SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-59542; File No. SR-NYSEArca-2009-14)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Leverage Factor Applicable to the MacroShares Major Metro Housing Trusts

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")² and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that, on March 3, 2009, NYSE Arca, Inc. ("NYSE Arca" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed</u> <u>Rule Change</u>

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Act,⁴ the Exchange, through its wholly-owned subsidiary NYSE Arca Equities, Inc. ("NYSE Arca Equities" or the "Corporation") proposes to modify the representation made in SR-NYSEArca-2008-92 regarding the leverage factor applicable to the MacroShares Major Metro Housing Up Trust ("Up Trust") and the MacroShares Major Metro Housing Down Trust ("Down Trust") (collectively, the "Trusts"), and, specifically, to indicate that the leverage factor to be applied will be 3 rather than 2. The shares of the Up Trust are referred to as the Up MacroShares, and the shares of the Down Trust are referred to as the Down MacroShares (collectively, the "Shares"). The text of the

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site at www.nyse.com, at the Exchange's principal office and at the Public Reference Room of the Commission.

II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization 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 those statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

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

1. <u>Purpose</u>

The Commission has approved pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act the Exchange's proposal to list and trade the Up MacroShares and the Down MacroShares under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.400.⁵ As described in the Approval Order and Notice, the Up Trust and the Down Trust intend to issue Up MacroShares and Down MacroShares, respectively, on a continuous basis. The Up MacroShares and the Down MacroShares represent undivided beneficial interests in the Up Trust and the Down Trust, respectively.

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See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 58704 (October 1, 2008), 73 FR 59026 (October 8, 2008) (order approving listing and trading on the Exchange of the Trusts ("Approval Order")); 58469 (September 5, 2008), 73 FR 53306 (September 15, 2008) (SR-NYSEArca-2008-92) (notice of proposed rule change to list and trade the Trusts on the Exchange ("Notice")). The Shares are being offered by the Trusts under the Securities Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. 77a. On February 17, 2009, the depositor filed with the Commission preliminary Registration Statements on Form S-1 (Amendment No. 3) for the Up MacroShares (File No. 333-151522) and for the Down MacroShares (File No. 333-151523) ("Registration Statements"). The descriptions herein relating to the operation of the Trusts is based on the Registration Statements.

The assets of the Down Trust will consist of an income distribution agreement and settlement contracts entered into with the Up Trust. Similarly, the assets of the Up Trust will consist of an income distribution agreement and settlement contracts entered into with the Down Trust.⁶ Each Trust will also hold U.S. Treasuries, repurchase agreements on U.S. Treasuries and cash to secure its obligations under the income distribution agreement and the settlement contracts. The trustee for the Trusts is State Street Bank and Trust Company.

As described in the Notice, the Trusts will make quarterly distributions of net income, if any, on the treasuries and a final distribution of all assets they hold on deposit on the final scheduled termination date, an early termination date or a redemption date. Each quarterly and final distribution will be based on the value of the S&P/Case-Shiller Composite-10 Home Price Index ("Index"), as well as on prevailing interest rates on U.S. Treasury obligations. The last published value of the S&P/Case-Shiller Composite-10 Home Price Index is referred to as the "Reference Value of the Index" or "Reference Value", as discussed in the Notice.⁷

If the Reference Value rises above its specified starting level, the Up Trust's Underlying Value (as described in the Notice) will increase to include all of its assets plus a portion of the assets of the paired Down Trust. This portion of assets due from the Down Trust will be multiplied by a specified "leverage factor". Conversely, if the level of the Reference Value of the Index falls below its starting level on and after the closing date, the Up Trust's Underlying Value will decrease, because a portion of its assets will be included in the Underlying Value of its paired Down Trust, such portion being multiplied by the leverage factor.

The income distribution agreement and applicable settlement contracts are attached as exhibits to the Registration Statements.

The Reference Value of the Index is the Reference Price for purposes of NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.400.

Thus, an increase in the Reference Value of the Index results in a proportionate decrease in the Underlying Value of the Down Trust, multiplied by the leverage factor. A decrease in the Reference Value of the Index results in a proportionate increase in the Underlying Value of the Down Trust, multiplied by the leverage factor.

The Notice stated that the leverage factor would be 2, as initially described in the Registration Statements. The Trusts now intend to utilize a leverage factor of 3. The effect of this will be to triple any increase or decrease in the Underlying Value of the Up Trust or the Down Trust, depending upon whether there is an increase or decrease in the Reference Value of the Index. This would make the per share Underlying Value and the market price of Up MacroShares and Down MacroShares more volatile than the housing prices which those shares reference.

With the exception of U.S. Treasuries, repurchase agreements on U.S. Treasuries and cash, the Trusts will not hold assets (e.g., common stocks, swaps or options) upon which payment to investors is based. Rather, the portion of Trust assets due from one Trust to another changes as a result of changes to the Reference Value. This amount will be multiplied by the leverage factor of 3, but applying the leverage factor does not otherwise affect the assets held by the Trusts or the value of the Index.

Additional information relating to the Trusts and Shares is available in the Registration Statements, the Notice and the Approval Order.⁹

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With the exception of the proposed change to the leverage factor, and a change in the distribution date from a date in 2018 to a date in 2014, all representations made by the Exchange in the Notice continue to apply.

See note 5, supra.

2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)¹⁰ of the Act in general and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5)¹¹ 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 regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transaction in securities, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The Exchange believes that the proposal will facilitate the listing and trading of additional types of exchange-traded products that will enhance competition among market participants, to the benefit of investors and the marketplace. In addition, the listing and trading criteria set forth in NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.400 are intended to protect investors and the public interest.

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 purposes of the Act.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule</u> Change Received from Members, Participants or Others

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

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¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action</u>
Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the <u>Federal Register</u> or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

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

The Exchange has requested accelerated approval of this proposed rule change prior to the 30th day after the date of publication of the notice in the <u>Federal Register</u>. The Commission is considering granting accelerated approval of the proposed rule change at the end of a 15-day comment period.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

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

Electronic comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-NYSEArca-2009-14 on the subject line.

Paper comments

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEArca-2009-14. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail 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 Web site (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 inspection and copying 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; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information

that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEArca-2009-14 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 15 days from publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>].

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

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¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).