



NYSE Arca WEEKLY BULLETIN

September 5, 2008 WB-08-36

The Bylaws and Rules of NYSE Arcasm Exchange ("Exchange"), in certain specific instances, require the Exchange to provide notice to all OTP Firms and OTP Holders (collectively "OTPs") and ETP Holders ("ETPs"). To satisfy this requirement, a copy of the *Weekly Bulletin*, including *Regulatory Bulletins*, is provided to all OTPs and ETPs on a weekly basis.

Pursuant to Exchange Rules, all OTPs and ETPs are reminded to promptly report business, home and mailing address changes, telephone number changes, and e-mail address changes to crs@nyx.com or Client Registration Services at (888) 689-7739, option 3.

NYSE Arca Equities

NEWLY APPROVED ETP HOLDERS*

STEN Securities, LLC
Lazard Capital Markets, LLC

NEWLY APPROVED MARKET MAKER/ETP HOLDERS

STEN Securities, LLC

TERMINATED ETP HOLDERS

Odd-Lot Execution Services
Lightspeed Professional Trading
Acme Securities Inc.
EdgeTrade LLC

Total ETP Holders 603

Total MM/ETP Holders 49

NYSE Arca Options

NEWLY APPROVED OTP FIRMS AND HOLDERS*

09/02 – VDM Capital Markets, LLC - Broker Dealer and OTP Holder
09/02 – Wren-Hardin, David – Market Maker for VDM Capital Markets, LLC
09/04 – Gelber Securities, LLC - Broker Dealer and OTP Holder
09/04 – Messina, Marc – Gelber Securities, LLC – Market Maker for Gelber Securities, LLC
TERMINATED OTP FIRMS AND HOLDERS
(none)

OTP FIRM NAME CHANGES

Total OTP Holders 101

Total MM/OTP Holders 37

* for current week (as of 8 a.m. today)

Total ETP & OTP Holders 87
Total ETP Only Holders 517
Total OTP Only Holders 14

IMM ASSIGNMENTS

IMM assignment for QQQQ: J59H J59-MSCOR 9/8 to 9/12

IMM assignment for IWM: NM02 A38-PRDGA 9/8 to 9/12

For more information visit:

http://www.nyse.com/pdfs/Issues_No_LMM.pdf

OTP POSTINGS

The following applicants have applied for OTP status at the Exchange and are being posted for a period of three business days, during which time interested OTPs may submit written comments with respect to the qualifications of the applicants. Admission of applicants will become effective after applicants have been cleared and approved for OTP status pursuant to the policies of the Exchange.

(none)

REPORTS DUE TO THE EXCHANGE

Focus Report Due Dates – SEC Rules 17a-5(a) & 17a-10

FOCUS Reports must be submitted electronically and received by the NYSE Arca Financial & Operational Compliance Department on or before the following due dates:

Monthly FOCUS Reports are required from all NYSE Arca Market Makers and NYSE Arca Lead Market Makers:

August 2008 Monthly FOCUS Report

Due: Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Quarterly FOCUS Reports are required from all Clearing OTPs and DEA Broker-Dealers subject to the SEC Net Capital Rule:

3rd Quarter 2008 FOCUS Report

Due: Thursday, October 23, 2008

Annual Audited Financial Statements – SEC Rule 17a-5(d)

OTPs and ETPs are reminded to file their Annual Reports with the NYSE Arca Financial & Operational Compliance Department by the following due dates:

OTPs and ETPs with FYE August 31, 2008 October 30, 2008

OTPs and ETPs with FYE September 30, 2008 ... December 1, 2008

OTPs and ETPs are reminded to submit Annual Audited Financial Statements, Material Change Forms, Financial Arrangement Disclosures, and SIPC payments to the following address:

NYSE Euronext
Attn: [Firm's NYSE Coordinator]
20 Broad Street, 21st Floor
New York, NY 10005
Fax: (212) 656-5748

For updated information regarding NYSE Arca Options plan for the OCC Symbology Initiative visit: www.nyse.com/optionssymbology

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**REGULATORY
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**RB-08-83
September 3, 2008**

TO: ETP Holders

SUBJECT: Barclays GEMS Asia 8 ETN

Compliance and supervisory personnel should note that, among other things, this Information Bulletin discusses customer suitability. Please forward this Information Bulletin to other interested persons within your organization.

The following exchange-traded note (“ETN”) has been approved for Listing on NYSE Arca and will commence trading on September 4, 2008:

| <u>Exchange-Traded Notes</u> | <u>Symbol</u> |
|--|---------------|
| Barclays GEMS Asia 8 Exchange Traded Notes due April 8, 2038 | AYT |

Background on the Securities

As more fully explained in the Registration Statement (No. 333-145845) for Barclays GEMS Asia 8 Exchange Traded Notes due April 8, 2038 (the “Securities”) are linked to the Barclays Global Emerging Markets Strategy (GEMS) Asia 8 Index TM (“Index”) and do not guarantee any return of principal at maturity. For a more complete description of the Securities and the payment at maturity, early repurchase provisions, early repurchase mechanics, valuation, fees and risk factors, consult the prospectus (“Prospectus”).

The return on the Securities is linked to the performance of the Index (Bloomberg page BXIIGMA8). The goal of the Index is to provide investors with exposure to local currencies in specified Asian markets through short-term, liquid and diversified instruments. The Index is intended to replicate a diversified, multi-national money markets strategy in the eight Asian market currencies—the Indonesian rupiah, the Indian rupee, the Philippine peso, the South Korean won, the Thai baht, the Malaysian ringgit, the Taiwanese dollar and the Chinese yuan—that the Index comprises, by reflecting the total return (including both exchange rate movements and implied deposit rates) of U.S. dollar investments in the index constituent currencies.

The ETNs will initially be issued in denominations of \$50.

Valuation of the Securities

According to the Prospectuses, an intraday “Indicative Value” meant to approximate the intrinsic economic value of the ETNs will be published under the Bloomberg, as noted below:

| <u>Exchange-Traded Note</u> | <u>Indicative Value</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Barclays GEMS Asia 8 ETN | AYT.IV |

The actual trading price of the Securities may vary significantly from their Indicative Value.

Early Redemption

According to the Prospectus, the Securities may be redeemed prior to maturity. Offers to repurchase at least 50,000 Securities (or an integral multiple of 50,000 securities in excess thereof) on any redemption date through April 1, 2038. For a complete description of the redemption procedures and the payment upon redemption, see the Prospectus.

Investment Risks

The Notes are unsecured promises of Barclays Bank PLC and are not secured debt. The Notes are riskier than ordinary unsecured debt securities. As stated in the Prospectus, an investment in the Securities includes, but are not limited to, the following risks:

- Even If the Level of the Index at Maturity or Upon Redemption Is Greater than It Was on the Inception Date, an investor Receive Less than the Principal Amount;
- Even if the value of the Index at maturity or upon redemption exceeds the initial Index level, holders may receive less than the principal amount of their Securities. Holders will not benefit from any increase in the value of the Index if such increase is not reflected in the value of the Index on the applicable valuation date;
- There are restrictions on the minimum number of Securities a holder may redeem and on the dates on which a holder may redeem them;
- The market value of the Securities may be influenced by many unpredictable factors, including the volatility of exchange rates between the index constituent currencies and the U.S. dollar, supply and demand for the Securities, interest rates, economic, political, regulatory, geographical or judicial events that effect exchange rates or implied interest rates;
- Some of the Index constituent Currencies float freely;
- Changes in Barclays’ credit ratings may affect the market value of the Securities;
- The Liquidity, Trading Value and Amounts Payable Under the Securities Could be Affected by the Actions of Sovereign Governments;
- To the Extent That the Index Constituent Currencies Float Against the U.S. Dollar, the Exchange Rates Between the Index Constituent Currencies and the U.S. Dollar Will be Influenced by Unpredictable Factors;

- Information About Index Constituent Countries May Not Be Readily Available;
- Investing in a Security Linked to an Index that Includes Emerging Market Currencies Bears Special Risks;
- Even Though the Index Constituent Currencies and the U.S. Dollar Are Traded Around-the-Clock, the Securities Will Trade Only During Regular Trading Hours in the United States, if at all;
- There may not be an active trading market in the Securities; sales in the secondary market may result in significant losses;
- Trading and other transactions by Barclays Bank PLC or its affiliates in instruments linked to the Index or Index components may impair the market value of the Notes;
- The liquidity of the market for the Securities may vary materially over time;
- Barclays' business activities may create conflicts of interest;
- The policies of the index sponsor and changes that affect the composition and valuation of the Index or the index constituent currencies could affect the amount payable on the Securities and their market value;
- If a market disruption event has occurred or exists on a valuation date, the calculation agent can postpone the determination of the value of the Index or the maturity date or a redemption date; and
- The U.S. Federal Tax Consequences of Your Investment in the Securities are Highly Uncertain.

Prospectus Delivery

ETP Holders are advised to consult the "Plan of Distribution" in the Prospectus regarding prospectus delivery requirements.

Exchange Rules Applicable to Trading in the Securities

The ETN's are considered equity securities, thus rendering trading in the Securities subject to the Exchange's existing rules governing the trading of equity securities.

Trading Hours

The Securities will trade on NYSE Arca in the Opening, Core and Late trading sessions or from 4:00 a.m. ET until 8:00 p.m. ET in accordance with NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.34(a).

Extended Hours Trading

ETP Holders are reminded of NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.34(e) regarding Customer Disclosure and that trading in the Securities during the Exchanges Opening and Late Trading Sessions may result in additional trading risks which include: (1) that the current underlying Indicative Value may not be updated during the Opening and Late Sessions, (2) the Indicative Value may not be updated during the Opening and Late Trading Sessions, (3) lower liquidity in the

Opening or Late Trading Sessions may impact pricing, (5) higher volatility in the Opening or Late Trading Sessions may impact pricing, (6) wider spreads may occur in the Opening or Late Trading Sessions, and (7), since the Indicative Value is not calculated or widely disseminated during the Opening and Late Trading Sessions, an investor who is unable calculate an implied value for the Securities in those sessions may be at a disadvantage to market professionals.

Suitability

ETP Holders are reminded of their obligations under NYSE Arca Rule 9.2(a)-(b) whereby the ETP holder shall use due diligence to learn the essential facts relative to every customer prior to trading the ETN or recommending a transaction in the ETN that an investment in the ETN is suitable for the customer. ETP Holders should adopt appropriate procedures for the opening and maintaining of accounts, including the maintaining of records prescribed by any applicable regulatory organization and by the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

No-Action Relief Under Federal Securities Regulations

The Securities and Exchange Commission has issued no-action relief from certain provisions of and rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), regarding trading in Barclays iPath Exchange Traded Notes (SEC Letter dated July 27, 2006) and Deutsche Bank AG Exchange-Traded Notes (SEC Letter dated October 17, 2007) for securities with structures similar to that of the securities described herein (the "Letters"). As what follows is only a summary of the relief outlined in the Letters, the Exchange also advises interested members to consult the Letters, for more complete information regarding the matters covered therein.

Regulation M Exemptions

Generally, Rules 101 and 102 of Regulation M is an anti-manipulation regulation that, subject to certain exemptions, prohibits a "distribution participant" and the issuer or selling security holder, in connection with a distribution of securities, 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 Regulation M. The provisions of the Rules apply to underwriters, prospective underwriters, brokers, dealers, and other persons who have agreed to participate or are participating in a distribution of securities, and affiliated purchasers of such persons.

The Letters state that the SEC Division of Trading and Markets will not recommend enforcement action under Rule 101 of Regulation M against persons who may be deemed to be participating in a distribution of the notes to bid for or purchase the notes during their participation in such distribution.

Rule 102 of Regulation M prohibits issuers, selling security holders, or any affiliated purchaser of such person from bidding for, purchasing, or attempting to induce any person to bid 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. Rule 100 of Regulation M defines “distribution” to mean any offering of 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 Letters state that the SEC Division of Trading and Markets will not recommend enforcement action under Rule 102 of Regulation M against Barclays and its affiliated purchasers who bid for or purchase or redeem notes during the continuous offering of the notes.

Section 11(d)(1) of the Exchange Act; Exchange Act Rule 11d1-2

Section 11(d)(1) of the Exchange Act generally prohibits a person who is both a broker and a dealer from effecting any transaction in which the broker-dealer extends credit to a customer on any security which was part of a new issue in the distribution of which he or she participated as a member of a selling syndicate or group within thirty days prior to such transaction.

The Letters state that the SEC Division of Trading and Markets will not recommend enforcement action under Section 11(d)(1) of the Exchange Act against broker-dealers who treat the notes, for purposes of Rule 11d1-2, as “securities issued by a registered . . . open-end investment company as defined in the Investment Company Act” and thereby, extend credit or maintain or arrange for the extension or maintenance of credit on the notes that have been owned by the persons to whom credit is provided for more than 30 days, in reliance on the exemption contained in the rule.

This Information Bulletin is not a statutory Prospectus.



REGULATORY INFORMATION BULLETIN

RB-08-82
September 3, 2008

TO: ETP Holders

SUBJECT: Merrill Lynch Accelerated Return Notes Linked to the S&P 500 Index

Compliance and supervisory personnel should note that, among other things, this Information Bulletin discusses customer suitability. Please forward this Information Bulletin to other interested persons within your organization.

The following index-linked security has been approved for UTP trading on NYSE Arca and will commence trading on September 4, 2008:

Index-Linked Securities

Symbol

Accelerated Return NotesSM Linked to the S&P 500 Index due on
November 26, 2008

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Background Information on the Security

As more fully set forth in the Prospectus Supplement, the Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. ("Merrill Lynch") Accelerated Return NotesSM Linked to the S&P 500 Index due April 5, 2010 ("Securities" or "Notes") will have a \$10 principal amount. For additional information regarding the Securities, please consult the Prospectus Supplement, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Merrill Lynch on June 6, 2007.

As more fully set forth in the Prospectus Supplement, there will be no payments or redemptions prior to the maturity date.

At maturity, the Notes will provide full exposure to any downside movement in the S&P 500 Index and will provide *triple exposure* to any upside movement in the S&P 500 Index, subject to a maximum payment at maturity of \$11.887 per unit.

- (1) If the Ending Value is less than or equal to the Starting Value, the investor receives: $\$10 \times (\text{Ending Value}/\text{Starting Value})$; or
- (2) If the Ending Value is greater than the Starting Value, the investor will receive: $\$10 + \$30 \times ((\text{Ending Value} - \text{Starting Value})/\text{Starting Value})$,

subject to a maximum total payment at maturity of \$11.887 per unit.

The Starting Value for the S&P 500 Index is 1,463.76.

It is expected that the market value of Accelerated Return Notes Linked to the S&P 500 Index will depend substantially on the value of the S&P 500 Index and be affected by a number of other interrelated factors including, among other things; the general level of interest rates, the volatility of the Index, the time remaining to maturity, the dividend yields of the stocks comprising the Index, and the credit ratings of the Issuer.

Exchange Rules Applicable to Trading in the Security

The Securities are considered equity securities, thus rendering trading in the Securities subject to the Exchange's existing rules governing the trading of equity securities.

Trading Hours

The value of the Index underlying the Securities will be disseminated to data vendors every 15 seconds during the Exchanges Core Trading Session. The Securities will trade on NYSE Arca in the Opening, Core and Late trading sessions or from 4:00 a.m. ET until 8:00 p.m. ET in accordance with NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.34(a).

Extended Hours Trading

ETP Holders are reminded of NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.34(e) regarding Customer Disclosure and that trading in the securities during the Exchanges Opening and Late Trading Sessions may result in additional trading risks which include: (1) that the current underlying index value may not be updated during the Opening and Late Sessions, (2) lower liquidity in the Opening or Late Trading Sessions may impact pricing, (3) higher volatility in the Opening or Late Trading Sessions may impact pricing, (4) wider spreads may occur in the Opening or Late Trading Session.

Suitability

ETP Holders are reminded of their obligations under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 9.2(a)-(b) whereby the ETP holder shall use due diligence to learn the essential facts relative to every customer prior to trading the security or recommending a transaction in the security that an investment in the security is suitable for the customer. ETP Holders should adopt appropriate procedures for the opening and maintaining of accounts, including the maintaining of records prescribed by any applicable regulatory organization and by the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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**REGULATORY
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**RB-08-81
September 3, 2008**

TO: ETP Holders

SUBJECT: Market Vectors – RVE Hard Assets Producers ETF

Compliance and supervisory personnel should note that, among other things, this Information Bulletin discusses the need to deliver a prospectus to customers purchasing shares (“Shares”) of the exchange-traded fund (“Fund”) listed below and issued by Market Vectors ETF Trust (“Trust”). Please forward this Information Bulletin to other interested persons within your organization.

The following security has been approved for UTP Trading on NYSE Arca and will commence trading on September 3, 2008:

| <u>Exchange-Traded Fund</u> | <u>Symbol</u> |
|--|----------------------|
| Market Vectors – RVE Hard Assets Producers ETF | HAP |

Background Information on the Fund

As more fully explained in the Registration Statement (Nos. 811-10325 and 333-123257) for the Trust, the Trust is an open-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (“1940 Act”), and currently consists of twenty-five investment portfolios, including the Fund. The Fund is a registered investment company and an exchange-traded “index fund.”

The Fund’s investment objective is to replicate as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the price and yield performance of The Rogers-Van Eck Hard Assets Producers Index (the “Hard Assets Producers Index”). The Hard Assets Producers Index is a rules based index intended to give investors a means of tracking the overall performance of a global universe of listed companies engaged in the production and distribution of commodities and commodity-related products and services. The Hard Assets Producers Index is a modified capitalization weighted, float adjusted index comprising publicly traded companies engaged in the production and distribution of commodities and commodity-related products and services in the following sectors: 1) Agriculture; 2) Alternatives (Water & Alternative Energy); 3) Base and Industrial Metals; 4) Energy; 5) Forest Products; and 6) Precious Metals. Index constituents include certain companies that produce products and services directly related to the production of commodities, but not the commodities themselves.

The Fund will generally invest in all of the stocks comprising its index in proportion to the stocks' weightings in the index. However, under various circumstances, it may not be possible or practical to purchase all of the stocks in those weightings and the Fund may instead purchase a sample of stocks in the Index.

Van Eck Associates Corporation serves as investment adviser and administrator to the Fund ("Administrator"). Van Eck Securities Corporation is the distributor for the Fund ("Distributor"). The Bank of New York Mellon is the custodian and fund accounting and transfer agent for the Fund.

As described more fully in the Trust's prospectus ("Prospectus") and Statement of Additional Information ("SAI"), the Trust will issue and redeem shares on a continuous basis, at their net asset value ("NAV"), only in large blocks of 50,000 Shares (each, a "Creation Unit"). Creation Units will be issued and redeemed principally in-kind for securities included in the index. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, the Shares are not redeemable securities of the Fund.

The Fund pays out dividends from net investment income, if any, to shareholders at least annually. Distributions of net capital gains, if any, are declared and paid to shareholders annually, but the Trust may make distributions more frequently under certain circumstances.

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") serves as securities depository for the Shares, which may be held only in book-entry form; stock certificates will not be issued. DTC, or its nominee, is the record or registered owner of all outstanding Shares.

The NAV per Share of the Fund will be determined as of the close of trading (normally, 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time ("ET")) on each day that the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") and the American Stock Exchange are open for business (a "Business Day"). NAV is calculated by dividing the value of the net assets of a Fund (i.e., the total value of its assets less all liabilities) by the total number of Shares of the Fund outstanding. NAV will be available from the Distributor and is also available to National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC") participants through data made available from NSCC.

The Trust's registration statement describes the various fees and expenses for the Fund's Shares. For a more complete description of the Fund and the Index, visit www.vaneck.com.

Purchases and Redemptions in Creation Unit Size

ETP Holders are hereby informed that procedures for purchases and redemptions of Shares in Creation Units are described in the Trust's Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information and that Shares are not individually redeemable but are redeemable only in Creation Unit aggregations or multiples thereof.

Principal Risks

Interested persons are referred to the Prospectus for a description of risks associated with an investment in the Shares. These risks include the risk that a Fund's return may not match the return of its index for a number of reasons including the incursion by a Fund of operating expenses and costs not applicable to its index. In addition, as noted in the Prospectus, the Shares may trade at market prices that may differ from their NAV. The NAV of the Shares will fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's holdings. The market prices of the Shares will fluctuate in accordance with changes in NAV as well as the supply and demand for the Shares on the Exchange.

Exchange Rules Applicable to Trading in the Shares

The Shares are considered equity securities, thus rendering trading in the Shares subject to the Exchange's existing rules governing the trading of equity securities.

Trading Hours

The value of the Index underlying the Shares will be disseminated to data vendors every 15 seconds during the Exchange's Core Trading Session. The Shares will trade on NYSE Arca in the Opening, Core and Late trading sessions or from 4:00 a.m. ET until 8:00 p.m. ET in accordance with NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.34(a). The trading increment for the Fund's Shares will be \$0.01.

Extended Hours Trading

ETP Holders are reminded of NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.34(e) regarding Customer Disclosure and that trading in the Funds Shares during the Exchanges Opening and Late Trading Sessions may result in additional trading risks which include: (1) that the current underlying index value may not be updated during the Opening and Late Sessions, (2) the intraday indicative value may not be updated during the Opening and Late Trading Sessions, (3) lower liquidity in the Opening or Late Trading Sessions may impact pricing, (5) higher volatility in the Opening or Late Trading Sessions may impact pricing, (6) wider spreads may occur in the Opening or Late Trading Sessions, and (7), since the intraday indicative value is not calculated or widely disseminated during the Opening and Late Trading Sessions, an investor who is unable calculate an implied value for an ETF in those sessions may be at a disadvantage to market professionals.

Trading Halts

The Exchange will halt trading in the Shares if (a) the primary market stops trading the Shares because of a regulatory halt similar to a halt based on NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.12 and/or a halt because dissemination of the intraday indicative value of the Shares and/or the underlying value of the index has ceased; or (b) the primary market delists the Shares. Further, the Exchange will halt trading in the Shares in accordance with NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.12 ('Trading Halts Due to Extraordinary Market Volatility) and NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.34 ('Trading Halts for Trading Pursuant to Unlisted Trading Privileges).

Suitability

ETP Holders are reminded of their obligations under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 9.2(a)-(b) whereby the ETP holder shall use due diligence to learn the essential facts relative to every customer prior to trading the Shares or recommending a transaction in the Shares that an investment in the Shares is suitable for the customer. ETP Holders should adopt appropriate procedures for the opening and maintaining of accounts, including the maintaining of records prescribed by any applicable regulatory organization and by the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Delivery of a Prospectus

Consistent with the requirements of the Securities Act and the rules thereunder, investors purchasing Shares in the initial public offering and anyone purchasing Shares directly from a Fund (by delivery of the designated securities) must receive a Prospectus. In addition, ETP Holders are required to deliver a Prospectus to all purchasers of newly-issued Shares (i.e. during the initial public offering). ETP Holders purchasing shares from a Fund for resale to investors will deliver a Prospectus to such investors.

Prospectuses may be obtained through the Fund's website. The Prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the Registration Statement (including the exhibits to the Registration Statement), parts of which have been omitted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission. For further information about a Fund, please refer to the Registration Statement.

In the event that a Fund relies upon an order by the Commission exempting the Shares from certain Prospectus delivery requirements under Section 24(d) of the 1940 Act and makes available a written product description, NYSE Arca Equities Rule 5.2(j)(3) Commentary .01(h) requires that ETP Holders provide to all purchasers of Shares a written description of the terms and characteristics of such securities, in a form prepared by the Trust, no later than the time a confirmation of the first transaction in the Shares, is delivered to such purchaser. In addition, ETP Holders shall include such a written description with any sales material relating to the Shares that is provided to customers or the public. Any other written materials provided by a ETP Holder to customers or the public making specific reference to the ETF Shares as an investment vehicle must include a statement in substantially the following form: "A circular describing the terms and characteristics of ETF Shares of the Fund has been prepared by the Trust and is available from your broker. It is recommended that you obtain and review such circular before purchasing Shares of the Fund. In addition, upon request you may obtain from your broker a prospectus for Shares of the Fund."

An ETP Holder carrying an omnibus account for a non-ETP Holder is required to inform such non-ETP Holder that execution of an order to purchase Shares for such omnibus account will be deemed to constitute agreement by the non-ETP Holder to make such written description available to its customers on the same terms as are directly applicable to ETP Holders under this rule.

Upon request of a customer, ETP Holders shall also provide a copy of the Prospectus.

Exemptive, Interpretive and No-Action Relief Under Federal Securities Regulations

The Commission has issued letters dated November 21, 2005 and April 9, 2007 (together, the "No-Action Letters") granting exemptive, interpretive and no-action relief from certain provisions of and rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for exchange-traded funds listed and traded on a registered national securities exchange that meet certain criteria. A description of the relief granted in the No-Action Letters follows.

Regulation M Exemptions

Generally, Rules 101 and 102 of Regulation M prohibit 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 Regulation M. The provisions of the Rules apply to underwriters, prospective underwriters, brokers, dealers, and other persons who have agreed to participate or are participating in a distribution of securities.

The Commission issued a No-Action Letter by which persons participating in a distribution of shares of a fund may engage in secondary market transactions in such shares during their participation in such a distribution, despite the requirements of from Rule 101 under Regulation M. In addition, the SEC has permitted persons who may be deemed to be participating in the distribution of shares of a fund (i) to purchase securities for the purpose of purchasing creation unit aggregations of fund shares and (ii) to tender securities for redemption in Creation Unit Aggregations. Further, the Commission has clarified that the tender of fund shares to the Fund for redemption does not constitute a bid for or purchase of any of the Funds' securities during the restricted period of Rule 101. The Commission has issued a No-Action Letter to paragraph (e) of Rule 102 under Regulation M which allow the redemption of fund shares in creation unit aggregations during the continuous offering of shares.

Customer Confirmations for Creation or Redemption of Fund Shares (SEC Rule 10b-10)

Broker-dealers who handle purchases or redemptions of Fund shares in Creation Units for customers will be permitted to provide such customers with a statement of the number of Creation Unit Aggregations created or redeemed without providing a statement of the identity, number and price of shares of the individual securities tendered to the Fund for purposes of purchasing creation unit aggregations ("Deposit Securities") or the identity, number and price of shares to be delivered by the Trust to the redeeming holder ("Redemption Securities"). The composition of the securities required to be tendered to the Fund for creation purposes and of the securities to be delivered on redemption will be disseminated each business day and will be applicable to requests for creations or redemption, as the case may be, on that day. This exemptive relief under Rule 10b-10 with respect to creations and redemptions is subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Confirmations to customers engaging in creations or redemptions must state that all information required by Rule 10b-10 will be provided upon request;
- (2) Any such request by a customer for information required by Rule 10b-10 will be filed in a timely manner, in accordance with Rule 10b-10(c);
- (3) Except for the identity, number and price of shares of the component securities of the Deposit Securities and Redemption Securities, as described above, confirmations to customers must disclose all other information required by Rule 10b-10(a).

SEC Rule 14e-5

The Commission has permitted any person acting as a dealer-manager of a tender offer for a component security of fund (1) to redeem fund shares in creation unit aggregations from the issuer that may include a security subject to such tender offer and (2) to purchase fund shares during such tender offer. In addition, a No-Action has been issued under Rule 14e-5 states that if a broker-dealer acting as a dealer-manager of a tender offer for a security of the Fund purchases or arranges to purchase such securities in the secondary market for the purpose of tendering such securities to purchase one or more creation unit aggregations of shares, it must be made in conformance with the following:

- (i) such bids or purchases are effected in the ordinary course of business, in connection with a basket of 20 or more securities in which any security that is the subject of a distribution, or any reference security, does not comprise more than 5% of the value of the basket purchased; or
- (ii) purchases are effected as adjustments to such basket in the ordinary course of business as a result of a change in the composition of the underlying index; and
- (iii) such bids or purchases are not effected for the purpose of facilitating such tender offer.

Section 11(d)(1); SEC Rules 11d1-1 and 11d1-2

Section 11(d)(1) of the Act generally prohibits a person who is both a broker and a dealer from effecting any transaction in which the broker-dealer extends credit to a customer on any security which was part of a new issue in the distribution of which he participated as a member of a selling syndicate or group within thirty days prior to such transaction. The Commission has clarified that Section 11(d)(1) does not apply to broker-dealers that are not authorized participants (and, therefore, do not create creation unit aggregations) that engage in both proprietary and customer transactions in shares of a fund in the secondary market, and for broker-dealer authorized participants that engage in creations of creation unit aggregations. This relief is subject to specific conditions, including the condition that such broker-dealer (whether or not an authorized participant) does not, directly or indirectly, receive from the fund complex any payment,

compensation or other economic incentive to promote or sell the shares of a fund to persons outside the fund complex, other than non-cash compensation permitted under NASD Rule 2830 (I)(5)(A), (B) or (C). See letter dated November 22, 2005 from Brian A Bussey, Assistant Chief Counsel, SEC Division of Market Regulation, to Barclays Global Investors, N.A., dated November 22, 2005. The Commission has issued a No-Action Letter under Section 11(d)(1) of the Act states that broker-dealers may treat shares of a fund, for purposes of Rule 11d1-2, as "securities issued by a registered open-end investment company as defined in the Investment Company Act" and thereby extend credit or maintain or arrange for the extension or maintenance of credit on shares that have been owned by the persons to whom credit is provided for more than 30 days, in reliance on the exemption contained in the rule.

SEC Rule 15c1-5 and 15c1-6

The Commission has issued a No-Action letter with respect to Rule 15c1-5 and Rule 15c1-6 as to the required disclosure of control by a broker or dealer with respect to creations and redemptions of fund shares and secondary market transactions therein.

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