SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.; Order Instituting Proceedings to Determine Whether to Approve or Disapprove a Proposed Rule Change to List and Trade Shares of the GraniteShares 4x Long Russell 1000 Daily ETF and the GraniteShares 4x Short Russell 1000 Daily ETF Under Rule 14.11(f)(4) (Trust Issued Receipts)

December 19, 2025.

On September 30, 2025, Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. ("BZX" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to list and trade shares of the GraniteShares 4x Long Russell 1000 Daily ETF ("4x Long Fund") and the GraniteShares 4x Short Russell 1000 Daily ETF ("4x Short Fund," and together with the 4x Long Fund, the "Funds"), each a series of GraniteShares ETP Trust, under BZX Rule 14.11(f)(4). The proposed rule change was published for comment in the Federal Register on October 3, 2025.³

On November 3, 2025, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁴ the Commission designated a longer period within which to approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 104161 (Sept. 30, 2025), 90 FR 48107 ("Notice"). The Commission has not received any comments regarding the proposed rule change.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove the proposed rule change.⁵

The Commission is publishing this order to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons and to institute proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act⁶ to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change.

I. Summary of the Proposal

As described in more detail in the Notice,⁷ the Exchange proposes to list and trade Shares of the Funds under Rule 14.11(f)(4), which governs the listing and trading of Trust Issued Receipts on the Exchange.⁸ The Funds seek to provide daily investment results (before fees and expenses) that correspond to the performance of a benchmark that seeks to offer either short or long exposure to the benchmark for the Funds.⁹ The benchmark for the Funds is the Russell 1000 Index ("Index"). The Funds are "leveraged," which means that each Fund has an investment objective to seek daily investment results, before fees and expenses, that correspond either to a multiple (4x) or an inverse multiple (-4x) of the daily performance of the Index on a given day.¹⁰ The Funds may invest in over-the-counter swaps referencing the Index ("Russell Swap Agreements"), forward contracts, options contracts, futures contracts ("Russell Futures

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 104173, 90 FR 51424 (Nov. 17, 2025) (designating January 1, 2026, as the date by which the Commission shall either approve, disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove the proposed rule change).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

⁷ <u>See Notice, supra note 3.</u>

BZX Rule 14.11(f)(4) applies to Trust Issued Receipts that invest in "Financial Instruments." The term "Financial Instruments," as defined in BZX Rule 14.11(f)(4)(A)(iv), means any combination of investments, including cash; securities; options on securities and indices; futures contracts; options on futures contracts; forward contracts; equity caps, collars and floors; and swap agreements.

See Notice, supra note 3, 90 FR at 48107.

^{10 &}lt;u>See Notice, supra note 3, 90 FR at 48108-09.</u>

Contracts"), and other Financial Instruments¹¹ based on the Index.¹² The amount of exposure each Fund has to a specific combination of Financial Instruments differs with each Fund and should be expected to change from time to time at the discretion of GraniteShares Advisors LLC based on market conditions and other factors.¹³ The Funds may also invest in money market instruments (i.e., "Cash and Cash Equivalents")¹⁴ as part of their core investment strategy or to meet collateral and margin requirements for their Russell Futures Contract positions, Russell Swap Agreements, and Russell Option Contracts (collectively, "Russell Derivative Products").¹⁵ The Exchange represents that the Funds seek to remain fully invested at all times in Russell Derivative Products (and Cash and Cash Equivalents as collateral) that provide exposure to the Index consistent with each Fund's investment objective.¹⁶

II. <u>Proceedings to Determine Whether to Approve or Disapprove SR-CboeBZX-2025-141</u> <u>and Grounds for Disapproval Under Consideration</u>

The Commission is instituting proceedings pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act¹⁷ to determine whether the proposed rule change 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,

See note 8, supra.

See Notice, <u>supra</u> note 3, 90 FR at 48107-08.

See Notice, supra note 3, 90 FR at 48108.

For purposes of this proposal, the term "Cash and Cash Equivalents" shall have the definition provided in BZX Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(iii), applicable to Managed Fund Shares.

See Notice, supra note 3, 90 FR at 48108.

See id.

¹⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

the Commission seeks and encourages interested persons to provide comments on the proposed rule change.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act, ¹⁸ the Commission is providing notice of the grounds for disapproval under consideration. The Commission is instituting proceedings to allow for additional analysis of the proposal's consistency with Section 6(b)(5) of the 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," and "to protect investors and the public interest." ¹⁹

The Commission asks that commenters address the sufficiency of the Exchange's statements in support of the proposal, which are set forth in the Notice, in addition to any other comments they may wish to submit about the proposed rule change. In particular, the Commission seeks comment on whether the proposal to list and trade Shares of the Funds, which seek to provide daily investment results that correspond to either 400% or -400% of the daily performance of the Index, is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices and to protect investors and the public interest, or raises any new or novel concerns not previously contemplated by the Commission.

III. <u>Procedure: Request for Written Comments</u>

The Commission requests that interested persons provide written submissions of their data, views, 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 is consistent with

¹⁸ Id.

¹⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

Section 6(b)(5) of the Act²⁰ or any other provision of the 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 data, views, and arguments, the Commission will consider, pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Act,²¹ any request for an opportunity to make an oral presentation.²²

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments regarding whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved by [INSERT DATE 21 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. Any person who wishes to file a rebuttal to any other person's submission must file that rebuttal by [INSERT DATE 35 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. The Commission asks that commenters address the sufficiency of the Exchange's statements in support of the proposal, in addition to any other comments they may wish to submit about the proposed rule change. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments:

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-CboeBZX-2025-141 on the subject line.

Paper Comments:

²⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

²¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, as amended by the Securities Acts Amendments of 1975, Pub. L. 94-29 (June 4, 1975), grants to 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 Acts Amendments of 1975, Senate Comm. on Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs, S. Rep. No. 75, 94th Cong., 1st Sess. 30 (1975).

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-2025-141. 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 (https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml). Copies of the filing will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-CboeBZX-2025-141 and should be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 21 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. Rebuttal comments should be submitted by [INSERT DATE 35 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²³

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²³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(57).