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Order Granting Limited Exemptions from Exchange Act Rule 10b-17 and Rules 101 and 102 of Regulation M to Global X JP Morgan Efficiente Index and Global X JP Morgan US Sector Rotator Index ETFs Pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 10b-17(b)(2) and Rules 101(d) and 102(e) of Regulation M

By letter dated October 21, 2014 (the “Letter”), as supplemented by conversations with the staff of the Division of Trading and Markets, counsel for Global X Funds (the “Trust”), on behalf of the Trust, Global X JP Morgan Efficiente Index and Global X JP Morgan US Sector Rotator Index ETFs (collectively the “Funds”), any national securities exchange on or through which shares issued by the Funds (“Shares”) may subsequently trade, SEI Investment Distribution Company, and persons or entities engaging in transactions in Shares (collectively, the “Requestors”), requested exemptions, or interpretive or no-action relief, from Rule 10b-17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (“Exchange Act”), and Rules 101 and 102 of Regulation M, in connection with secondary market transactions in Shares and the creation or redemption of aggregations of Shares of at least 50,000 shares (“Creation Units”).

The Trust is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (“1940 Act”), as an open-end management investment company. The Funds seek to track the performance of underlying indexes, specifically the JP Morgan ETF Efficiente 10 TR Series X Index for the Global X JP Morgan Efficiente Index ETF and the JP Morgan US Sector Rotator TR Series X Index for the Global X JP Morgan US Sector Rotator Index ETF (collectively the “Indexes”). The Funds intend to operate as “ETF of ETFs” by seeking to track the performance of their underlying Indexes through investing at least 80% of their net assets (plus the amount of any borrowings for

investment purposes) in the ETFs and ETPs which comprise the Indexes. Except for the fact that the Funds will operate as an ETF of ETFs, the Funds will operate in a manner identical to the ETFs and ETPs that are included in the Indexes.

The Requestors represent, among other things, the following:

- Shares of the Funds will be issued by the Trust, an open-end management investment company that is registered with the Commission;
- The Trust will continuously redeem Creation Units at net asset value (“NAV”) and the secondary market price of the Shares should not vary substantially from the NAV of such Shares;
- Shares of the Funds will be listed and traded on the NYSE Arca, Inc. or another exchange in accordance with exchange listing standards that are, or will become, effective pursuant to Section 19(b) of the Exchange Act (the “Exchange”);¹
- All ETFs and ETPs in which the Funds are invested will meet all conditions set forth in a relevant class relief letter,² will have received individual relief from the Commission, or

¹ Further, the Letter states that should the Shares also trade on a market pursuant to unlisted trading privileges, such trading will be conducted pursuant to self-regulatory organization rules that have become effective pursuant to Section 19(b) of the Exchange Act.

² Exchange Act Rel. No. 67215 (June 19, 2012); 77 FR 37941 (June 25, 2012); Letter from Catherine McGuire, Esq., Chief Counsel, Division of Market Regulation, to the Securities Industry Association Derivative Products Committee (November 21, 2005); Letter from Racquel L. Russell, Branch Chief, Division of Market Regulation, to George T. Simon, Esq., Foley & Lardner LLP (June 21, 2006); Letter from James A. Brigagliano, Acting Associate Director, Division of Market Regulation, to Stuart M. Strauss, Esq., Clifford Chance US LLP (October 24, 2006); Letter from James A. Brigagliano, Associate Director, Division of Market Regulation, to Benjamin Haskin, Esq., Willkie, Farr & Gallagher LLP (April 9, 2007); or Letter from Josephine Tao, Assistant Director, Division of Trading and Markets, to Domenick Pugliese, Esq., Paul, Hastings, Janofsky and Walker LLP (June 27, 2007). See also Staff Legal Bulletin No. 9, “Frequently Asked Questions About Regulation M” (April 12, 2002) (regarding actively-managed ETFs).

will be able to rely upon individual relief even though they are not named parties (for example, a no-action letter);

- At least 70% of the Funds are comprised of component securities that will meet the minimum public float and minimum average daily trading volume thresholds under the “actively-traded securities” definition found in Regulation M for excepted securities during each of the previous two months of trading prior to formation of the Funds; provided, however, that if the Funds have 200 or more component securities, then 50% of the component securities will meet the actively-traded securities thresholds;
- All the components of the Indexes will have publicly available last sale trade information;
- The intra-day proxy value of the Funds per share and the value of the Indexes will be publicly disseminated by a major market data vendor throughout the trading day;
- On each business day before the opening of business on the Exchange, the Funds’ custodian, through the National Securities Clearing Corporation, will make available the list of the names and the numbers of securities and other assets of the Funds’ portfolio that will be applicable that day to creation and redemption requests;
- The Exchange or other market information provider will disseminate (i) continuously every 15 seconds throughout the trading day, through the facilities of the consolidated tape, the market value of a Share and (ii) every 15 seconds throughout the trading day, a calculation of the intraday indicative value of a Share;
- The arbitrage mechanism will be facilitated by the transparency of the Funds’ portfolio and the availability of the intra-day indicative value, the liquidity of securities held by the

Funds and the ability to acquire such securities, as well as the arbitrageurs' ability to create workable hedges;

- The Funds will invest solely in liquid securities;
- The Funds will invest in securities that will facilitate an effective and efficient arbitrage mechanism and the ability to create workable hedges;
- The Trust believes that arbitrageurs are expected to take advantage of price variations between the Funds' market price and its NAV; and
- A close alignment between the market price of Shares and the Funds' NAV is expected.

Regulation M

While redeemable securities issued by an open-end management investment company are excepted from the provisions of Rule 101 and 102 of Regulation M, the Requestors may not rely upon that exception for the Shares.³ However, we find that it is appropriate in the public interest and is consistent with the protection of investors to grant a conditional exemption from Rules 101 and 102 to persons who may be deemed to be participating in a distribution of Shares of the Funds as described in more detail below.

Rule 101 of Regulation M

Generally, Rule 101 of Regulation M is an anti-manipulation rule that, subject to certain exceptions, prohibits any "distribution participant" and its "affiliated purchasers" from bidding for, purchasing, or attempting to induce any person to bid for or purchase any security which is the subject of a distribution until after the applicable restricted period, except as specifically permitted in the rule. Rule 100 of Regulation M defines "distribution" to mean any offering of

³ While ETFs operate under exemptions from the definitions of "open-end company" under Section 5(a)(1) of the 1940 Act and "redeemable security" under Section 2(a)(32) of the 1940 Act, the Funds and their securities do not meet those definitions.

securities that is distinguished from ordinary trading transactions by the magnitude of the offering and the presence of special selling efforts and selling methods. The provisions of Rule 101 of Regulation M apply to underwriters, prospective underwriters, brokers, dealers, or other persons who have agreed to participate or are participating in a distribution of securities. The Shares are in a continuous distribution and, as such, the restricted period in which distribution participants and their affiliated purchasers are prohibited from bidding for, purchasing, or attempting to induce others to bid for or purchase extends indefinitely.

Based on the representations and facts presented in the Letter, particularly that the Trust is a registered open-end management investment company that will continuously redeem at the NAV Creation Unit size aggregations of the Shares of the Funds and that a close alignment between the market price of Shares and the Funds' NAV is expected, the Commission finds that it is appropriate in the public interest, and consistent with the protection of investors to grant the Trust an exemption under paragraph (d) of Rule 101 of Regulation M with respect to the Funds, thus permitting persons participating in a distribution of Shares of the Funds to bid for or purchase such Shares during their participation in such distribution.⁴

Rule 102 of Regulation M

Rule 102 of Regulation M prohibits issuers, selling security holders, and any affiliated purchaser of such person from bidding for, purchasing, or attempting to induce any person to bid

⁴ Additionally, we confirm the interpretation that a redemption of Creation Unit size aggregations of Shares of the Funds and the receipt of securities in exchange by a participant in a distribution of Shares of the Funds would not constitute an "attempt to induce any person to bid for or purchase, a covered security during the applicable restricted period" within the meaning of Rule 101 of Regulation M and therefore would not violate that rule.

for or purchase a covered security during the applicable restricted period in connection with a distribution of securities effected by or on behalf of an issuer or selling security holder.

Based on the representations and facts presented in the Letter, particularly that the Trust is a registered open-end management investment company that will redeem at the NAV Creation Unit size aggregations of Shares of the Funds and that a close alignment between the market price of Shares and the Funds' NAV is expected, the Commission finds that it is appropriate in the public interest, and consistent with the protection of investors to grant the Trust an exemption under paragraph (e) of Rule 102 of Regulation M with respect to the Funds, thus permitting the Funds to redeem Shares of the Funds during the continuous offering of such Shares.

Rule 10b-17

Rule 10b-17, with certain exceptions, requires an issuer of a class of publicly traded securities to give notice of certain specified actions (for example, a dividend distribution) relating to such class of securities in accordance with Rule 10b-17(b). Based on the representations and facts in the Letter, and subject to the conditions below, the Commission finds that it is appropriate in the public interest, and consistent with the protection of investors, to grant the Trust a conditional exemption from Rule 10b-17 because market participants will receive timely notification of the existence and timing of a pending distribution, and thus the concerns that the Commission raised in adopting Rule 10b-17 will not be implicated.⁵

⁵ We also note that timely compliance with Rule 10b-17(b)(1)(v)(a) and (b) would be impractical in light of the nature of the Funds. This is because it is not possible for the Funds to accurately project ten days in advance what dividend, if any, would be paid on a particular record date.

Conclusion

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Rule 101(d) of Regulation M, that the Trust, based on the representations and facts presented in the Letter, is exempt from the requirements of Rule 101 with respect to the Funds, thus permitting persons who may be deemed to be participating in a distribution of Shares of the Funds to bid for or purchase such Shares during their participation in such distribution.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to Rule 102(e) of Regulation M, that the Trust, based on the representations and the facts presented in the Letter, is exempt from the requirements of Rule 102 with respect to the Funds, thus permitting the Funds to redeem Shares of the Funds during the continuous offering of such Shares.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to Rule 10b-17(b)(2), that the Trust, based on the representations and the facts presented in the Letter and subject to the conditions below, is exempt from the requirements of Rule 10b-17 with respect to transactions in the Shares of the Funds.

This exemptive relief is subject to the following conditions:

- The Trust will comply with Rule 10b-17 except for Rule 10b-17(b)(1)(v)(a) and (b); and
- The Trust will provide the information required by Rule 10b-17(b)(1)(v)(a) and (b) to the Exchange as soon as practicable before trading begins on the ex-dividend date, but in no event later than the time when the Exchange last accepts information relating to distributions on the day before the ex-dividend date.

This exemptive relief is subject to modification or revocation at any time the Commission determines that such action is necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Exchange Act. This exemption is based on the facts presented and the representations made in

the Letter. Any different facts or representations may require a different response. In the event that any material change occurs in the facts or representations in the Letter, transactions in Shares of the Funds must be discontinued, pending presentation of the facts for our consideration. In addition, persons relying on this exemption are directed to the anti-fraud and anti-manipulation provisions of the Exchange Act, particularly Sections 9(a), 10(b), and Rule 10b-5 thereunder. Responsibility for compliance with these and any other applicable provisions of the federal securities laws must rest with the persons relying on this exemption. This order should not be considered a view with respect to any other question that the proposed transactions may raise, including, but not limited to the adequacy of the disclosure concerning, and the applicability of other federal or state laws to, the proposed transactions.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

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⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(6) and (9).