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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Listing and Trading the following Series of IndexIQ Active ETF Trust under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600: IQ Wilshire Alternative Strategies ETF

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)<sup>1</sup> of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")<sup>2</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>3</sup> notice is hereby given that, on November 18, 2014, NYSE Arca, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "NYSE Arca") 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 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 the Substance of the Proposed</u> Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to list and trade the following series of IndexIQ Active ETF

Trust under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600 ("Managed Fund Shares"): IQ Wilshire Alternative

Strategies ETF. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at

www.nyse.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public

Reference Room.

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78a.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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 Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

# 1. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange proposes to list and trade shares ("Shares") of the IQ Wilshire Alternative Strategies ETF (the "Fund") under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600, which governs the listing and trading of Managed Fund Shares<sup>4</sup> on the Exchange.<sup>5</sup> The Fund is a series of the IndexIQ Active ETF Trust (the "Trust").<sup>6</sup>

A Managed Fund Share is a security that represents an interest in an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-1), as amended ("1940 Act"), organized as an open-end investment company or similar entity that invests in a portfolio of securities selected by its investment adviser consistent with its investment objectives and policies. In contrast, an open-end investment company that issues Investment Company Units, listed and traded on the Exchange under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 5.2(j)(3), seeks to provide investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance of a specific foreign or domestic stock index, fixed income securities index or combination thereof.

The Commission has previously approved the listing and trading on the Exchange of other of actively managed funds under Rule 8.600. See, e.g., Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 60717 (September 24, 2009), 74 FR 50853 (October 1, 2009) (SR-NYSEArca-2009-74) (order approving listing of Four Grail Advisors RP Exchange-Traded Funds) and 67320 (June 29, 2012), 77 FR 39763 (July 5, 2012) (SR-NYSEArca-2012-44) (order approving listing of the iShares Strategic Beta U.S. Large Cap Fund and iShares Strategic Beta U.S. Small Cap Fund).

The Trust is registered under the 1940 Act. On April 25, 2014, the Trust filed with the Commission an amendment to its registration statement on Form N-1A relating to the Fund (File Nos. 333-193560 and 811-22739) (the "Registration Statement"). The description of the operation of the Trust and the Fund herein is based, in part, on the Registration Statement. In addition, the Commission has issued an order granting certain exemptive relief to the Trust under the 1940 Act. <u>See</u> Investment Company Act Release No. 30198 (September 10, 2012) (File No. 812-13956) (the "Exemptive Order").

The Fund is an actively-managed exchange-traded fund and does not seek to replicate the performance of a specified index.

IndexIQ Advisors LLC (the "Adviser") is the investment adviser for the Fund. <sup>7</sup> The Bank of New York Mellon ("Administrator"), is the administrator, custodian, transfer agent and securities lending agent for the Fund. ALPS Distributors Inc. ("Distributor"), is the distributor for the Fund.

Commentary .06 to Rule 8.600 provides that, if the investment adviser to the investment company issuing Managed Fund Shares is affiliated with a broker-dealer, such investment adviser shall erect 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. In addition, Commentary .06 further requires that personnel who make decisions on the open-end fund's portfolio composition must be subject to procedures designed

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An investment adviser to an open-end fund is required to be registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (the "Advisers Act"). The Adviser, Wilshire and the underlying managers that are sub-advisers to the Fund (the "Underlying Managers") are each registered as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act. As a result, each of the Adviser, Wilshire and the Underlying Managers and its related personnel are subject to the provisions of Rule 204A-1 under the Advisers Act relating to codes of ethics. This Rule requires investment advisers to adopt a code of ethics that reflects the fiduciary nature of the relationship to clients as well as compliance with other applicable securities laws. Accordingly, procedures designed to prevent the communication and misuse of non-public information by an investment adviser must be consistent with Rule 204A-1 under the Advisers Act. In addition, each of the Adviser, Wilshire and the Underlying Managers and its related personnel are subject to the provisions of Rule 206(4)-7 under the Advisers Act, which makes it unlawful for an investment adviser to provide investment advice to clients unless such investment adviser has (i) adopted and implemented written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent violation, by the investment adviser and its supervised persons, of the Advisers Act and the Commission rules adopted thereunder; (ii) implemented, at a minimum, an annual review regarding the adequacy of the policies and procedures established pursuant to subparagraph (i) above and the effectiveness of their implementation; and (iii) designated an individual (who is a supervised person) responsible for administering the policies and procedures adopted under subparagraph (i) above.

to prevent the use and dissemination of material nonpublic information regarding the open-end fund's portfolio. Commentary .06 to Rule 8.600 is similar to Commentary .03(a)(i) and (iii) to NYSE Arca Equities Rule 5.2(j)(3); however, Commentary .06 in connection with the establishment of a "fire wall" between the investment adviser and the broker-dealer reflects the applicable open-end fund's portfolio, not an underlying benchmark index, as is the case with index-based funds. In the event (a) any of the Adviser, Wilshire or the Underlying Managers is or becomes a broker-dealer or newly affiliated with a broker-dealer, or (b) any new adviser or subadviser is a registered broker-dealer or becomes affiliated with a broker-dealer, then, to the extent the broker-dealer or affiliated broker-dealer is not a limited purpose broker-dealer used for marketing and not trading purposes, it will implement a firewall with respect to its relevant personnel or its broker-dealer affiliate regarding access to information concerning the composition and/or changes to a portfolio, and will be subject to procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material non-public information regarding such portfolio.

According to the Registration Statement, the Fund will seek long-term capital appreciation. Under normal circumstances<sup>8</sup>, 100% of the Fund's assets will be allocated among the Underlying Managers and that will employ a variety of alternative investment strategies.<sup>9</sup> In making these allocations, the Advisor will seek to combine the strategies of the Underlying

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The term "under normal circumstances" includes, but is not limited to, the absence of adverse market, economic, political or other conditions, including extreme volatility or trading halts in the fixed income markets or the financial markets generally; operational issues causing dissemination of inaccurate market information; or force majeure type events such as systems failure, natural or man-made disaster, act of God, armed conflict, act of terrorism, riot or labor disruption or any similar intervening circumstance.

According to the Registration Statement, the investment of Fund assets not allocated to the Underlying Managers may be directly managed by the Advisor, although the Advisor does not currently intend to manage a significant portion of the Fund's assets directly, and to the extent the Advisor does manage a portion of the Fund's assets it would invest such assets in the same manner as the Underlying Managers.

Managers efficiently and systematically so that the Fund will generate a positive total return with relatively low volatility and low sensitivity or correlation to market indices.

According to the Registration Statement, Wilshire Associates Incorporated ("Wilshire") will be a sub-advisor to the Fund and, in that role, will evaluate and recommend strategies and Underlying Managers to the Advisor for use by the Fund. Additionally, according to the Registration Statement Wilshire will provide recommendations to the Advisor for allocating and reallocating Fund assets among the Underlying Managers. Wilshire will not directly manage any assets of the Fund, although it may provide the Advisor or an Underlying Manager with non-discretionary advice on investment decisions and underlying positions.

According to the Registration Statement, the Fund and each of its Underlying Managers may use all or some of the following strategies in managing the assets of the Fund: equity hedge (long/short) strategies<sup>10</sup>, relative value strategies<sup>11</sup>, global macro strategies<sup>12</sup>, event driven

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According to the Registration Statement, an equity hedge (long/short) strategy will seek to identify equities that are trading under or over their perceived intrinsic value or are deemed to be mispriced based on fundamental, statistical, technical or other factors.

According to the Registration Statement, a relative value strategy will seek to exploit differences in valuation through the simultaneous purchase and sale of related financial instruments.

According to the Registration Statement, a global macro strategy will seek to analyze macroeconomic variables to identify global asset/security mispricings (i.e., securities that are trading higher or lower than their intrinsic or actual value) and forecast future moves in such asset/security prices on a directional or relative value basis.

strategies <sup>13</sup>, opportunistic credit strategies <sup>14</sup>, tactical trading strategies <sup>15</sup> and liquid alternative beta strategies <sup>16</sup>. The Fund, and each of its Underlying Managers, may also add additional strategies in the future. According to the Registration Statement, the Advisor may allocate 0 to 100 percent of the Fund's assets to any of these strategies or any of the Underlying Managers at any time.

According to the Registration Statement, in implementing the aforementioned strategies, the Fund will invest in a portfolio consisting of some or all of the following:

# **Equity Securities**

The Fund may invest in exchange-traded Equity Securities, which will consist of:

- Common stocks;
- Preferred stocks;
- Convertible securities;
- Rights and warrants;

According to the Registration Statement, an event driven strategy will involve investing in securities of companies currently or prospectively involved in a wide variety of corporate transactions or other events where the investment thesis is predicated on the anticipated effect of such transactions or events (e.g., merger arbitrage strategy, which involves the simultaneous purchase of stock in a company being acquired and the sale of stock in its acquirer in an attempt to profit from the spread in prices).

- According to the Registration Statement, an opportunistic credit strategy will seek to deliver positive absolute returns in excess of cash investments regardless of economic cycle (i.e., downturns and upswings) or cyclical credit availability primarily by investing in mispriced credit securities (i.e., credit securities that are trading higher or lower than their intrinsic or actual value).
- According to the Registration Statement, a tactical trading strategy will relate to a variety of strategic and opportunistic investment strategies not captured by one of the other enumerated strategies, such as short-term trading opportunities.
- According to the Registration Statement, a liquid alternative beta strategy will seek to track the beta portion of the returns (i.e., that portion of the returns of hedge funds that are non-idiosyncratic, or unrelated to manager skill) of hedge funds that employ various hedge fund investment styles.

- Depositary receipts;
- Exchange-traded Funds ("ETFs")<sup>17</sup>;
- Non-ETF exchange-traded vehicles ("ETVs") 18; and
- Partnership interests, including master limited partnerships.

## Fixed Income Securities

The Fund may invest in Fixed Income Securities, which will consist of:

- Debt issued by corporations <sup>19</sup>;
- Debt issued by governments, their agencies, instrumentalities, sponsored entities,
   and political subdivisions;
- Covered bonds;
- Debt participations;
- Convertible bonds;
- Non-investment grade securities;

in securities representing a specific index.

• Senior bank loans;

For purposes of this filing, ETFs include Investment Company Units (as described in NYSE Arca Equities Rule 5.2(j)(3)); Portfolio Depositary Receipts (as described in NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.100); and Managed Fund Shares (as described in NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600). The ETFs all will be listed and traded in the U.S. on registered exchanges or a non-U.S. securities exchange that is a member of the Intermarket Surveillance Group ("ISG") or a party to a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement with the Exchange. The ETFs in which the Fund may invest will primarily be index-based exchange-traded funds that hold substantially all of their assets

The Adviser expects that, under normal market circumstances, the Fund will generally seek to invest in corporate bond issuances in developed countries that have at least \$100,000,000 par amount outstanding and at least \$200,000,000 par amount outstanding with respect to corporate bond issuances in emerging market countries.

According to the Adviser, an ETV is a non-investment company exchange-traded vehicle that issues equity securities, such as an exchange-traded commodity pool.

- Exchange-traded notes ("ETNs");
- Mortgage-backed and other asset-backed securities; and
- To-be-announced securities<sup>20</sup>.

According to the Registration Statement, the Fund may also invest directly in currencies.

According to the Registration Statement, the Fund may invest in the following derivative instruments: futures contracts (consisting of futures contracts based on equity or fixed income securities and/or equity or fixed income indices, commodities, interest rates and currencies); swap agreements on any of the following asset classes: equity, fixed income, currency and interest rates (such swaps may be based on the price return or total return of the referenced asset); credit default swaps (consisting of credit default swaps in which the referenced asset is a single fixed income security or a group of fixed income securities); options (consisting of long and short positions in call options and put options on indices based on equities, fixed income securities, interest rates, currencies or commodities, individual securities or currencies, swaptions and options on futures contracts); forward contracts (consisting of forward contracts based on equity or fixed income securities and/or equity or fixed income indices, currencies, interest rates, swap forwards and non-deliverable forwards); and structured securities (such derivative instruments, collectively "Financial Instruments")<sup>21</sup>.

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The Fund will seek to gain exposure to U.S. agency mortgage pass-through securities primarily through the use of "to-be-announced securities." "To-be-announced" refers to a commonly used mechanism for the forward settlement of U.S. agency mortgage pass-through securities, and not to a separate type of mortgage-backed security. Most transactions in mortgage pass-through securities occur through the use of to-be-announced securities.

According to the Registration Statement, as a result of the Fund's ability to invest in Financial Instruments, it may also hold U.S. Treasury Bills or short-term investments as collateral for the Financial Instruments, including money market funds, repurchase agreements, cash and time deposits.

According to the Registration Statement, the Fund may use leverage (e.g., through the use of Financial Instruments) to obtain exposure in excess of 100% in an investment. The Fund may employ leverage to increase exposure to the Fund's portfolio holdings by up to 100% of the net assets of the Fund to gain additional exposure to the Fund's portfolio holdings, such that the Fund will have up to 200% net exposure to its investments.

According to the Registration Statement, the Fund may take long and/or short positions in Equity Securities, Fixed Income Securities, commodities<sup>22</sup> and currencies, among others.

## <u>Investment Restrictions</u>

According to the Adviser, all Equity Securities will be listed on a U.S. national securities exchange or a non-U.S. securities exchange that is a member of the ISG or a party to a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement with the Exchange; provided, however, that up to 10% of the assets of the Fund may be invested in non-U.S. listed Equity Securities that do not meet these requirements.

The Adviser has represented that all options contracts will be listed on a U.S. national securities exchange or a non-U.S. securities exchange that is a member of ISG or a party to a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement with the Exchange.

The Adviser has represented that not more than 20% of the Fund's assets will be invested, in the aggregate, in non-investment grade securities and structured securities.

According to the Registration Statement, up to 10% of the weight of the futures contracts held by the Fund may consist of futures contracts whose principal trading market is not a member of ISG or a party to a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement with the Exchange.

<sup>22</sup> According to the Registration Statement, the Fund may gain exposure to commodities through investments in other investment companies, ETFs or ETVs.

According to the Advisor, the Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in mortgagebacked securities or in other asset-backed securities, although this 20% limitation will not apply to U.S. government securities.

According to the Registration Statement, the Fund may hold up to an aggregate amount of 15% of its net assets in illiquid assets (calculated at the time of investment), including Rule 144A securities.<sup>23</sup> The Fund will monitor its portfolio liquidity on an ongoing basis to determine whether, in the light of current circumstances, an adequate level of liquidity is being maintained, and will consider taking appropriate steps in order to maintain adequate liquidity if, through a change in values, net assets, or other circumstances, more than 15% of the Fund's net assets are held in illiquid assets.

The Fund will not invest more than 10% of its net assets in unsponsored depositary receipts.

According to the Registration Statement, the Fund is considered non-diversified, which means that it can invest a higher percentage of assets in securities of individual issuers than a diversified fund.

<sup>23</sup> The Commission has stated that long-standing Commission guidelines have required open-end funds to hold no more than 15% of their net assets in illiquid securities and other illiquid assets. See Investment Company Act Release No. 8901 (March 11, 2008), 73 FR 14618 (March 18, 2008), footnote 34. See also, Investment Company Act Release No. 5847 (October 21, 1969), 35 FR 19989 (December 31, 1970) (Statement Regarding "Restricted Securities"); Investment Company Act Release No. 18612 (March 12, 1992), 57 FR 9828 (March 20, 1992) (Revisions of Guidelines to Form N-1A). A fund's portfolio security is illiquid if it cannot be disposed of in the ordinary course of business within seven days at approximately the value ascribed to it by the ETF. See Investment Company Act Release No. 14983 (March 12, 1986), 51 FR 9773 (March 21, 1986) (adopting amendments to Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act); Investment Company Act Release No. 17452 (April 23, 1990), 55 FR 17933 (April 30, 1990) (adopting Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933).

## Net Asset Value

According to the Registration Statement, the net asset value ("NAV") of the Shares of the Fund will be equal to the Fund's total assets minus the Fund's total liabilities divided by the total number of shares outstanding. The NAV that is published will be rounded to the nearest cent; however, for purposes of determining the price of Creation Units, the NAV will be calculated to five decimal places.

For purposes of calculating NAV, portfolio securities and other assets for which market quotations are readily available will be valued at market value. Market value will generally be determined on the basis of last reported sales prices, or if no sales are reported, based on quotes obtained from a quotation reporting system, established market makers, or pricing services.

In calculating NAV, the Fund's exchange-traded Equity Securities will be valued at market value, which will generally be determined using the last reported official closing or last trading price on the exchange or market on which the security is primarily traded at the time of valuation or, if no sale has occurred, at the last quoted mid price on the primary market or exchange on which they are traded. Investment company securities (other than ETFs) will be valued at NAV.

Unsponsored depositary receipts will be valued at the last quoted mid price on the primary market on which they are traded. Fixed Income Securities will be valued using market quotations when available or other equivalent indications of value provided by an independent third-party pricing service. Short-term Fixed Income Securities having a remaining maturity of 60 days or less are generally valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value.

A swap on an exchange-listed security or securities is valued at the last reported sale price of the swap's underlying security or securities on the exchange where the security or

securities is primarily traded, or if no sale price is available, at the mid price of the security or securities underlying the swap on the exchange where the security is primarily traded. A swap on Fixed Income Securities will be valued on the price of the referenced Fixed Income Securities on which the swap is based (i.e., using market quotations when available or other equivalent indications of value provided by an independent third-party pricing service; short term Fixed Income Securities having a remaining maturity of 60 days or less are generally valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value). A swap on an index is valued based on the publicly available index price. The index price, in turn, is determined by the applicable index calculation agent, which generally values the securities underlying the index at the last reported sale price.

Currency swaps will generally be valued on the basis of quotes obtained from brokers and dealers or pricing services using data reflecting the earlier closing of the principal markets for those assets. Credit default swaps will be valued on the basis of market prices, generally the mid point between the bid/ask quotes, obtained from a third-party pricing service at the time the Fund calculates its NAV.

Futures contracts will be valued at the settlement or closing price determined by the applicable exchange. Exchange-traded option contracts, including options on futures, will be valued at their most recent sale price. If no such sales are reported, these contracts will be valued at their last traded price.

The Fund's OTC-traded Financial Instruments that are based on exchange-listed underlying securities or for which exchange pricing is otherwise available will generally be valued at the last reported official closing or last traded price of the applicable underlying securities. Other OTC-traded Financial Instruments will normally be valued on the basis of

quotes obtained from a third party broker-dealer who makes markets in such securities or on the basis of quotes obtained from an independent third-party pricing service.

Foreign securities and instruments will be valued in their local currency following the methodologies described above. Foreign securities, instruments and currencies will be translated to U.S. dollars, based on foreign currency exchange rate quotations supplied by the London Stock Exchange.

When market quotations are not readily available, are deemed unreliable or do not reflect material events occurring between the close of local markets and the time of valuation, investments will be valued using fair value pricing as determined in good faith by the Adviser under procedures established by and under the general supervision and responsibility of the Trust's Board of Trustees. According to the Registration Statement, the NAV will be calculated by the Administrator and determined each business day as of the close of regular trading on the Exchange (ordinarily 4:00 p.m., Eastern time ("E.T.")). The Shares of the Fund will not be priced on days on which the Exchange is closed for trading.

# **Indicative Intra-Day Value**

According to the Registration Statement, an independent third party calculator will calculate the Indicative Intra-Day Value ("IIV") for the Fund during hours of trading on the Exchange by dividing the "Estimated Fund Value" as of the time of the calculation by the total number of outstanding Shares of that Fund. "Estimated Fund Value" is the sum of the estimated amount of cash held in the Fund's portfolio, the estimated amount of accrued interest owed to the Fund and the estimated value of the assets held in the Fund's portfolio, minus the estimated amount of the Fund's liabilities. The IIV will be calculated based on the same portfolio holdings

disclosed on the Trust's website. All assets held by the Fund will be included in the IIV calculation.

According to the Registration Statement, the Fund will provide the independent third party calculator with information to calculate the IIV, but the Fund will not be involved in the actual calculation of the IIV and is not responsible for the calculation or dissemination of the IIV. The Fund makes no warranty as to the accuracy of the IIV. The IIV should not be viewed as a "real-time" update of NAV because the IIV may not be calculated in the same manner as NAV, which is computed once per day.

# Creations and Redemptions of Shares

According to the Registration Statement, the Fund will issue and redeem Shares on a continuous basis, at their NAV next determined after receipt, on any business day, for a creation order or redemption request received in proper form. The Fund will issue and redeem Shares only in blocks of 50,000 Shares or whole multiples thereof ("Creation Units").

According to the Registration Statement, Creation Units will be sold in exchange for an in-kind basket of a designated portfolio of securities and a cash component. All orders to create Creation Units must be received by the Distributor no later than 3:00 p.m. E.T. on the date such order is placed, in order for the creation of Creation Units to be effected based on the NAV of Shares of the Fund as next determined on such date after receipt of the order in proper form.

According to the Registration Statement, beneficial owners must accumulate enough Shares in the secondary market to constitute a Creation Unit in order to have such Shares redeemed by the Trust. The redemption proceeds for a Creation Unit will consist of consideration in an amount equal to the NAV of the Shares being redeemed, as next determined after receipt of a request in proper form less a redemption transaction fee. Creation Units will be

redeemed principally in-kind for securities included in the Fund but also including cash based on the then-current value of the securities sold short by the Fund and/or the Financial Instruments used by the Fund (as applicable). With respect to the Funds, the Administrator, through the National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC"), will make available immediately prior to the opening of business on the Exchange (currently 9:30 a.m., E.T.) on each business day, the designated portfolio of securities (the "Fund Securities") or cash component, as applicable, per Creation Unit that will be applicable to redemption requests received in proper form on that day. An order to redeem Creation Units must be received by the Administrator not later than 3:00 p.m., E.T.

# Availability of Information

The Fund's website (www.indexiq.com), which will be publicly available prior to the public offering of Shares, will include a form of the prospectus for the Fund that may be downloaded. The Fund's website will include additional quantitative information updated on a daily basis, including, for the Fund, (1) daily trading volume, the prior business day's reported closing price, NAV and mid-point of the bid/ask spread at the time of calculation of such NAV (the "Bid/Ask Price"), 24 and a calculation of the premium and discount of the Bid/Ask Price against the NAV, and (2) data in chart format displaying the frequency distribution of discounts and premiums of the daily Bid/Ask Price against the NAV, within appropriate ranges, for each of the four previous calendar quarters.

On each business day, before commencement of trading in Shares in the Core Trading Session (9:30 a.m. E.T. to 4:00 p.m. E.T.) on the Exchange, the Fund will disclose on its website

The Bid/Ask Price of the Fund will be determined using the midpoint of the highest bid and the lowest offer on the Exchange as of the time of calculation of the Fund's NAV. The records relating to Bid/Ask Prices will be retained by the Fund and its service providers.

the Disclosed Portfolio that will form the basis for the Fund's calculation of NAV at the end of the business day. <sup>25</sup> The website information will be publicly available at no charge.

On a daily basis, the Fund will disclose on www.indexig.com the following information regarding each portfolio holding, as applicable to the type of holding: ticker symbol, CUSIP number or other identifier, if any; a description of the holding (including the type of holding, such as the type of swap); the identity of the security, commodity, index or other asset or instrument underlying the holding, if any; for options, the option strike price; quantity held (as measured by, for example, par value, notional value or number of shares, contracts or units); maturity date, if any; coupon rate, if any; effective date, if any; market value of the holding; and the percentage weighting of the holding in the Fund's portfolio.

In addition, a basket composition file, which includes the security names and share quantities required to be delivered in exchange for Fund Shares, together with estimates and actual cash components, will be publicly disseminated daily prior to the opening of the NYSE via the NSCC. The basket represents one Creation Unit of the Fund.

Investors can also obtain the Trust's Statement of Additional Information ("SAI"), Shareholder Reports and Form N-CSR. The Trust's SAI and Shareholder Reports are available free upon request from the Trust, and those documents and the Form N-CSR may be viewed onscreen or downloaded from the Commission's website at 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

portfolio that will form the basis for the NAV calculation at the end of the business day.

<sup>25</sup> Under accounting procedures followed by the Fund, trades made on the prior business day ("T") will be booked and reflected in NAV on the current business day ("T+1"). Accordingly, the Fund will be able to disclose at the beginning of the business day the

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 and underlying securities that are U.S. exchange listed will be available via the Consolidated Tape Association ("CTA") high-speed line. Quotation and last sale information for such U.S. exchange-listed securities as well as futures will be available from the exchange on which they are listed. Quotation and last sale information for options contracts will be available via the Options Price Reporting Authority.

Quotation information for OTC-traded securities and OTC-traded Financial Instruments (such as forwards, swaps and currency-related derivatives), and investment company securities (excluding ETFs), may be obtained from brokers and dealers who make markets in such securities or through nationally recognized pricing services through subscription agreements.

Quotation information from brokers and dealers or pricing services will be available for spot and forward currency transactions held by the Fund.

In addition, the Portfolio Indicative Value of the Fund, as defined in NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600 (c)(3), will be widely disseminated by one or more major market data vendors at least every 15 seconds during the Core Trading Session. <sup>26</sup> The dissemination of the Portfolio Indicative Value, together with the Disclosed Portfolio, will allow investors to determine the value of the underlying portfolio of the Fund on a daily basis and to provide a close estimate of that value throughout the trading day.

Additional information regarding the Trust and the Shares, including investment strategies, risks, creation and redemption procedures, fees (including money manager and other

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Currently, it is the Exchange's understanding that several major market data vendors display and/or make widely available Portfolio Indicative Values taken from CTA or other data feeds.

advisory or management fees), portfolio holdings disclosure policies, distributions and taxes is included in the Registration Statement. All terms relating to the Fund that are referred to, but not defined in, this proposed rule change are defined in the Registration Statement.

## **Trading Halts**

With respect to trading halts, the Exchange may consider all relevant factors in exercising its discretion to halt or suspend trading in the Shares of the Fund. <sup>27</sup> Trading in Shares of the Fund will be halted if the circuit breaker parameters in NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.12 have been reached. Trading also may be halted because of market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in the Shares inadvisable. These may include: (1) the extent to which trading is not occurring in the securities and/or the financial instruments comprising the Disclosed Portfolio of the Fund; or (2) whether other unusual conditions or circumstances detrimental to the maintenance of a fair and orderly market are present. Trading in the Shares will be subject to NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600(d)(2)(D), which sets forth circumstances under which Shares of the Fund may be halted.

## **Trading Rules**

The Exchange deems the Shares to be equity securities, thus rendering trading in the Shares subject to the Exchange's existing rules governing the trading of equity securities. Shares will trade on the NYSE Arca Marketplace from 4 a.m. to 8 p.m. E.T. in accordance with NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.34 (Opening, Core, and Late Trading Sessions). The Exchange has appropriate rules to facilitate transactions in the Shares during all trading sessions. As provided in NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.6, Commentary .03, the minimum price variation ("MPV") for quoting and entry of orders in equity securities traded on the NYSE Arca Marketplace is \$0.01,

See NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.12, Commentary .04.

with the exception of securities that are priced less than \$1.00 for which the MPV for order entry is \$0.0001.

The Shares will be subject to NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600, which sets forth the initial and continued listing criteria applicable to Managed Fund Shares. The Exchange represents that, for initial and/or continued listing, each Trust will be in compliance with Rule 10A-3<sup>28</sup> under the Act, as provided by NYSE Arca Equities Rule 5.3. A minimum of 100,000 Shares will be outstanding at the commencement of trading on the Exchange. The Exchange will obtain a representation from the issuer of the Shares that the NAV per Share will be calculated daily and that the NAV and the Disclosed Portfolio as defined in NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600(c)(2) will be made available to all market participants at the same time.

# Surveillance

The Exchange represents that trading in the Shares will be subject to the existing trading surveillances, administered by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") on behalf of the Exchange, which are designed to detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws.<sup>29</sup> The Exchange represents that these procedures are adequate to properly monitor Exchange trading of the Shares in all trading sessions and to detect and help deter violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws.

The surveillances referred to above generally focus on detecting securities trading outside their normal patterns, which could be indicative of manipulative or other violative activity. When such situations are detected, surveillance analysis follows and investigations are opened,

<sup>28</sup> 17 CFR 240.10A-3.

FINRA surveils trading on the Exchange pursuant to a regulatory services agreement. The Exchange is responsible for FINRA's performance under this regulatory services agreement.

where appropriate, to review the behavior of all relevant parties for all relevant trading violations.

FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, will communicate as needed regarding trading in the Shares, Equity Securities, exchange-traded options, futures contracts and options on futures contracts with other markets that are members of the ISG and FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, may obtain trading information regarding trading in the Shares, exchange-traded equities, exchange-traded options, futures contracts and options on futures contracts from such markets. In addition, the Exchange may obtain information regarding trading in the Shares, exchange-traded equities, exchange-traded options, futures contracts and options on futures contracts from markets and other entities that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement. FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, is able to access, as needed, trade information for certain fixed income securities held by the Fund reported to FINRA's Trade Reporting and Compliance Engine ("TRACE").

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

## Information Bulletin

Prior to the commencement of trading, the Exchange will inform its Equity Trading Permit ("ETP") Holders in an Information Bulletin ("Bulletin") of the special characteristics and risks associated with trading the Shares. Specifically, the Bulletin will discuss the following: (1) the procedures for purchases and redemptions of Shares in Creation Unit aggregations (and that Shares are not individually redeemable); (2) NYSE Arca Equities Rule 9.2(a), which imposes a

<sup>30</sup> For a list of the current members of ISG, see www.isgportal.org. The Exchange notes that not all components of the Disclosed Portfolio for the Fund may trade on markets that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement.

duty of due diligence on its ETP Holders to learn the essential facts relating to every customer prior to trading the Shares; (3) the risks involved in trading the Shares during the Opening and Late Trading Sessions when an updated Portfolio Indicative Value will not be calculated or publicly disseminated; (4) how information regarding the Portfolio Indicative Value is disseminated; (5) the requirement that ETP Holders deliver a prospectus to investors purchasing newly issued Shares prior to or concurrently with the confirmation of a transaction; and (6) trading information.

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

# 2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The basis under the Act for this proposed rule change is the requirement under Section  $6(b)(5)^{31}$  that an exchange have rules that are 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, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices in that the Shares will be listed and traded on the Exchange pursuant to the initial and continued listing criteria in NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600. The Exchange has in place surveillance procedures that are adequate to properly monitor trading in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

the Shares in all trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws. The Exchange may obtain information via ISG from other exchanges that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has entered into a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement. All of the Equity Securities in which the Fund will invest will be listed on a U.S. national securities exchange or a non-U.S. securities exchange that is a member of the ISG or a party to a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement with the Exchange; provided, however, that up to 10% of the assets of the Fund may be invested in non-U.S. listed equity securities that do not meet these requirements. The Adviser has represented that not more than 20% of the Fund's assets will be invested, in the aggregate, in non-investment grade securities and structured securities. The Fund's investments will, under normal circumstances, be consistent with its investment objective. The Fund will not hold more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities, including Rule 144A securities. The Adviser is not a broker-dealer and is not affiliated with a broker-dealer. In the event (a) the Adviser becomes newly affiliated with a broker-dealer, or (b) any new adviser or subadviser is a registered broker-dealer or becomes affiliated with a broker-dealer it will implement a firewall with respect to its relevant personnel or its broker-dealer affiliate regarding access to information concerning the composition and/or changes to a portfolio, and will be subject to procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material non-public information regarding such portfolio.

The proposed rule change is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade and to protect investors and the public interest in that the Adviser is not affiliated with broker-dealers. The Exchange will obtain a representation from the issuer of the Shares that the NAVs per Share will be calculated daily and that the NAVs and the Disclosed Portfolio will be made

available to all market participants at the same time. In addition, a large amount of information is publicly available regarding the Fund and the Shares, thereby promoting market transparency. The Fund's portfolio holdings will be disclosed on its website daily after the close of trading on the Exchange and prior to the opening of trading on the Exchange the following day. Moreover, the Portfolio Indicative Value will be widely disseminated by one or more major market data vendors at least every 15 seconds during the Core Trading Session. 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, and quotation and last sale information will be available via the CTA high-speed line. The website for the Fund will include a form of the prospectus for the Fund and additional data relating to the Fund's NAVs and other applicable quantitative information. Moreover, prior to the commencement of trading, the Exchange will inform its ETP Holders in an Information Bulletin of the special characteristics and risks associated with trading the Shares. Trading in Shares of the Fund will be halted if the circuit breaker parameters in NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.12 have been reached or because of market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in the Shares inadvisable, and trading in the Shares will be subject to NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600(d)(2)(D), which sets forth circumstances under which Shares of the Fund may be halted. In addition, as noted above, investors will have ready access to information regarding the Fund's holdings, the Portfolio Indicative Value, the Disclosed Portfolio, and quotation and last sale information for the Shares.

The proposed rule change is designed to perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest in that it will facilitate the listing and trading of additional types of actively-managed exchange-traded products that will enhance

competition among market participants, to the benefit of investors and the marketplace. As noted above, the Exchange has in place surveillance procedures relating to trading in the Shares and may obtain information via ISG from other exchanges that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has entered into a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement. In addition, as noted above, investors will have ready access to information regarding the Fund's holdings, the Portfolio Indicative Value, the Disclosed Portfolio, and quotation and last sale information for the Shares.

# B. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

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

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

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

III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action</u>

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

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

# IV. Solicitation of Comments

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

## Electronic comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-NYSEArca-2014-134 on the subject line.

## Paper comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEArca-2014-134. 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 website (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>). 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, D.C. 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such 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

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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-2014-134, and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.  $^{32}$ 

Kevin M. O'Neill Deputy Secretary

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