commission agrees with FINRA and the commenters who supported the proposed rule change that it would help address the issue of unpaid arbitration awards. Specifically, the proposal would link a firm's or associated person's unpaid arbitration awards, unpaid arbitration settlement, or specified pending arbitration claims (collectively, "unpaid and potential financial obligations related to arbitration") to FINRA's membership application review process, in certain instances, to provide FINRA greater oversight.<sup>63</sup> These changes will enable FINRA to more directly address concerns over unpaid and potential financial obligations related to arbitration, as well as the adequacy of the supervision of individuals with unpaid and potential financial obligations related to arbitration in situations where, for example: (1) A FINRA member firm hires individuals with pending arbitration claims, where there are concerns about: (a) The payment of those claims should they go to award or result in settlement, and (b) the supervision of those individuals; and (2) a member firm with pending arbitration claims seeks to avoid payment of the claims should they go to award or result in a settlement by shifting its assets, or its managers and owners, to another firm and closing down. Additionally, the Commission agrees with FINRA that amendments adopted here will enable FINRA to place greater emphasis on the adequacy of the supervision of individuals with pending arbitration claims given their history of noncompliance. While the Commission acknowledges the concerns of commenters regarding the potential for further action to address unpaid claims that arise outside of FINRA arbitration, as FINRA noted, this proposal represents one step in the ongoing process of addressing these issues and FINRA continues to evaluate further action.<sup>64</sup>

## V. Conclusion

*It is therefore ordered* pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Exchange Act<sup>65</sup> that the proposal (SR-FINRA-2019-

030), as modified by Amendment No. 1, be, and hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>66</sup>

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-88483; File No. SR-MIAX-2020-02]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC; Notice of Withdrawal of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend MIAX Chapter XVII, Consolidated Audit Trail Compliance Rule

March 27, 2020.

On January 24, 2020, Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC ("MIAX Options") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), 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> a proposed rule change to amend MIAX Options Chapter XVII, Consolidated Audit Trail Compliance Rule. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on February 5, 2020.<sup>3</sup> On March 16, 2020, MIAX Options withdrew the proposed rule change (SR-MIAX-2020-02).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>4</sup>

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-88481; File No. SR-CboeBZX-2019-107]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Amendment No. 1 and Order Instituting Proceedings To Determine Whether To Approve or Disapprove a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1, To Adopt Rule 14.11(m), Tracking Fund Shares, and To List and Trade Shares of the Fidelity Blue Chip Value ETF, Fidelity Blue Chip Growth ETF, and Fidelity New Millennium ETF

March 26, 2020.

On December 12, 2019, Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. ("Exchange" or "BZX") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act" or "Exchange Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> a proposed rule change to adopt BZX Rule 14.11(m), and to list and trade shares ("Shares") of the Fidelity Value ETF, Fidelity Growth ETF, and Fidelity Opportunistic ETF (individually, "Fund," and, collectively, "Funds"),<sup>3</sup> each a series of the Fidelity Beach Street Trust ("Trust"), under proposed BZX Rule 14.11(m). The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on December 31, 2019.<sup>4</sup>

On February 12, 2020, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change, which amended and replaced the proposed rule change in its entirety.<sup>5</sup> On February 13, 2020, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Exchange Act,<sup>6</sup> the Commission designated a longer period within which to approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove the proposed rule change.<sup>7</sup> The Commission has

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

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

<sup>3</sup> In Amendment No. 1, the names of the Funds were changed to Fidelity Blue Chip Value ETF, Fidelity Blue Chip Growth ETF, and Fidelity New Millennium ETF. See *infra* note 5.

<sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 87856 (Dec. 23, 2019), 84 FR 72414 ("Notice").

<sup>5</sup> Amendment No. 1 is available at: <https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-cboebzx-2019-107/sr-cboebzx2019107.htm>.

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>7</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 88195, 85 FR 9888 (Feb. 20, 2020). The Commission designated March 30, 2020, as the date by which the Commission shall approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule change.

<sup>66</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.

<sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 88096 (January 30, 2020), 85 FR 6613.

<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>63</sup> See Notice at 72089.

<sup>64</sup> See FINRA Letter.

<sup>65</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

received no comment letters on the proposed rule change.

The Commission is publishing this notice and order to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1, from interested persons and to institute proceedings pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act<sup>8</sup> to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1.

### I. Exchange's Description of the Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1

The Exchange proposes a rule change to adopt Rule 14.11(m), Tracking Fund Shares, and to list and trade shares of the Fidelity Blue Chip Value ETF, Fidelity Blue Chip Growth ETF, and Fidelity New Millennium ETF, each a series of the Fidelity Beach Street Trust, under such proposed Rule 14.11(m).

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

This Amendment No. 1 to SR–CboeBZX–2019–107 amends and replaces in its entirety the proposal as originally submitted on December 12, 2019. The Exchange submits this Amendment No. 1 in order to clarify certain points and add additional details to the proposal.

The Exchange proposes to add new Rule 14.11(m)<sup>9</sup> for the purpose of

permitting the listing and trading, or trading pursuant to unlisted trading privileges, of Tracking Fund Shares, which are securities issued by an actively managed open-end management investment company.<sup>10</sup>

#### Proposed Rule 14.11(m)

Proposed Rule 14.11(m)(3)(A) provides that the term “Tracking Fund Share” means a security that: (i) 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; (ii) is issued in a specified aggregate minimum number in return for a deposit of specified Proxy Basket securities and/or a cash amount with a value equal to the next determined net asset value; (iii) when aggregated in the same specified minimum number, may be redeemed at a holder's request, which holder will be paid specified

Release Nos. 87062 (September 23, 2019), 84 FR 51193 (September 27, 2019) (SR–CboeBZX–2019–047) and 87560 (November 18, 2019), 84 FR 64607 (November 22, 2019) (CboeBZX–2019–097).

<sup>10</sup>The basis of this proposal are several applications for exemptive relief that were filed with the Commission and for which public notice was issued on November 14, 2019 and subsequent order granting certain exemptive relief to, among others, Fidelity Management & Research Company and FMR Co., Inc., Fidelity Beach Street Trust, and Fidelity Distributors Corporation (File No. 812–14364), issued on December 10, 2019 (the “Application,” “Notice,” and “Order,” respectively, and, collectively, the “Exemptive Order”). See Investment Company Act Release Nos. 33683 and 33712. The 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.” The Exchange notes that it also referred to the application for exemptive relief orders (collectively, with the Application, the “Applications”) and notices thereof (collectively, with the Notice, the “Notices”) for T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. and T. Rowe Price Equity Series, Inc. (File No. 812–14214 and Investment Company Act Release Nos. 33685 and 33713), Natixis ETF Trust II, et al. (File No. 812–14870 and Investment Company Act Release Nos. 33684 and 33711), Blue Tractor ETF Trust and Blue Tractor Group, LLC (File No. 812–14625 and Investment Company Act Release Nos. 33682 and 33710), and Gabelli ETFs Trust, et al. (File No. 812–15036 and Investment Company Act Release Nos. 33681 and 33708). While there are certain differences between the applications, the Exchange believes that each would qualify as Tracking Fund Shares under proposed Rule 14.11(m).

Proxy Basket securities and/or a cash amount with a value equal to the next determined net asset value; and (iv) the portfolio holdings for which are disclosed within at least 60 days following the end of every fiscal quarter.

Proposed Rule 14.11(m)(1) provides that the Exchange will consider for trading, whether by listing or pursuant to unlisted trading privileges, Tracking Fund Shares that meet the criteria of this Rule.

Proposed Rule 14.11(m)(2) provides that this proposed Rule is applicable only to Tracking Fund Shares. Except to the extent inconsistent with this Rule, or unless the context otherwise requires, the rules and procedures of the Board of Directors shall be applicable to the trading on the Exchange of such securities. Tracking Fund Shares are included within the definition of “security” or “securities” as such terms are used in the Rules of the Exchange.

Proposed Rule 14.11(m)(2)(A)–(C) provide that the Exchange will file separate proposals under Section 19(b) of the Act before the listing of Tracking Fund Shares; and that transactions in Tracking Fund Shares will occur throughout the Exchange's trading hours; the minimum price variation for quoting and entry of orders in Tracking Fund Shares is \$0.01.

Proposed Rule 14.11(m)(2)(D) provides that the Exchange will implement and maintain written surveillance procedures for Tracking Fund Shares and as part of these surveillance procedures, the Investment Company's investment adviser will upon request by the Exchange or FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, make available to the Exchange or FINRA the daily Fund Portfolio of each series of Tracking Fund Shares.

Proposed Rule 14.11(m)(2)(E) provides that if the investment adviser to the Investment Company issuing Tracking Fund 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 the Fund Portfolio and/or the Proxy Basket. Any person related to the investment adviser or Investment Company who makes decisions pertaining to the Investment Company's Fund Portfolio or has access to information regarding the Fund Portfolio or changes thereto or the Proxy Basket must be subject to procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material nonpublic

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

<sup>9</sup> The Exchange notes that it is proposing new Rule 14.11(m) because it has also proposed a new Rule 14.11(k) and new Rule 14.11(l) under two separate proposals. See Securities Exchange Act

information regarding the Fund Portfolio or changes thereto or the Proxy Basket.

Proposed Rule 14.11(m)(2)(F) provides that a person or entity, including a custodian, Reporting Authority, distributor, or administrator, who has access to information regarding the Fund Portfolio or changes thereto or the Proxy Basket, must be subject to procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material nonpublic information regarding the applicable Fund Portfolio or changes thereto or the Proxy 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 Fund Portfolio or Proxy Basket.

Proposed Rule 14.11(m)(3)(B) provides that the term “Fund Portfolio” means the identities and quantities of the securities and other assets held by the Investment Company that will form the basis for the Investment Company’s calculation of net asset value at the end of the business day.

Proposed Rule 14.11(m)(3)(C) provides that the term “Reporting Authority” in respect of a particular series of Tracking Fund Shares means the Exchange, an institution, or a reporting service designated by the Exchange or by the exchange that lists a particular series of Tracking Fund Shares (if the Exchange is trading such series pursuant to unlisted trading privileges) as the official source for calculating and reporting information relating to such series, including, but not limited to, the Proxy Basket; the Fund Portfolio; the amount of any cash distribution to holders of Tracking Fund Shares, net asset value, or other information relating to the issuance, redemption or trading of Tracking Fund Shares. A series of Tracking Fund Shares may have more than one Reporting Authority, each having different functions.

Proposed Rule 14.11(m)(3)(D) provides that the term “Normal Market Conditions” includes, but is not limited to, the absence of trading halts in the applicable financial markets generally; operational issues (e.g., systems failure) causing dissemination of inaccurate market information; or force majeure type events such as natural or manmade disaster, act of God, armed conflict, act of terrorism, riot or labor disruption or any similar intervening circumstance.

Proposed Rule 14.11(m)(3)(E) provides that the term “Proxy Basket”

means the identities and quantities of the securities and other assets included in a basket that is designed to closely track the daily performance of the Fund Portfolio, as provided in the exemptive relief under the 1940 Act applicable to a series of Tracking Fund Shares. The Proxy Basket also serves as the creation and redemption basket for a series of Tracking Fund Shares. The Proxy Basket will be constructed as provided in the applicable exemptive relief under the 1940 Act and will be fully described in the proposal required under Rule 14.11(m)(2)(A). The website for each series of Tracking Fund Shares shall disclose the following information regarding the Proxy Basket as required under this Rule 14.11(m), to the extent applicable: (i) Ticker symbol; (ii) CUSIP or other identifier; (iii) Description of the holding; (iv) Identity of the security, commodity, index, or other asset upon which the derivative is based; (v) The strike price for any options; (vi) The quantity of each security or other asset held as measured by: (a) Par value; (b) Notional value; (c) Number of shares; (d) Number of contracts; (e) Number of units; (vii) Maturity date; (viii) Coupon rate; (ix) Effective date; (x) Market value; and (xi) Percentage weighting of the holding in the portfolio.

Proposed Rule 14.11(m)(4)(A) provides the initial listing criteria for a series of Tracking Fund Shares, which include the following: (A) Each series of Tracking Fund Shares will be listed and traded on the Exchange subject to application of the following initial listing criteria: (i) For each series, the Exchange will establish a minimum number of Tracking Fund Shares required to be outstanding at the time of commencement of trading on the Exchange; (ii) the Exchange will obtain a representation from the issuer of each series of Tracking Fund Shares that the net asset value per share for the series will be calculated daily and that each of the following will be made available to all market participants at the same time when disclosed: The net asset value, the Proxy Basket, and the Fund Portfolio; and (iii) all Tracking Fund Shares shall have a stated investment objective, which shall be adhered to under Normal Market Conditions.

Proposed Rule 14.11(m)(4)(B) provides that each series of Tracking Fund Shares will be listed and traded on the Exchange subject to application of the following continued listing criteria: (i)(a) The Proxy Basket will be disseminated at least once daily and will be made available to all market participants at the same time; and (b) the Reporting Authority that provides the Proxy Basket must implement and

maintain, or be subject to, procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material non-public information regarding the actual components of the Proxy Basket; (ii)(a) the Fund Portfolio will at a minimum be publicly disclosed within at least 60 days following the end of every fiscal quarter and will be made available to all market participants at the same time; and (b) the Reporting Authority that provides the Fund Portfolio must implement and maintain, or be subject to, procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material non-public information regarding the actual components of the Fund Portfolio; (iii) upon termination of an Investment Company, the Exchange requires that Tracking Fund Shares issued in connection with such entity be removed from listing on the Exchange; and (iv) voting rights shall be as set forth in the applicable Investment Company prospectus or Statement of Additional Information.

Additionally, proposed Rule 14.11(m)(4)(B)(iii) provides that the Exchange will consider the suspension of trading in and will commence delisting proceedings for a series of Tracking Fund Shares pursuant to Rule 14.12 under any of the following circumstances: (a) If, following the initial twelve-month period after commencement of trading on the Exchange of a series of Tracking Fund Shares, there are fewer than 50 beneficial holders of the series of Tracking Fund Shares for 30 or more consecutive trading days; (b) if either the Proxy Basket or Fund Portfolio is not made available to all market participants at the same time; (c) if the Investment Company issuing the Tracking Fund Shares has failed to file any filings required by the Commission or if the Exchange is aware that the Investment Company is not in compliance with the conditions of any exemptive order or no-action relief granted by the Commission or the Commission Staff under the 1940 Act to the Investment Company with respect to the series of Tracking Fund Shares; (d) if any of the requirements set forth in this rule are not continuously maintained; (e) if any of the applicable Continued Listing Representations for the issue of Tracking Fund Shares are not continuously met; or (f) if such other event shall occur or condition exists which, in the opinion of the Exchange, makes further dealings on the Exchange inadvisable.

Proposed Rule 14.11(m)(5) provides that Neither the Exchange, the Reporting Authority, when the Exchange is acting in the capacity of a Reporting Authority,

nor any agent of the Exchange shall have any liability for damages, claims, losses or expenses caused by any errors, omissions, or delays in calculating or disseminating any current portfolio value; the current value of the portfolio of securities required to be deposited to the open-end management investment company in connection with issuance of Tracking Fund Shares; the amount of any dividend equivalent payment or cash distribution to holders of Tracking Fund Shares; net asset value; or other information relating to the purchase, redemption, or trading of Tracking Fund Shares, resulting from any negligent act or omission by the Exchange, the Reporting Authority when the Exchange is acting in the capacity of a Reporting Authority, or any agent of the Exchange, or any act, condition, or cause beyond the reasonable control of the Exchange, its agent, or the Reporting Authority, when the Exchange is acting in the capacity of a Reporting Authority, including, but not limited to, an act of God; fire; flood; extraordinary weather conditions; war; insurrection; riot; strike; accident; action of government; communications or power failure; equipment or software malfunction; or any error, omission, or delay in the reports of transactions in one or more underlying securities.

Proposed Rule 14.11(m)(6) provides that the provisions of this subparagraph apply only to series of Tracking Fund Shares that are the subject of an order by the Commission exempting such series from certain prospectus delivery requirements under Section 24(d) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act") and are not otherwise subject to prospectus delivery requirements under the Securities Act of 1933. The Exchange will inform its members regarding application of these provisions of this subparagraph to a particular series of Tracking Fund Shares by means of an information circular prior to commencement of trading in such series. The Exchange requires that members provide to all purchasers of a series of Tracking Fund Shares a written description of the terms and characteristics of those securities, in a form prepared by the open-end management investment company issuing such securities, not later than the time a confirmation of the first transaction in such series is delivered to such purchaser. In addition, members shall include such a written description with any sales material relating to a series of Tracking Fund Shares that is provided to customers or the public. Any other written materials provided by a member to customers or the public

making specific reference to a series of Tracking Fund Shares as an investment vehicle must include a statement in substantially the following form: "A circular describing the terms and characteristics of (the series of Tracking Fund Shares) has been prepared by the (open-end management investment company name) and is available from your broker. It is recommended that you obtain and review such circular before purchasing (the series of Tracking Fund Shares)." A member carrying an omnibus account for a non-member broker-dealer is required to inform such non-member that execution of an order to purchase a series of Tracking Fund Shares for such omnibus account will be deemed to constitute agreement by the non-member to make such written description available to its customers on the same terms as are directly applicable to members under this rule. Upon request of a customer, a member shall also provide a prospectus for the particular series of Tracking Fund Shares.

Proposed Rule 14.11(m)(7) provides that if the investment adviser to the Investment Company issuing Tracking 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 and Proxy Basket. Personnel who make decisions on the Investment Company's portfolio composition and/or Proxy Basket must be subject to procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material nonpublic information regarding the applicable Investment Company portfolio and/or Proxy Basket.

#### Policy Discussion—Proposed Rule 14.11(m)

The purpose of the structure of Tracking Fund Shares is to provide investors with the traditional benefits of ETFs<sup>11</sup> while protecting funds from the potential for front running or free riding of portfolio transactions, which could adversely impact the performance of a fund. While each series of Tracking Fund Shares will be actively managed and, to that extent, similar to Managed Fund Shares (as defined in Rule 14.11(i)), Tracking Fund Shares differ from Managed Fund Shares in one key

<sup>11</sup> For purposes of this filing, the term ETF will include only Portfolio Depositary Receipts as defined in Rule 14.11(b), Index Fund Shares as defined in Rule 14.11(c), and Managed Fund Shares as defined in Rule 14.11(i), along with the equivalent products defined in the rules of other national securities exchanges.

way.<sup>12</sup> A series of Tracking Fund Shares will disclose the Proxy Basket on a daily basis which, as described above, is designed to *closely track* the performance of the holdings of the Investment Company, instead of the *actual holdings* of the Investment Company, as provided by a series of Managed Fund Shares.<sup>13</sup>

For the arbitrage mechanism for any ETF to function effectively, authorized participants, arbitrageurs, and other market participants (collectively, "Market Makers") need sufficient information to accurately value shares of a fund to transact in both the primary and secondary market. The Proxy Basket, constructed as provided in the applicable exemptive relief, is designed to closely track the daily performance of the Fund Portfolio.

Given the correlation between the Proxy Basket and the Fund Portfolio,<sup>14</sup>

<sup>12</sup> The Exchange notes that there are two additional differences between proposed Rule 14.11(m) and Rule 14.11(i): (i) Proposed Rule 14.11(m) would require a rule filing under Section 19(b) prior to listing any product on the Exchange meaning that no series of Tracking Fund Shares could be listed on the Exchange pursuant to Rule 19b-4(e) and there are no proposed rules comparable to the quantitative portfolio holdings standards from Rule 14.11(i); and (ii) proposed Rule 14.11(m) would not require the dissemination of an intraday indicative value. The Exchange has submitted a proposal to eliminate the requirement for series of Managed Fund Shares and generally agrees with the Commission's sentiment that the intraday indicative value is not necessary to support the arbitrage mechanism. See SR-CboeBZX-2019-104 and Investment Company Act Release No. 10695 (October 24, 2019) (84 FR 57162).

<sup>13</sup> Proposed Rule 14.11(m)(4)(B)(iii) will, however, require each series of Tracking Fund Shares to at a minimum disclose the entirety of its portfolio holdings within at least 60 days following the end of every fiscal quarter in accordance with normal disclosure requirements otherwise applicable to open-end investment companies registered under the 1940 Act.

Form N-PORT requires reporting of a fund's complete portfolio holdings on a position-by-position basis on a quarterly basis within 60 days after fiscal quarter end. Investors can obtain a fund's Statement of Additional Information, its Shareholder Reports, its Form N-CSR, filed twice a year, and its Form N-CEN, filed annually. A fund's SAI and Shareholder Reports are available free upon request from the Investment Company, and those documents and the Form N-PORT, Form N-CSR, and Form N-CEN may be viewed on-screen or downloaded from the Commission's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

<sup>14</sup> As provided in the Notices, funds and their respective advisers will take remedial actions as necessary if the funds do not function as anticipated. For the first three years after a launch, a fund will establish certain thresholds for its level of tracking error, premiums/discounts, and spreads, so that, upon the fund's crossing a threshold, the adviser will promptly call a meeting of the fund's board of directors and will present the board or committee with recommendations for appropriate remedial measures. The board would then consider the continuing viability of the fund, whether shareholders are being harmed, and what, if any,

the Exchange believes that the Proxy Basket would serve as a pricing signal to identify arbitrage opportunities when its value and the secondary market price of the shares of a series of Tracking Fund Shares diverge. If shares began trading at a discount to the Proxy Basket, an authorized participant could purchase the shares in secondary market transactions and, after accumulating enough shares to comprise a creation unit,<sup>15</sup> redeem them in exchange for a redemption basket reflecting the Net Asset Value (“NAV”) per share of the Fund Portfolio. The purchases of shares would reduce the supply of shares in the market, and thus tend to drive up the shares’ market price closer to the fund’s NAV. Alternatively, if shares are trading at a premium, the transactions in the arbitrage process are reversed. Market Makers also can engage in arbitrage without using the creation or redemption processes. For example, if a fund is trading at a premium to the Proxy Basket, Market Makers may sell shares short and take a long position in the Proxy Basket securities, wait for the trading prices to move toward parity, and then close out the positions in both the shares and the securities, to realize a profit from the relative movement of their trading prices. Similarly, a Market Maker could buy shares and take a short position in the Proxy Basket securities in an attempt to profit when shares are trading at a discount to the Proxy Basket.

Overall, the Exchange believes that the arbitrage process would operate similarly to the arbitrage process in place today for existing ETFs that use in-kind baskets for creations and redemptions that do not reflect the ETF’s complete holdings but nonetheless produce performance that is highly correlated to the performance of the ETF’s actual portfolio. The Exchange has observed highly efficient trading of ETFs that invest in markets where security values are not fully known at the time of ETF trading, and where a perfect hedge is not possible, such as international equity and fixed-income ETFs. While the ability to value and hedge many of these existing ETFs in

action would be appropriate. Specifically, the Applications and Notices provide that such a meeting would occur: (1) If the tracking error exceeds 1%; or (2) if, for 30 or more days in any quarter or 15 days in a row (a) the absolute difference between either the market closing price or bid/ask price, on one hand, and NAV, on the other, exceeds 2%, or (b) the bid/ask spread exceeds 2%.

<sup>15</sup> Tracking Fund Shares will be purchased or redeemed only in large aggregations, or “creation units,” and the Proxy Basket will constitute the names and quantities of instruments for both purchases and redemptions of Creation Units.

the market may be limited, such ETFs have generally maintained an effective arbitrage mechanism and traded efficiently.

As provided in the Notice, the Commission believes that an arbitrage mechanism based largely on the combination of a daily disclosed Proxy Basket and at a minimum quarterly disclosure of the Fund Portfolio can work in an efficient manner to maintain a fund’s secondary market prices close to its NAV.<sup>16</sup> Consistent with the Commission’s view, the Exchange believes that because the arbitrage mechanism for Tracking Fund Shares will be sufficient to keep secondary market prices in line with NAV and because the proposed rules are except as described above nearly identical to the generic listing standards for Managed Fund Shares, proposed Rule 14.11(m) is consistent with the Act.

The Exchange notes that a significant amount of information about each fund and its Fund Portfolio is publicly available at all times. Each series will disclose the Proxy Basket, which is designed to closely track the daily performance of the Fund Portfolio, on a daily basis. Each series of Tracking Fund Shares will at a minimum publicly disclose the entirety of its portfolio holdings, including the name, identifier, market value and weight of each security and instrument in the portfolio within at least 60 days following the end of every fiscal quarter in a manner consistent with normal disclosure requirements otherwise applicable to open-end investment companies registered under the 1940 Act. The website will include additional quantitative information updated on a daily basis, including, on a per Share basis for each Fund, the prior Business Day’s NAV and the Closing Price or Bid/Ask Price at the time of calculation of such NAV, and a calculation of the premium or discount of the Closing Price or Bid/Ask Price against such NAV. The website will also disclose any information regarding the bid/ask spread for each Fund as may be required for other ETFs under Rule 6c–11 under the 1940 Act, as amended.

While not providing daily disclosure of the Fund Portfolio could open the door to potential information leakage and misuse of material non-public information, the Exchange believes that proposed Rules 14.11(m)(2)(E) and (F)

<sup>16</sup> See Notice at 17. The Commission also notes that as long as arbitrage continues to keep the Fund’s secondary market price and NAV close, and does so efficiently so that spreads remain narrow, that investors would benefit from the opportunity to invest in active strategies through a vehicle that offers the traditional benefits of ETFs.

provide sufficient safeguards to prevent such leakage and misuse of information. The Exchange believes that these proposed rules are designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices related to the listing and trading of Tracking Fund 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(m)(2)(F) will act as a strong safeguard against any misuse and improper dissemination of information related to a Fund Portfolio, the Proxy Basket, or changes thereto. The requirement that any person or entity implement procedures to prevent the use and dissemination of material nonpublic information regarding the Fund Portfolio or Proxy 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.

#### Surveillance

The Exchange believes that its surveillance procedures are adequate to properly monitor the trading of Tracking Fund 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 Tracking Fund Shares through the Exchange will be subject to the Exchange’s surveillance procedures for derivative products. The Exchange will require the issuer of each series of Tracking Fund Shares listed on the Exchange to represent 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 Exchange 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 procedures under Exchange Rule 14.12. In addition, the Exchange also has a general policy prohibiting the distribution of material, non-public information by its employees.

As noted in proposed Rule 14.11(m)(2)(D), the Investment Company's investment adviser will upon request make available to the Exchange and/or FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, the daily portfolio holdings of each series of Managed Portfolio Shares. The Exchange believes that this is appropriate because it will provide the Exchange or FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, with access to the daily Fund Portfolio of any series of Tracking Fund Shares upon request on an as needed basis. The Exchange believes that the ability to access the information on an as needed basis will provide it with sufficient information to perform the necessary regulatory functions associated with listing and trading series of Tracking Fund Shares on the Exchange, including the ability to monitor compliance with the initial and continued listing requirements as well as the ability to surveil for manipulation of the shares.

#### Trading Halts

As described above, proposed Rule 14.11(m)(4)(B)(iv) provides that if the Exchange becomes aware that one of the following is not being made available to all market participants at the same time, respectively: The net asset value, the Proxy Basket, or the Fund Portfolio with respect to a series of Tracking Fund Shares; then the Exchange will halt trading in such series until such time as the net asset value, the Proxy Basket, or the Fund Portfolio is available to all market participants, as applicable.

#### Availability of Information

As noted above, Form N-PORT requires reporting of a fund's complete portfolio holdings on a position-by-position basis on a quarterly basis within 60 days after fiscal quarter end. Investors can obtain a fund's Statement of Additional Information, its Shareholder Reports, its Form N-CSR, filed twice a year, and its Form N-CEN, filed annually. A fund's SAI and Shareholder Reports are available free upon request from the Investment Company, and those documents and the Form N-PORT, Form N-CSR, and Form N-CEN 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. Information regarding the previous day's closing price and trading volume information for the Shares will be published daily in the financial section of newspapers. Quotation and

last sale information for the Shares will be available via the Consolidated Tape Association ("CTA") high-speed line.

#### Trading Rules

The Exchange deems Tracking Fund Shares to be equity securities, thus rendering trading in the Shares subject to the Exchange's existing rules governing the trading of equity securities. As provided in proposed Rule 14.11(m)(2)(C), the minimum price variation for quoting and entry of orders in securities traded on the Exchange is \$0.01.

#### Information Circular

Prior to the commencement of trading of a series of Tracking Fund Shares, 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 Proxy Basket 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 Fund Portfolio of the Shares are not disclosed on a daily basis.

In addition, the Circular will reference that Funds are 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.

#### The Shares

The Shares are offered by the Trust, which is organized as a business trust under the laws of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Trust is registered with the Commission as an open-end investment company and will file a registration statement on behalf of the Funds on Form N-1A ("Registration Statement") with the Commission.<sup>17</sup>

<sup>17</sup> The Trust intends to file a post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement in the near future. The descriptions of the Funds and the Shares contained herein are based, in part, on information that will be included in the Registration Statement. The Commission has issued an order granting certain exemptive relief to the Trust under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-1).

Fidelity Management & Research Company or FMR Co., Inc. (the "Adviser") will be the investment adviser to the Funds. The Adviser is not registered as a broker-dealer, but is affiliated with numerous broker-dealers. The Adviser represents that a fire wall exists and will be maintained between the respective personnel at the Adviser and affiliated broker-dealers with respect to access to information concerning the composition and/or changes to each Fund's portfolio and Proxy Basket. Personnel who make decisions on a Fund's portfolio composition and/or Proxy Basket shall be subject to procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material non-public information regarding such portfolio and/or Proxy Basket. The Funds' sub-advisers, FMR Investment Management (UK) Limited, Fidelity Management & Research (Hong Kong) Limited, and Fidelity Management & Research (Japan) Limited (each a "Sub-Adviser" and, collectively, the "Sub-Advisers"), are not registered as a broker-dealer but are affiliated with numerous broker-dealers. Sub-Adviser personnel who make decisions regarding a Fund's portfolio and/or Proxy Basket are subject to procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material nonpublic information regarding the Fund's portfolio and/or Proxy Basket. In the event that (a) the Adviser or a Sub-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 newly 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/or Proxy Basket, and will be subject to procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material non-public information regarding such portfolio and/or Proxy Basket. Each Fund intends to qualify each year as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

The Shares will conform to the initial and continued listing criteria under Rule 14.11(l) as well as all terms in the Exemptive Order. The Exchange represents that, for initial and/or continued listing, each Fund will be in compliance with Rule 10A-3 under the Act.<sup>18</sup> A minimum of 100,000 Shares of each Fund will be outstanding at the commencement of trading on the

<sup>18</sup> See 17 CFR 240.10A-3.

Exchange. The Exchange will obtain a representation from the issuer of the Shares of each Fund that the NAV per share of each Fund will be calculated daily and will be made available to all market participants at the same time.

#### Fidelity Blue Chip Value ETF

Notwithstanding the following description, the Fund's holdings will conform to the permissible investments as set forth in the Application and Order. The Fund seeks long-term growth of capital. In order to achieve its investment objective, under Normal Market Conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its assets in: (i) Blue chip companies (companies whose stock is included in the S&P 500® Index or the Dow Jones Industrial Average<sup>SM</sup> (DJIASM), and companies with market capitalizations of at least \$1 billion if not included in either index); (ii) companies that the Adviser believes are undervalued in the marketplace in relation to factors such as assets, sales, earnings, growth potential, or cash flow, or in relation to securities of other companies in the same industry (stocks of these companies are often called "value" stocks) listed on a U.S. national securities exchange or a foreign exchange that trade on such exchange contemporaneously with the Fund's Shares; and (ii) cash and Cash Equivalents.<sup>19</sup>

The Fund may also invest the Fund's assets in other securities and financial instruments, as summarized below. Under Normal Market Conditions, the Fund may invest up to 5% of its assets in U.S. exchange-traded index futures. The Fund may invest in ETFs to facilitate creations and redemptions using the Proxy Basket, as defined above.<sup>20</sup> Except as described above, the

<sup>19</sup> For purposes of this proposal and as defined in Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(iii), Cash Equivalents are short-term instruments with maturities of less than three months that are: (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>20</sup> Given that the Tracking Basket would normally serve as a Fund's Creation Basket, a Fund may acquire Representative ETFs to create or redeem Shares. A Fund would not hold Representative ETFs for investment purposes. While the Adviser will not hold Representative ETFs in a Fund's portfolio for investment purposes, Representative ETFs will nonetheless convey accurate information

Fund will not invest in derivative instruments or enter into short positions.<sup>21</sup>

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 Tracking Fund 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 Tracking Fund Shares.

#### Fidelity Blue Chip Growth ETF

Notwithstanding the following description, the Fund's holdings will conform to the permissible investments as set forth in the Application and Order. The Fund seeks long-term growth of capital. In order to achieve its investment objective, under Normal Market Conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its assets in: (i) Blue chip companies (companies whose stock is included in the S&P 500® Index or the Dow Jones Industrial Average<sup>SM</sup> (DJIASM), and companies with market capitalizations of at least \$1 billion if not included in either index) (ii) companies that the Adviser believes have above-average growth potential (stocks of these companies are often called "growth" stocks) that are listed on a U.S. national securities exchange or a foreign exchange that trade on such exchange contemporaneously with the Fund's Shares; and (iii) cash and Cash Equivalents.

The Fund may also invest the Fund's assets in other securities and financial instruments, as summarized below. Under Normal Market Conditions, the Fund may invest up to 5% of its assets in U.S. exchange-traded index futures. The Fund may invest in ETFs to facilitate creations and redemptions using the Proxy Basket, as defined above. Except as described above, the Fund will not invest in derivative instruments or enter into short positions.<sup>22</sup>

about the types of instruments in which the Fund invests given that Representative ETFs will themselves invest in the types of securities included in the Fund's portfolio.

<sup>21</sup> The Adviser notes that the Fund may by virtue of its holdings be issued warrants and rights. The Fund will not purchase such instruments and will dispose of such holdings as the Adviser determines is in the best interest of the Fund's shareholders.

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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 Tracking Fund 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 Tracking Fund Shares.

#### Fidelity New Millennium ETF

Notwithstanding the following description, the Fund's holdings will conform to the permissible investments as set forth in the Application and Order. The Fund seeks long-term growth of capital. In order to achieve its investment objective, under Normal Market Conditions, the Fund will primarily invest in (i) companies that may benefit from opportunities created by long-term changes in the marketplace by examining technological advances, product innovation, economic plans, demographics, social attitudes, and other factors, which can lead to investments in small and medium-sized companies; (ii) both "growth" and "value" stocks based on fundamental analysis of factors such as each issuer's financial condition and industry position, as well as market and economic conditions that are listed on a U.S. national securities exchange or a foreign exchange that trade on such exchange contemporaneously with the Fund's Shares; and (iii) cash and Cash Equivalents.

The Fund may also invest the Fund's assets in other securities and financial instruments, as summarized below. Under Normal Market Conditions, the Fund may invest up to 5% of its assets in U.S. exchange-traded index futures. The Fund may invest in ETFs to facilitate creations and redemptions using the Proxy Basket, as defined above. Except as described above, the Fund will not invest in derivative instruments or enter into short positions.<sup>23</sup>

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 Tracking Fund Shares, the Exchange believes that the overarching policy issues related to liquidity, market cap, diversity, and

<sup>23</sup> The Adviser notes that the Fund may by virtue of its holdings be issued warrants and rights. The Fund will not purchase such instruments and will dispose of such holdings as the Adviser determines is in the best interest of the Fund's shareholders.



concentration of portfolio holdings that Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C) is intended to address are equally applicable to series of Tracking Fund Shares.

#### Proxy Basket for the Proposed Funds

For the Funds, the Proxy Basket will consist of a combination of the Fund's recently disclosed portfolio holdings and representative ETFs. ETFs selected for inclusion in the Proxy Basket will be consistent with the Fund's objective and selected based on certain criteria, including, but not limited to, liquidity, assets under management, holding limits and compliance considerations. Representative ETFs can provide a useful mechanism to reflect a Fund's holdings' exposures within the Proxy Basket without revealing a Fund's exact positions.<sup>24</sup> The Exchange notes that each Fund's NAV will form the basis for creations and redemptions for the Funds and creations and redemptions will work in a manner substantively identical to that of series of Managed Fund Shares. The Adviser expects that the Shares of the Funds will generally be created and redeemed in-kind, with limited exceptions. The names and quantities of the instruments that constitute the basket of securities for creations and redemptions will be the same as a Fund's Proxy Basket, except to the extent purchases and redemptions are made entirely or in part on a cash basis. In the event that the value of the Proxy Basket is not the same as a Fund's NAV, the creation and redemption baskets will consist of the securities included in the Proxy Basket plus or minus an amount of cash equal to the difference between the NAV and the value of the Proxy Basket, as further described below.

The Proxy Basket will be constructed utilizing a covariance matrix based on an optimization process to minimize deviations in the return of the Proxy Basket relative to the Fund. The proprietary optimization process mathematically seeks to minimize three key parameters that the Adviser believes are important to the effectiveness of the Proxy Basket as a hedge: tracking error (standard deviation of return differentials between the Proxy Basket

and the Fund), turnover cost, and basket creation cost.<sup>25</sup> Typically, the Proxy Basket is expected to be rebalanced on schedule with the public disclosure of the Fund's holdings; however, a new optimized Proxy Basket may be generated as frequently as daily, and therefore, rebalancing may occur more frequently at the Adviser's discretion. In determining whether to rebalance a new optimized Proxy Basket, the Adviser will consider various factors, including liquidity of the securities in the Proxy Basket, tracking error, and the cost to create and trade the Proxy Basket.<sup>26</sup> For example, if the Adviser determines that a new Proxy Basket would reduce the variability of return differentials between the Proxy Basket and the Fund when balanced against the cost to trade the new Proxy Basket, rebalancing may be appropriate. The Adviser will periodically review the Proxy Basket parameters and Proxy Basket performance and process.

As noted above, each Fund will also disclose the entirety of its portfolio holdings, including the name, identifier, market value and weight of each security and instrument in the portfolio, at a minimum within at least 60 days following the end of every fiscal quarter. As described above, the Exchange notes that the concept of the Proxy Basket employed under this structure is designed to provide investors with the traditional benefits of ETFs while protecting the Funds from the potential for front running or free riding of portfolio transactions, which could adversely impact the performance of a Fund.

#### Policy Discussion—Proposed Funds

As discussed above, each 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 Tracking Fund 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 Tracking Fund Shares and, as such, any such concerns related to the portfolio are mitigated.

Separately and in addition to the rationale supporting the arbitrage mechanism for Tracking Fund Shares more broadly above, the Exchange also believes that the particular instruments that may be included in each Fund's portfolio and Proxy Basket do not raise any concerns related to the Proxy Baskets being able to closely track the NAV of the Funds because such instruments include only instruments that trade on an exchange contemporaneously with the Shares. In addition, a Fund's Proxy Basket will be optimized so that it reliably and consistently correlates to the performance of the Fund. The Notice specifically states that "in order to facilitate arbitrage, each Fund's portfolio and Tracking Basket will only include certain securities that trade on an exchange contemporaneously with the Fund's Shares. Because the securities would be exchange traded, market participants would be able to accurately price and readily trade the securities in the Tracking Basket for purposes of assessing the intraday value of the Fund's portfolio holdings and to hedge their positions in the Fund's Shares."<sup>27</sup> The Exchange and Adviser agree with the Commission's conclusion.

The Adviser anticipates that the returns between a Fund and its respective Proxy Basket will have a consistent relationship and that the deviation in the returns between a Fund and its Proxy Basket will be sufficiently small such that the Proxy Basket will provide Market Makers with a reliable hedging vehicle that they can use to effectuate low-risk arbitrage trades in Fund Shares. The Exchange believes that the disclosures provided by the Funds will allow Market Makers to understand the relationship between the performance of a Fund and its Proxy

<sup>27</sup> The Exchange notes that the instruments enumerated herein are consistent with the investable universe contemplated in the Notice. Specifically, the Notice provides that "Each Fund may invest only in ETFs, Exchange-traded notes, Exchange-traded common stocks, common stocks listed on a foreign exchange that trade on such exchange contemporaneously with the Shares, Exchange-traded preferred stocks, Exchange-traded American depositary receipts, Exchange-traded real estate investment trusts, Exchange-traded commodity pools, Exchange-traded metals trusts, Exchange-traded currency trusts, and exchange-traded futures that trade contemporaneously with the Shares, as well as cash and cash equivalents . . . All futures contracts that a Fund may invest in will be traded on a U.S. futures exchange. For these purposes, an "Exchange" is a national securities exchange as defined in section 2(a)(26) of the [1940] Act." See Notice at 10.

<sup>24</sup> The set of ETFs that are "representative" to be used in the Proxy Basket will depend on certain factors, including the Fund's investment objective, past holdings, and benchmark, and may change from time to time. For example, a U.S. diversified fund benchmarked to a diversified U.S. index would use liquid U.S. exchange-traded ETFs to capture size (large, mid or small capitalization), style (growth or value) and/or sector exposures in the Fund's portfolio. Leveraged and inverse ETFs will not be included in the Proxy Basket. ETFs may constitute no more than 50% of the Proxy Basket's assets.

<sup>25</sup> Tracking error measures the deviations between the Proxy Basket and Fund. Turnover cost and basket creation cost are measures of the cost to create and maintain the Proxy Basket as a hedge.

<sup>26</sup> The Adviser uses a trading cost model to develop estimates of costs to trade a new Proxy Basket. There are essentially two elements to this cost: (1) The cost to purchase securities constituting the Proxy Basket, *i.e.*, the cost to put on the hedge for the Authorized Participant, and (2) the cost of any adjustments that need to be made to the composition of the Proxy Basket, *i.e.*, the cost to the Authorized Participant to change or maintain the hedge position. The inclusion of the trading cost model in the optimization process is intended to result in a Proxy Basket that is cost effective and liquid without compromising its tracking ability.



Basket. Market Makers will be able to estimate the value of and hedge positions in a Fund's Shares, which the Exchange believes will facilitate the arbitrage process and help ensure that the Fund's Shares normally will trade at market prices close to their NAV. The Exchange also believes that competitive market making, where traders are looking to take advantage of differences in bid-ask spread, will aid in keeping spreads tight.

The Exchange notes that a significant amount of information about each fund and its Fund Portfolio is publicly available at all times. Each series will disclose the Proxy Basket, which is designed to closely track the daily performance of the Fund Portfolio, on a daily basis. Each series of Tracking Fund Shares will at a minimum publicly disclose the entirety of its portfolio holdings, including the name, identifier, market value and weight of each security and instrument in the portfolio within at least 60 days following the end of every fiscal quarter in a manner consistent with normal disclosure requirements otherwise applicable to open-end investment companies registered under the 1940 Act. The website will include additional quantitative information updated on a daily basis, including, on a per Share basis for each Fund, the prior Business Day's NAV and the Closing Price or Bid/Ask Price at the time of calculation of such NAV, and a calculation of the premium or discount of the Closing Price or Bid/Ask Price against such NAV. The website will also disclose any information regarding the bid/ask spread for each Fund as may be required for other ETFs under Rule 6c-11 under the 1940 Act, as amended.

#### Additional Information

The Exchange represents that the Shares of the Funds will continue to comply with all other proposed requirements applicable to Tracking Fund Shares, including the dissemination of key information such as the Proxy Basket, the Fund Portfolio, and Net Asset Value, suspension of trading or removal, trading halts, surveillance, minimum price variation for quoting and order entry, the information circular, and firewalls as set forth in the proposed Exchange rules applicable to Tracking Fund Shares and the orders approving such rules.

Price information for the exchange-listed instruments held by the Funds, including both U.S. and non-U.S. listed equity securities and U.S. exchange-listed futures will be available through major market data vendors or securities exchanges listing and trading such

securities. Moreover, U.S.-listed equity securities held by the Funds will trade on markets that are a member of Intermarket Surveillance Group ("ISG") or affiliated with a member of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement.<sup>28</sup> All futures contracts that the Funds may invest in will be traded on a U.S. futures exchange. The Exchange or the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"), on behalf of the Exchange, or both, will communicate as needed regarding trading in the Shares, underlying U.S. exchange-listed 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 instruments 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.

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 asset and intraday indicative values (as applicable), or the applicability of Exchange listing rules specified in this filing shall constitute continued listing requirements for the Shares. The issuer has represented to the Exchange that it will advise the Exchange of any failure by the Funds or 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. FINRA conducts certain cross-market surveillances on behalf of the Exchange pursuant to a regulatory services agreement. The Exchange is responsible for FINRA's performance under this regulatory services agreement. If a Fund is not in compliance with the applicable listing requirements, the Exchange will commence delisting procedures with respect to such Fund under Exchange Rule 14.12.

<sup>28</sup> For a list of the current members of ISG, see [www.isgportal.com](http://www.isgportal.com). The Exchange notes that not all components of the Funds may trade on markets that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement.

#### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>29</sup> in general and Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>30</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.

The Exchange believes that proposed Rule 14.11(m) is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices in that the proposed rules relating to listing and trading of Tracking Fund Shares provide specific initial and continued listing criteria required to be met by such securities. Proposed Rule 14.11(m)(4)(A) provides the initial listing criteria for a series of Tracking Fund Shares, which include the following: (A) Each series of Tracking Fund Shares will be listed and traded on the Exchange subject to application of the following initial listing criteria: (i) For each series, the Exchange will establish a minimum number of Tracking Fund Shares required to be outstanding at the time of commencement of trading on the Exchange; (ii) the Exchange will obtain a representation from the issuer of each series of Tracking Fund Shares that the net asset value per share for the series will be calculated daily and that each of the following will be made available to all market participants at the same time when disclosed: The net asset value, the Proxy Basket, and the Fund Portfolio.

Proposed Rule 14.11(m)(4)(B) provides that each series of Tracking Fund Shares will be listed and traded on the Exchange subject to application of the following continued listing criteria: (i)(a) The Proxy Basket will be disseminated at least once daily and will be made available to all market participants at the same time; and (b) the Reporting Authority that provides the Proxy Basket must implement and maintain, or be subject to, procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material non-public information regarding the actual components of the Proxy Basket; (ii)(a) the Fund Portfolio will at a minimum be publicly disclosed within at least 60 days following the end of every fiscal quarter and will be made available to all

<sup>29</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f.

<sup>30</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

market participants at the same time; and (b) the Reporting Authority that provides the Fund Portfolio must implement and maintain, or be subject to, procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material non-public information regarding the actual components of the Fund Portfolio; (iii) upon termination of an Investment Company, the Exchange requires that Tracking Fund Shares issued in connection with such entity be removed from listing on the Exchange; and (iv) voting rights shall be as set forth in the applicable Investment Company prospectus or Statement of Additional Information.

Additionally, proposed Rule 14.11(m)(4)(B)(iii) provides that the Exchange will consider the suspension of trading in and will commence delisting proceedings for a series of Tracking Fund Shares pursuant to Rule 14.12 under any of the following circumstances: (a) If, following the initial twelve-month period after commencement of trading on the Exchange of a series of Tracking Fund Shares, there are fewer than 50 beneficial holders of the series of Tracking Fund Shares for 30 or more consecutive trading days; (b) if either the Proxy Basket or Fund Portfolio is not made available to all market participants at the same time; (c) if the Investment Company issuing the Tracking Fund Shares has failed to file any filings required by the Commission or if the Exchange is aware that the Investment Company is not in compliance with the conditions of any exemptive order or no-action relief granted by the Commission to the Investment Company with respect to the series of Tracking Fund Shares; (d) if any of the requirements set forth in this rule are not continuously maintained; (e) if any of the applicable Continued Listing Representations for the issue of Tracking Fund Shares are not continuously met; or (f) if such other event shall occur or condition exists which, in the opinion of the Exchange, makes further dealings on the Exchange inadvisable.

Proposed Rule 14.11(m)(4)(B)(iv) provides that if the Exchange becomes aware that one of the following is not being made available to all market participants at the same time: the net asset value, the Proxy Basket, or the Fund Portfolio with respect to a series of Tracking Fund Shares; then the Exchange will halt trading in such series until such time as the NAV, the Proxy Basket, or the Fund Portfolio is available to all market participants, as applicable.

Proposed Rule 14.11(m)(7) provides that if the investment adviser to the

Investment Company issuing Tracking 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 and Proxy Basket. Personnel who make decisions on the Investment Company’s portfolio composition and/or Proxy Basket must be subject to procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material nonpublic information regarding the applicable Investment Company portfolio and/or Proxy Basket.

The Exchange believes that these proposed rules are designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices related to the listing and trading of Tracking Fund Shares because they provide meaningful requirements about both the data that will be made publicly available about the Shares (the Proxy Basket) 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(m)(7) will act as a strong safeguard against any misuse and improper dissemination of information related to the securities included in or changes made to the Fund Portfolio and/or the Proxy Basket. As such, the Exchange believes that this proposal is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices.

As noted above, the purpose of the structure of Tracking Fund Shares is to provide investors with the traditional benefits of ETFs while protecting funds from the potential for front running or free riding of portfolio transactions, which could adversely impact the performance of a fund. While each series of Tracking Fund Shares will be actively managed and, to that extent, similar to Managed Fund Shares (as defined in Rule 14.11(i)), Tracking Fund Shares differ from Managed Fund Shares in one key way.<sup>31</sup> A series of

<sup>31</sup> The Exchange notes that there are two additional substantive differences between proposed Rule 14.11(m) and Rule 14.11(i): (i) Proposed Rule 14.11(m) would require a rule filing under Section 19(b) prior to listing any product on the Exchange meaning that no series of Tracking Fund Shares could be listed on the Exchange pursuant to Rule 19b-4(e) and there are no proposed rules comparable to the quantitative portfolio holdings standards from Rule 14.11(i); and (ii) proposed Rule 14.11(m) would not require the dissemination of an intraday indicative value. The Exchange has submitted a proposal to eliminate the requirement for series of Managed Fund Shares and generally agrees with the Commission’s sentiment that the intraday indicative value is not necessary

Tracking Fund Shares will disclose the Proxy Basket on a daily basis which, as described above, is designed to *closely track* the performance of the holdings of the Investment Company, instead of the *actual holdings* of the Investment Company, as provided by a series of Managed Fund Shares.<sup>32</sup>

For the arbitrage mechanism for any ETF to function effectively, Market Makers need sufficient information to accurately value shares of a fund to transact in both the primary and secondary market. The Proxy Basket, constructed as provided in the applicable exemptive relief, is designed to closely track the daily performance of the holdings of a series of Tracking Fund Shares.

Given the correlation between the Proxy Basket and the Fund Portfolio,<sup>33</sup> the Exchange believes that the Proxy Basket would serve as a pricing signal to identify arbitrage opportunities when its value and the secondary market price of the shares of a series of Tracking Fund Shares diverge. If shares began trading at a discount to the Proxy Basket, an authorized participant could purchase the shares in secondary market

to support the arbitrage mechanism. See SR-CboeBZX-2019-104 and Investment Company Act Release No. 10695 (October 24, 2019) (84 FR 57162).

<sup>32</sup> Proposed Rule 14.11(m)(4)(B)(ii) will, however, require each series of Tracking Fund Shares to at a minimum disclose the entirety of its portfolio holdings within at least 60 days following the end of every fiscal quarter in accordance with normal disclosure requirements otherwise applicable to open-end investment companies registered under the 1940 Act.

Form N-PORT requires reporting of a fund’s complete portfolio holdings on a position-by-position basis on a quarterly basis within 60 days after fiscal quarter end. Investors can obtain a fund’s Statement of Additional Information, its Shareholder Reports, its Form N-CSR, filed twice a year, and its Form N-CEN, filed annually. A fund’s SAI and Shareholder Reports are available free upon request from the Investment Company, and those documents and the Form N-PORT, Form N-CSR, and Form N-CEN may be viewed on-screen or downloaded from the Commission’s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

<sup>33</sup> As provided in the Notices, funds and their respective advisers will take remedial actions as necessary if the funds do not function as anticipated. For the first three years after a launch, a fund will establish certain thresholds for its level of tracking error, premiums/discounts, and spreads, so that, upon the fund’s crossing a threshold, the adviser will promptly call a meeting of the fund’s board of directors and will present the board or committee with recommendations for appropriate remedial measures. The board would then consider the continuing viability of the fund, whether shareholders are being harmed, and what, if any, action would be appropriate. Specifically, the Applications and Notices provide that such a meeting would occur: (1) If the tracking error exceeds 1%; or (2) if, for 30 or more days in any quarter or 15 days in a row (a) the absolute difference between either the market closing price or bid/ask price, on one hand, and NAV, on the other, exceeds 2%, or (b) the bid/ask spread exceeds 2%.

transactions and, after accumulating enough shares to comprise a creation unit,<sup>34</sup> redeem them in exchange for a redemption basket reflecting the NAV per share of the fund's portfolio holdings. The purchases of shares would reduce the supply of shares in the market, and thus tend to drive up the shares' market price closer to the fund's NAV. Alternatively, if shares are trading at a premium, the transactions in the arbitrage process are reversed. Market Makers also can engage in arbitrage without using the creation or redemption processes. For example, if a fund is trading at a premium to the Proxy Basket, Market Makers may sell shares short and take a long position in the Proxy Basket securities, wait for the trading prices to move toward parity, and then close out the positions in both the shares and the securities, to realize a profit from the relative movement of their trading prices. Similarly, a Market Maker could buy shares and take a short position in the Proxy Basket securities in an attempt to profit when shares are trading at a discount to the Proxy Basket.

Overall, the Exchange believes that the arbitrage process would operate similarly to the arbitrage process in place today for existing ETFs that use in-kind baskets for creations and redemptions that do not reflect the ETF's complete holdings but nonetheless produce performance that is highly correlated to the performance of the ETF's actual portfolio. The Exchange has observed highly efficient trading of ETFs that invest in markets where security values are not fully known at the time of ETF trading, and where a perfect hedge is not possible, such as international equity and fixed-income ETFs. While the ability to value and hedge many of these existing ETFs in the market may be limited, such ETFs have generally maintained an effective arbitrage mechanism and traded efficiently.

As provided in the Notice, the Commission believes that an arbitrage mechanism based largely on the combination of a daily disclosed Proxy Basket and at a minimum quarterly disclosure of the Fund Portfolio can work in an efficient manner to maintain a fund's secondary market prices close to its NAV.<sup>35</sup> Consistent with the

Commission's view, the Exchange believes that the arbitrage mechanism for Tracking Fund Shares will be sufficient to keep secondary market prices in line with NAV. This, combined with the fact that the proposed rules are, except as described above, nearly identical to the generic listing standards for Managed Fund Shares, leads the Exchange to believe that the proposed Rule 14.11(m) is consistent with the Act.

The Exchange notes that a significant amount of information about each fund and its Fund Portfolio is publicly available at all times. Each series will disclose the Proxy Basket, which is designed to closely track the daily performance of the Fund Portfolio, on a daily basis. Each series of Tracking Fund Shares will at a minimum publicly disclose the entirety of its portfolio holdings, including the name, identifier, market value and weight of each security and instrument in the portfolio within at least 60 days following the end of every fiscal quarter in a manner consistent with normal disclosure requirements otherwise applicable to open-end investment companies registered under the 1940 Act. The website will include additional quantitative information updated on a daily basis, including, on a per Share basis for each Fund, the prior Business Day's NAV and the Closing Price or Bid/Ask Price at the time of calculation of such NAV, and a calculation of the premium or discount of the Closing Price or Bid/Ask Price against such NAV. The website will also disclose any information regarding the bid/ask spread for each Fund as may be required for other ETFs under Rule 6c-11 under the 1940 Act, as amended.

The Exchange believes that its surveillance procedures are adequate to properly monitor the trading of Tracking Fund 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 Tracking Fund Shares through the Exchange will be subject to the Exchange's surveillance procedures for derivative products. The Exchange will require the issuer of each series of Tracking Fund Shares listed on the Exchange to represent 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 Exchange 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 procedures under Exchange Rule 14.12. In addition, the Exchange also has a general policy prohibiting the distribution of material, non-public information by its employees.

As noted in proposed Rule 14.11(m)(2)(D), the Investment Company's investment adviser will upon request make available to the Exchange and/or FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, the daily portfolio holdings of each series of Managed Portfolio Shares. The Exchange believes that this is appropriate because it will provide the Exchange or FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, with access to the daily Fund Portfolio of any series of Tracking Fund Shares upon request on an as needed basis. The Exchange believes that the ability to access the information on an as needed basis will provide it with sufficient information to perform the necessary regulatory functions associated with listing and trading series of Tracking Fund Shares on the Exchange, including the ability to monitor compliance with the initial and continued listing requirements as well as the ability to surveil for manipulation of the shares.

As noted above, Form N-PORT requires reporting of a fund's complete portfolio holdings on a position-by-position basis on a quarterly basis within 60 days after fiscal quarter end. Investors can obtain a fund's Statement of Additional Information, its Shareholder Reports, its Form N-CSR, filed twice a year, and its Form N-CEN, filed annually. A fund's SAI and Shareholder Reports are available free upon request from the Investment Company, and those documents and the Form N-PORT, Form N-CSR, and Form N-CEN 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. Information regarding the previous day's closing price and trading volume information for the Shares will be published daily in the financial section of newspapers. Quotation and last sale information for the Shares will be available via the CTA high-speed line. The Exchange deems Tracking Fund Shares to be equity securities, thus rendering trading in the Shares subject to the Exchange's existing rules governing the trading of equity securities. As provided in proposed

<sup>34</sup> Tracking Fund Shares will be purchased or redeemed only in large aggregations, or "creation units," and the Proxy Basket will constitute the names and quantities of instruments for both purchases and redemptions of Creation Units.

<sup>35</sup> See Fidelity Notice at 17. The Commission also notes that as long as arbitrage continues to keep the Fund's secondary market price and NAV close, and does so efficiently so that spreads remain narrow,

that investors would benefit from the opportunity to invest in active strategies through a vehicle that offers the traditional benefits of ETFs.

Rule 14.11(m)(2)(C), the minimum price variation for quoting and entry of orders in securities traded on the Exchange is \$0.01.

#### The Funds

As discussed above, each 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 Tracking Fund 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 Tracking Fund Shares and, as such, any such concerns related to the portfolio are mitigated.

Separately and in addition to the rationale supporting the arbitrage mechanism for Tracking Fund Shares more broadly above, the Exchange also believes that the particular instruments that may be included in each Fund's portfolio and Proxy Basket do not raise any concerns related to the Proxy Baskets being able to closely track the NAV of the Funds because such instruments include only instruments that trade on an exchange contemporaneously with the Shares. In addition, a Fund's Proxy Basket will be optimized so that it reliably and consistently correlates to the performance of the Fund. The Notice specifically states that "in order to facilitate arbitrage, each Fund's portfolio and Tracking Basket, which is the Proxy Basket under proposed Rule 14.11(m)(3)(E) for the purpose of the Funds, will only include certain securities that trade on an exchange contemporaneously with the Fund's Shares. Because the securities would be exchange traded, market participants would be able to accurately price and readily trade the securities in the Tracking Basket for purposes of assessing the intraday value of the Fund's portfolio holdings and to hedge their positions in the Fund's Shares."<sup>36</sup>

<sup>36</sup> The Exchange notes that the instruments enumerated herein are consistent with the investable universe contemplated in the Notice. Specifically, the Notice provides that "Each Fund may invest only in ETFs, Exchange-traded notes, Exchange-traded common stocks, common stocks listed on a foreign exchange that trade on such exchange contemporaneously with the Shares, Exchange-traded preferred stocks, Exchange-traded American depositary receipts, Exchange-traded real estate investment trusts, Exchange-traded commodity pools, Exchange-traded metals trusts, Exchange-traded currency trusts, and exchange-traded futures that trade contemporaneously with the Shares, as well as cash and cash equivalents . . . All futures contracts that a Fund may invest in will be traded on a U.S. futures exchange. For

The Exchange and Adviser agree with the Commission's conclusion.

The Adviser anticipates that the returns between a Fund and its respective Proxy Basket will have a consistent relationship and that the deviation in the returns between a Fund and its Proxy Basket will be sufficiently small such that the Proxy Basket will provide Market Makers with a reliable hedging vehicle that they can use to effectuate low-risk arbitrage trades in Fund Shares. The Exchange believes that the disclosures provided by the Funds will allow Market Makers to understand the relationship between the performance of a Fund and its Proxy Basket. Market Makers will be able to estimate the value of and hedge positions in a Fund's Shares, which the Exchange believes will facilitate the arbitrage process and help ensure that the Fund's Shares normally will trade at market prices close to their NAV. The Exchange also believes that competitive market making, where traders are looking to take advantage of differences in bid-ask spread, will aid in keeping spreads tight.

The Exchange notes that a significant amount of information about each fund and its Fund Portfolio is publicly available at all times. Each series will disclose the Proxy Basket, which is designed to closely track the daily performance of the Fund Portfolio, on a daily basis. Each series of Tracking Fund Shares will at a minimum publicly disclose the entirety of its portfolio holdings, including the name, identifier, market value and weight of each security and instrument in the portfolio within at least 60 days following the end of every fiscal quarter in a manner consistent with normal disclosure requirements otherwise applicable to open-end investment companies registered under the 1940 Act. The website will include additional quantitative information updated on a daily basis, including, on a per Share basis for each Fund, the prior Business Day's NAV and the Closing Price or Bid/Ask Price at the time of calculation of such NAV, and a calculation of the premium or discount of the Closing Price or Bid/Ask Price against such NAV. The website will also disclose any information regarding the bid/ask spread for each Fund as may be required for other ETFs under Rule 6c-11 under the 1940 Act, as amended.

The Exchange represents that the Shares of the Funds will continue to comply with all other proposed

these purposes, an "Exchange" is a national securities exchange as defined in section 2(a)(26) of the [1940] Act." See Notice at 10.

requirements applicable to Tracking Fund Shares, which also generally correspond to the requirements for Managed Fund Shares, including the dissemination of key information such as the Proxy Basket, the Fund Portfolio, and Net Asset Value, suspension of trading or removal, trading halts, surveillance, minimum price variation for quoting and order entry, the information circular, and firewalls as set forth in the proposed Exchange rules applicable to Tracking Fund Shares and the orders approving such rules. Moreover, U.S.-listed equity securities held by the Funds will trade on markets that are a member of ISG or affiliated with a member of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement.<sup>37</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 asset and intraday indicative values (as applicable), or the applicability of Exchange listing rules specified in this filing shall constitute continued listing requirements for the Shares. The issuer has represented to the Exchange that it will advise the Exchange of any failure by a Fund or 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. FINRA conducts certain cross-market surveillances on behalf of the Exchange pursuant to a regulatory services agreement. The Exchange is responsible for FINRA's performance under this regulatory services agreement. If a Fund is not in compliance with the applicable listing requirements, the Exchange will commence delisting procedures with respect to such Fund under Exchange Rule 14.12.

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. Rather, the Exchange notes that the proposed rule

<sup>37</sup> For a list of the current members of ISG, see [www.isgportal.com](http://www.isgportal.com). The Exchange notes that not all components of the Funds may trade on markets that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement.

change will facilitate the listing of a new type of actively-managed exchange-traded products, thus enhancing 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. Proceedings To Determine Whether To Approve or Disapprove SR–CboeBZX–2019–107, as Modified by Amendment No. 1, and Grounds for Disapproval Under Consideration**

The Commission is instituting proceedings pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Exchange Act<sup>38</sup> to determine whether the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1, should be approved or disapproved. Institution of such proceedings is appropriate at this time in view of the legal and policy issues raised by the proposed rule change. Institution of proceedings does not indicate that the Commission has reached any conclusions with respect to any of the issues involved. Rather, as described below, the Commission seeks and encourages interested persons to provide comments on the proposed rule change.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Exchange Act,<sup>39</sup> the Commission is providing notice of the grounds for disapproval under consideration. The Commission is instituting proceedings to allow for additional analysis of the proposed rule change's consistency with Section 6(b)(5) of the Exchange Act, which requires, among other things, that the rules of a national securities exchange be "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."<sup>40</sup>

**IV. Procedure: Request for Written Comments**

The Commission requests that interested persons provide written submissions of their views, data, and arguments with respect to the issues identified above, as well as any other

concerns they may have with the proposal. In particular, the Commission invites the written views of interested persons concerning whether the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1, is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) or any other provision of the Exchange Act, or the rules and regulations thereunder. Although there do not appear to be any issues relevant to approval or disapproval that would be facilitated by an oral presentation of views, data, and arguments, the Commission will consider, pursuant to Rule 19b–4, any request for an opportunity to make an oral presentation.<sup>41</sup>

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments regarding whether the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1, should be approved or disapproved by April 22, 2020. Any person who wishes to file a rebuttal to any other person's submission must file that rebuttal by May 6, 2020.

The Commission asks that commenters address the sufficiency of the Exchange's statements in support of the proposal, which are set forth in Amendment No. 1,<sup>42</sup> and any other issues raised by the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1, under the Exchange Act. The Commission seeks commenters' views regarding whether the Exchange's proposal to list and trade the Funds under proposed BZX Rule 14.11(m) (Tracking Fund Shares), which would be actively managed exchange-traded products for which the Proxy Basket, rather than the actual portfolio holdings, would be disclosed on a daily basis, and for which the actual portfolio holdings would be disclosed on a quarterly basis, is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and to protect investors and the public interest, and is consistent with the maintenance of a fair and orderly market under the Exchange Act. In particular, the Commission seeks commenters' views regarding whether the Exchange's proposed listing rule provisions as they relate to foreign

securities are adequate to prevent fraud and manipulation.

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–2019–107 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–2019–107. 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–2019–107 and should be submitted on or before April 22, 2020. Rebuttal comments should be submitted by May 6, 2020.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>43</sup>

<sup>38</sup> Section 19(b)(2) of the Exchange Act, as amended by the Securities Act Amendments of 1975, Public Law 94–29 (June 4, 1975), grants the Commission flexibility to determine what type of proceeding—either oral or notice and opportunity for written comments—is appropriate for consideration of a particular proposal by a self-regulatory organization. See Securities Act Amendments of 1975, Senate Comm. on Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs, S. Rep. No. 75, 94th Cong., 1st Sess. 30 (1975).

<sup>42</sup> See *supra* note 5.

<sup>43</sup> 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12) & 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(57).

<sup>38</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

<sup>39</sup> *Id.*

<sup>40</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Relating To Amend Its Fees Schedule

March 26, 2020.

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 March 17, 2020, Cboe Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “Cboe Options”) 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 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

Cboe Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “Cboe Options”) proposes to amend its Fees Schedule. The text of the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.

The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Exchange’s website (<http://www.cboe.com/AboutCBOE/CBOELegalRegulatoryHome.aspx>), 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 the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

##### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to adopt the Flex Surcharge Fee for NDX and NDXP Orders, effective, March 17, 2020.

Currently, the Exchange assesses a FLEX Surcharge Fee of \$0.10-per-contract credit for DJX, MXEA, MXEF and XSP FLEX Options orders (all capacity codes) executed electronically. The FLEX Surcharge Fee is only charged up to the first 2,500 contracts per trade (\$250 per trade). The Exchange proposes to assess the FLEX Surcharge Fee to NDX and NDXP. The FLEX Surcharge Fee assists the Exchange in recouping the cost of developing and maintaining the FLEX system.

##### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”) and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act. Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5) requirements that the rules of an exchange be 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 regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and 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. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act, which requires that Exchange rules provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its Trading Permit Holders and other persons using its facilities.

The Exchange believes assessing a FLEX Surcharge Fee of \$0.10 per contract for all NDX and NDXP orders executed electronically on FLEX and capping it at \$250 (*i.e.*, first 2,500 contracts per trade) is reasonable because it is the same amount currently charged to other index products for the same transactions. The proposed Surcharge is also equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the

amount will be assessed to all market participants to whom the FLEX Surcharge applies.

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

The Cboe Options does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will not impose any burden on intramarket competition because the proposed rule changes applies to market participants. The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule changes will impose any burden on intermarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because the proposed change applies only to a product currently only listed on Cboe Options. To the extent that the proposed changes make Cboe Options a more attractive marketplace for market participants at other exchanges, such market participants are welcome to become Cboe Options market participants.

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

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

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4<sup>4</sup> thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission will institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or 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.

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

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

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).