

(i) The amount of the opportunity is not based on the Regulated Funds' and the Affiliated Funds' outstanding investments immediately preceding the Follow-On Investment; and

(ii) the aggregate amount recommended by the Adviser (or Advisers if there are more than one) to a Regulated Fund to be invested by the Regulated Fund in the Follow-On Investment, together with the amount proposed to be invested by the other participating Regulated Funds and the Affiliated Funds in the same transaction, exceeds the amount of the opportunity; then the amount invested by each such party will be allocated among them pro rata based on each participant's capital available for investment in the asset class being allocated, up to the amount proposed to be invested by each.

(d) The acquisition of Follow-On Investments as permitted by this condition will be considered a Co-Investment Transaction for all purposes and subject to the other conditions set forth in the application.

9. The Non-Interested Directors of each Regulated Fund will be provided quarterly for review all information concerning Potential Co-Investment Transactions and Co-Investment Transactions, including investments made by other Regulated Funds or Affiliated Funds that a Regulated Fund considered but declined to participate in, so that the Non-Interested Directors may determine whether all investments made during the preceding quarter, including those investments that the Regulated Fund considered but declined to participate in, comply with the conditions of the Order. In addition, the Non-Interested Directors will consider at least annually the continued appropriateness for such Regulated Fund of participating in new and existing Co-Investment Transactions.

10. Each Regulated Fund will maintain the records required by section 57(f)(3) of the Act as if each of the Regulated Funds were a BDC and each of the investments permitted under these conditions were approved by the Required Majority under section 57(f) of the Act.

11. No Non-Interested Director of a Regulated Fund will also be a director, general partner, managing member or principal, or otherwise an "affiliated person" (as defined in the Act), of any Affiliated Fund.

12. The expenses, if any, associated with acquiring, holding or disposing of any securities acquired in a Co-Investment Transaction (including, without limitation, the expenses of the distribution of any such securities

registered for sale under the Securities Act) will, to the extent not payable by the applicable Adviser(s) under their respective investment advisory agreements with the Affiliated Funds and the Regulated Funds, be shared by the Regulated Funds and the Affiliated Funds in proportion to the relative amounts of the securities held or to be acquired or disposed of, as the case may be.

13. Any transaction fee<sup>17</sup> (including break-up or commitment fees but excluding broker's fees contemplated by section 17(e) or 57(k) of the Act, as applicable) received in connection with a Co-Investment Transaction will be distributed to the participating Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds on a pro rata basis based on the amounts they invested or committed, as the case may be, in such Co-Investment Transaction. If any transaction fee is to be held by an Adviser pending consummation of the transaction, the fee will be deposited into an account maintained by the Adviser at a bank or banks having the qualifications prescribed in section 26(a)(1) of the Act, and the account will earn a competitive rate of interest that will also be divided pro rata among the participating Regulated Funds and Affiliated Funds based on the amounts they invest in such Co-Investment Transaction. None of the Affiliated Funds, the applicable Adviser(s), the other Regulated Funds or any affiliated person of the Regulated Funds or Affiliated Funds will receive additional compensation or remuneration of any kind as a result of or in connection with a Co-Investment Transaction (other than (a) in the case of the Regulated Funds and the Affiliated Funds, the pro rata transaction fees described above and fees or other compensation described in condition 2(c)(iii)(C); and (b) in the case of the Advisers, investment advisory fees paid in accordance with the Regulated Funds' and the Affiliated Funds' investment advisory agreements).

14. If the Holders own in the aggregate more than 25 percent of the Shares of a Regulated Fund, then the Holders will vote such Shares in the same percentages as the Regulated Fund's other shareholders (not including the Holders) when voting on (1) the election of directors; (2) the removal of one or more directors; or (3) any other matter under either the Act or applicable State

law affecting the Board's composition, size or manner of election.

15. Each Regulated Fund's chief compliance officer, as defined in rule 38a-1(a)(4), will prepare an annual report for its Board each year that evaluates (and documents the basis of that evaluation) the Regulated Fund's compliance with the terms and conditions of the application and the procedures established to achieve such compliance.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

**J. Matthew DeLesDernier,**

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-93643; File No. SR-CboeEDGX-2021-048]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Interpretation and Policy .01 to Rule 11.10 in Connection With a Risk Setting That Users May Elect To Apply to Their Orders in Hard To Borrow Securities

November 22, 2021.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on November 18, 2021, Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

#### I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. ("EDGX" or the "Exchange") is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a proposal to amend Interpretation and Policy .01 to Rule 11.10 in connection with a risk setting that Users<sup>3</sup> may elect to apply to their orders in hard to borrow securities.

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

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>17</sup> Applicants are not requesting and the staff is not providing any relief for transaction fees received in connection with any Co-Investment Transaction.

<sup>3</sup> A User is any Member or Sponsored Participant who is authorized to obtain access to the System pursuant to Rule 11.10. See Rule 1.5(ee).

The text of the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.

The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Exchange's website ([http://markets.cboe.com/us/options/regulation/rule\\_filings/edgx/](http://markets.cboe.com/us/options/regulation/rule_filings/edgx/)), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these 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 aspects of such statements.

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

#### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this proposal is to amend Interpretation and Policy .01 to Rule 11.10 to allow the Exchange to offer its Users a hard to borrow risk setting ("Hard to Borrow List") that Users may elect to apply to their short sale orders in U.S. equity securities. Pursuant to Interpretation and Policy .01 to Rule 11.10, the Exchange currently offers certain optional risk settings applicable to a User's activities on the Exchange. Specifically, Interpretation and Policy .01(d) currently provides Users with controls to restrict the types of securities transacted, including restricted securities and easy to borrow securities, as well as restricting activity to test symbols only. When utilized, these optional risk tools act as a risk filter by evaluating a User's orders to determine whether the orders comply with certain criteria established by the User.<sup>4</sup>

The Exchange now proposes to amend Interpretation and Policy .01(d) to Exchange Rule 11.10, to also include a Hard to Borrow List. Like the existing risk settings, the proposed rule change offers Users an optional tool to evaluate whether their orders comply with User established criteria. Specifically, orders submitted in securities included on a

User's Hard to Borrow List will be rejected back to the User.

The Hard to Borrow List resides at a User's port level, a User-specific logical session used to access the Exchange. Users may upload a Hard to Borrow List to their preferred port(s) via a web-based application programming interface. When uploaded to the port, Users may apply the setting to some or all of the market-participant identifiers (MPID) that they use to access the Exchange via the specified port. As is the case with the Exchange's existing risk settings, the User, and not the Exchange, will have the full responsibility for ensuring that their orders comply with applicable securities rules, laws, and regulations, and may not rely on the Hard to Borrow List for any such purpose.<sup>5</sup> Furthermore, use of the Hard to Borrow List does not automatically constitute compliance with Exchange Rules. As is the case with the Exchange's existing risk settings, the Exchange does not believe that the use of the Hard to Borrow List can replace User-managed risk management solutions.

The Exchange proposes to make the risk setting available to its Users upon request and will not require Users to utilize the Hard to Borrow List. The Exchange will not provide preferential treatment to Users using the Hard to Borrow List. However, the Exchange believes the Hard to Borrow List will offer Exchange Users another option in efficient risk management of its access to the Exchange. For instance, the Hard to Borrow List may assist some Users in managing borrowing costs for their short sale transactions. Generally, day over day borrowing costs in hard to borrow securities may be costly, and while a locate may be secured by a User prior to routing their short sale transactions to the Exchange, borrowing costs may make such transactions less desirable. By utilizing the Hard to Borrow List, Users have a tool that enables them to manage their costs by rejecting orders in such securities.

#### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>6</sup> in general, and Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>7</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative

acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to, and perfect the mechanism of, a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

Specifically, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with these principles because, like the current risk settings, the Hard to Borrow List fosters competition by providing another option in the efficient risk management of trading on the Exchange. Users are free to use the Exchange's Hard to Borrow List, or other risk management offerings.

Moreover, as noted by the Commission, even when shares can be borrowed short sellers may find it costly to borrow stock to enter or maintain a short position.<sup>8</sup> In this regard, the Hard to Borrow List provides Users with a tool to help manage such costs by rejecting orders in hard to borrow securities and thus providing a mechanism of financial protection to Exchange Users.

The proposed rule change also is designed to support the principles of Section 11A(a)(1)<sup>9</sup> in that it seeks to assure economically efficient execution of securities transactions, makes it practicable for brokers to execute investors' orders in the best market, and provides an opportunity for investors' orders to be executed without the participation of a dealer. Additionally, the rule proposal is consistent with Section 11(a)(1)<sup>10</sup> in that makes the Hard to Borrow List available to all Users, regardless of their size.

### B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change imposes any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Rather, the proposed rule change is not designed to address any competitive issues and does not pose an undue burden on Users, as the Hard to Borrow List is an optional risk setting offered to all Users.

<sup>8</sup> See Staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, *Staff Report on Equity And Options Market Structure Conditions in Early 2021*, (October 14, 2021) at 30, footnote 84.

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78k-1(a)(1).

<sup>10</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34-88727 (April 22, 2020) 85 FR 23560 (April 28, 2020) (SR-CboeEDGA-2020-12).[sic]

<sup>5</sup> See Securities and Exchange Commission Release No. 34-50103 (July 28 2004) 69 FR 48007 (August 6, 2004) (Final Rule: Short Sales) at 48014, regarding hard to borrow lists and the locate requirements under 17 CFR 242.203 (Regulation SHO Rule 203—Borrowing and delivery requirements).

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

*C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others*

The Exchange has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments on this proposal. No written comments were solicited or received on the proposed rule change.

**III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action**

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period 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 Exchange consents, the Commission will:

A. By order approve or disapprove such 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 (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-ChoeEDGX-2021-048 on the subject line.

*Paper Comments*

- 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-ChoeEDGX-2021-048. 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 (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the

Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ChoeEDGX-2021-048 and should be submitted on or before December 20, 2021.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>11</sup>

**J. Matthew DeLesDernier,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**Proposed Collection; Comment Request, Extension: Rule 30e-2**

*Upon Written Request, Copies Available From:* Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-2736

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) ("Paperwork Reduction Act"), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

Rule 30e-2 (17 CFR 270.30e-2) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-1 *et seq.*) ("Investment Company Act") requires registered unit investment trusts ("UITs") that invest substantially all of their assets in shares of a management investment company

("fund") to send their unitholders annual and semiannual reports containing financial information on the underlying company. Specifically, rule 30e-2 requires that the report contain all the applicable information and financial statements or their equivalent, required by rule 30e-1 under the Investment Company Act (17 CFR 270.30e-1) to be included in reports of the underlying fund for the same fiscal period. Rule 30e-1 requires that the underlying fund's report contain, among other things, the information that is required to be included in such reports by the fund's registration statement form under the Investment Company Act. The purpose of this requirement is to apprise current shareholders of the operational and financial condition of the UIT. Absent the requirement to disclose all material information in reports, investors would be unable to obtain accurate information upon which to base investment decisions and consumer confidence in the securities industry might be adversely affected. Requiring the submission of these reports to the Commission permits us to verify compliance with securities law requirements.

Rule 30e-2, however, permits, under certain conditions, delivery of a single shareholder report to investors who share an address ("householding"). Specifically, rule 30e-2 permits householding of annual and semi-annual reports by UITs to satisfy the delivery requirements of rule 30e-2 if, in addition to the other conditions set forth in the rule, the UIT has obtained from each applicable investor written or implied consent to the householding of shareholder reports at such address. The rule requires UITs that wish to household shareholder reports with implied consent to send a notice to each applicable investor stating that the investors in the household will receive one report in the future unless the investors provide contrary instructions. In addition, at least once a year, UITs relying on the rule for householding must explain to investors who have provided written or implied consent how they can revoke their consent. The purpose of the notice and annual explanation requirements associated with the householding provisions of the rule is to ensure that investors who wish to receive individual copies of shareholder reports are able to do so.

The Commission estimates that the annual burden associated with rule 30e-2 is 125 hours per respondent. The Commission estimates that there are currently approximately 660 UITs that file 1320 reports per year. Therefore, the Commission estimates that the total

<sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).