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| CSOP China CSI 300 A-H Dynamic ETF | HAHA | 73937B548 |
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE FUNDS

The CSOP ETF Trust (the “Trust”) is a management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), consisting of several investment portfolios. This circular relates only to the Funds listed above (each, a “Fund” and together, the “Funds”). The shares of the Fund are referred to herein as “Shares.” Invesco PowerShares Capital Management LLC (the “Adviser”) is the investment adviser to the Fund.

CSOP China CSI 300 A-H Dynamic ETF

The CSOP China CSI 300 A-H Dynamic ETF (HAHA) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, track the performance of the CSI 300 Smart Index.

The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation by tracking the performance of the CSI 300 Smart Index (the “Index”). The Index includes shares of every company in the CSI 300 Index. The CSI 300 Index measures the performance of the 300 A-Share stocks with the largest market capitalizations listed on the Main Board of the Shanghai Stock Exchange or the Main Board, Small and Medium Enterprise Board or ChiNext Board of the Shenzhen Stock Exchange. Certain of the constituent companies included in the CSI 300 Index have issued both A-Shares, which are traded in China, and H-Shares, which are traded in Hong Kong (a more detailed description of the differences between A-Shares and H-Shares is provided below). Historically, a company issuing both share-types has seen its A-Shares trade at a premium to its H-Shares. For these constituent companies, the Index will include either A-Shares or H-Shares, depending on which type of security is determined to be “undervalued” based on the Index formula developed by CSI (the “Formula”). The Index will “switch” from A-Shares to H-Shares (and vice versa) based on the results of a monthly computation of the Formula. In this manner the Index attempts to capture the share price appreciation of the undervalued share-type of Chinese companies included in the CSI 300 Index.

For constituent companies that have issued A-Shares only, the A-Shares will be included in the Index and the Formula will not apply. Additional details about the Formula can be found in the section of this prospectus titled “The Index.”

H-Shares are specific classification of equity securities issued by companies incorporated in the People’s Republic of China (“China” or the “PRC”). H-Shares are denominated in Hong Kong dollars and listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. A-Shares are a different classification of equity securities issued by companies incorporated in the PRC. A-Shares are denominated and traded in RMB, the official currency of the PRC, on the Shenzhen and Shanghai Stock Exchanges. Under current Chinese regulations and subject to certain exceptions, foreign investors such as the Fund are permitted to invest in A-Shares only (i) through designated foreign institutional investors that meet certain requirements and have been granted status by the China Securities Regulatory Commission (“CSRC”), or (ii) through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program.

Under the first approach, foreign investors such as the Fund are permitted to invest in A-Shares through institutional investors designated as either a Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor (“QFII”) or a Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor (“RQFII”). Under current regulations, each QFII and RQFII is permitted to invest up to a specific aggregate dollar amount in A-Shares by China’s State Administration of Foreign Exchange (“SAFE”). A QFII or RQFII may not invest in A-Shares above its quota amount, although to the extent that a QFII or RQFII has utilized its entire investment quota, it may apply for an increase to its quota.

Under the second approach, since November of 2014, foreign investors are permitted to invest in eligible China A-Shares listed on Shanghai Stock Exchange through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program. The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program is a newly-established securities trading and clearing program which enables mutual stock market access between mainland China and Hong Kong. Through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program, foreign investors such as the Fund can trade eligible China A-Shares subject to trading limits and rules and regulations as may be issued from time to time.

CSOP Asset Management Limited, the Fund’s investment adviser (the “Adviser”), is a licensed RQFII and QFII. The Adviser, on behalf of the Fund, may invest in A-Shares and other securities of Chinese companies listed for trading on the Shanghai and Shenzhen Stock Exchanges up to its designated quota amount. The Adviser, on behalf of the Fund, also will invest in eligible China A-Shares via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program.

The Fund will typically invest at least 80% of its total assets in the securities included in its underlying Index. The Fund may invest the remainder of its assets in investments that are not included in the Index, but which the Adviser believes will help the Fund track the Index. These investments include: (i) interests in pooled investment vehicles tracking the Index or similar indexes, including affiliated and non-U.S. funds (certain of these funds may not be registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), and therefore are not subject to the same investor protections as the Fund); (ii) other securities not included in the Index; and (iii) certain derivatives, such as futures contracts and options contracts on equity securities designed to provide similar exposure to the Index. Subject to the requirement to generally invest at least 80% of its total assets in the securities of its underlying Index, the Fund also may invest in money market instruments, cash and cash equivalents.

In seeking to track the performance of the Index, the Fund uses a representative sampling indexing strategy. “Representative sampling” is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to the Index. The securities selected are expected to have, in the aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalization and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of the Index. The Fund may or may not hold all of the securities in the Index. Unlike many investment companies, the Fund does not try to “beat” the Index and does not seek temporary defensive positions when markets decline or appear overvalued.

The Fund is considered to be “diversified” and therefore must meet certain diversification requirements under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. To the extent the Fund’s Index concentrates (i.e., holds 25% or more of its total assets) in the securities of a particular industry or group of industries, the Fund will concentrate its investments to approximately the same extent as its Index. As of May 29, 2015, the Index was concentrated in the financial sector.

The Index is a free float-adjusted category-weighted index compiled and calculated by China Securities Index Co., Ltd. (“CSI”). CSI is not affiliated with the Trust, the Adviser, the Funds’ administrator, custodian, transfer agent or distributor, or any of their respective affiliates. CSI determines the composition of the Index and relative weightings of the Index constituents, and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

The Index is designed to track the equity market performance of large-cap and mid-cap Chinese securities listed on the Shanghai and Shenzhen Stock Exchanges. The Index reflects an investment strategy which is comprised of the overall performance of the CSI 300 Index constituent companies and returns from share class switches, i.e., switching between share classes (namely A-Shares and H-Shares) based on their relative prices. The CSI 300 Index measures the performance of A-Shares traded on the Shanghai Stock Exchange or the Shenzhen Stock Exchange. The CSI 300 Index consists of 300 liquid stocks with the largest market capitalization from the entire universe of listed A-Shares companies in the PRC.

The constituent companies of the Index are the same as the constituent companies of the CSI 300 Index. All constituent changes to the CSI 300 Index will be simultaneously applied to the Index. The Index includes either the A-Shares or the H-Shares of companies in the CSI 300 Index, depending on their relative prices.

As of August 31, 2015, the Index had a total market capitalization of RMB 8157 billion (\$1275 billion). As of May 29, 2015, the 10 largest constituent securities of the Index represented approximately 21% of the Index.

CSOP MSCI China A International Hedged ETF

The CSOP MSCI China A International Hedged ETF (CNHX) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, track the performance of the MSCI China A International with CNH 100% Hedged to USD Index.

The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation by tracking the performance of the MSCI China A International with CNH 100% Hedged to USD Index (the “Index”). The Index is designed to track the equity market performance of Chinese securities (A-Shares) listed on both the Shanghai Stock

Exchange and the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, while at the same time neutralizing exposure to the fluctuations of the RMB relative to the U.S. dollar. The Index is broad-based and aims to capture the majority of the investible domestic Chinese equity universe, including large-cap and mid-cap A-Share stocks. The Index is currency hedged to the U.S. dollar by adjusting the daily index value to reflect the impact of selling renminbi (“RMB”) forward contracts at the one-month forward rate published by WM/Reuters. The strategies used by the Fund to track the performance of the Index are discussed in more detail below.

A-Shares are a specific classification of equity securities issued by companies incorporated in the People’s Republic of China (“China” or the “PRC”). A-Shares are denominated and traded in RMB, the official currency of the PRC, on the Shenzhen and Shanghai Stock Exchanges. Under current Chinese regulations and subject to certain exceptions, foreign investors such as the Fund are permitted to invest in A-Shares only (i) through designated foreign institutional investors that meet certain requirements and have been granted status by the China Securities Regulatory Commission (“CSRC”), or (ii) through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program.

Under the first approach, foreign investors such as the Fund are permitted to invest through institutional investors designated as either a Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor (“QFII”) or a Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor (“RQFII”). Under current regulations, each QFII and RQFII is permitted to invest up to a specific aggregate dollar amount in A-Shares by China’s State Administration of Foreign Exchange (“SAFE”). A QFII or RQFII may not invest in A-Shares above its quota amount, although to the extent that a QFII or RQFII has utilized its entire investment quota, it may apply for an increase to its quota.

Under the second approach, since November of 2014, foreign investors are permitted to invest in eligible China A-Shares listed on Shanghai Stock Exchange through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program. The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program is a newly-established securities trading and clearing program which enables mutual stock market access between mainland China and Hong Kong. Through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program, foreign investors such as the Fund can trade eligible China A-Shares subject to trading limits and rules and regulations as may be issued from time to time.

CSOP Asset Management Limited, the Fund’s investment adviser (the “Adviser”), is a licensed RQFII and QFII. The Adviser, on behalf of the Fund, may invest in A-Shares and other securities of Chinese companies listed for trading on the Shanghai and Shenzhen Stock Exchanges up to its designated quota amount. The Adviser, on behalf of the Fund, also will invest in eligible China A-Shares via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program.

The Fund will typically invest at least 80% of its total assets in the securities included in its underlying Index. The Fund may invest the remainder of its assets in investments that are not included in the Index, but which the Adviser believes will help the Fund track the Index. These investments include: (i) interests in pooled investment vehicles tracking the Index or similar indexes, including affiliated and non-U.S. funds (certain of these funds may not be registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), and therefore are not subject to the same investor protections as the Fund); (ii) other securities not included in the Index (including H-Shares, which are shares of a company incorporated in mainland China that are denominated in Hong Kong dollars and listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange or other foreign exchange); and (iii) certain derivatives, such as futures contracts and options contracts on equity securities designed to provide similar exposure to the Index.

Subject to the requirement to generally invest at least 80% of its total assets in the securities of its underlying Index, the Fund also may invest in money market instruments, cash and cash equivalents.

The Index “hedges” against fluctuations in the relative value of the RMB against the U.S. dollar. The currency “hedge” is designed to minimize the impact of changes in the value of RMB relative to the U.S. dollar on the value of the Index. As a result, the Index is designed to have higher returns than an equivalent non-currency hedged investment when the RMB is weakening relative to the U.S. dollar. Conversely, the Index is designed to have lower returns than an equivalent unhedged investment when the RMB is rising relative to the U.S. dollar. In order to reflect the currency hedge, the Index applies an applicable published WM/Reuters one-month currency forward rate on RMB and U.S. dollars to the total equity exposure to the value of the China A-Shares included in the Index.

In order to hedge its exposure to RMB, the Fund intends to enter into forward currency contracts or listed futures contracts designed to minimize the Fund’s exposure to RMB. A forward currency contract is a contract between two parties to buy or sell a specific currency in the future at an agreed upon exchange rate. A listed futures contract is essentially an exchange-traded forward contract. The amount of forward contracts and futures contracts in the Fund is based on the aggregate exposure of the Fund to RMB. While this approach is designed to minimize the impact of currency fluctuations on Fund returns, it does not necessarily eliminate the Fund’s exposure to the RMB. The return of the forward currency contracts and currency futures contracts may not perfectly offset the actual fluctuations between the RMB and the U.S. dollar.

In seeking to track the performance of the Index, the Fund uses a representative sampling indexing strategy. “Representative sampling” is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to the Index. The securities selected are expected to have, in the aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalization and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of the Index. The Fund may or may not hold all of the securities in the Index. Unlike many investment companies, the Fund does not try to “beat” the Index and does not seek temporary defensive positions when markets decline or appear overvalued.

The Fund is considered to be “diversified” and therefore must meet certain diversification requirements under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. To the extent the Fund’s Index concentrates (i.e., holds 25% or more of its total assets) in the securities of a particular industry or group of industries, the Fund will concentrate its investments to approximately the same extent as its Index. As of May 29, 2015, the Index was concentrated in the financial sector.

The Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted index compiled and calculated by MSCI Inc. (“MSCI”). MSCI is not affiliated with the Trust, the Adviser, the Funds’ administrator, custodian, transfer agent or distributor, or any of their respective affiliates. MSCI determines the composition of the Index and relative weightings of the Index constituents, and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

The Index is designed to track the equity market performance of large-cap and mid-cap Chinese securities listed on the Shanghai and Shenzhen Stock Exchanges. The Index is based on the concept of the integrated MSCI China equity universe with mainland Chinese securities included.

As of August 31, 2015, the Index had a total market capitalization of RMB 5310 billion (\$830 billion). As of August 31, 2015, the 10 largest constituent securities of the Index represented approximately 15.68% of the Index.

For more information regarding each Fund's investment strategy, please read the prospectus for the Funds.

As described more fully in the Trust's prospectus and Statement of Additional Information ("SAI"), the Funds issue and redeem Shares at net asset value ("NAV") only in large blocks of 50,000 Shares (each block of Shares called a "Creation Unit"). As a practical matter, only broker-dealers or large institutional investors with creation and redemption agreements (called Authorized Participants) can purchase or redeem these Creation Units. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, the Shares may not be redeemed with the Funds.

Shares are held in book-entry form, which means that no Share certificates are issued. The Depository Trust Company or its nominee is the record owner of all outstanding Shares of the Funds and is recognized as the owner of all Shares for all purposes.

The NAV per Share for each Fund is computed by dividing the value of the net assets of the Fund (i.e., the value of its total assets less total liabilities) by the total number of Shares outstanding. Expenses and fees are accrued daily and taken into account for purposes of determining NAV. The NAV of each Fund is determined each business day after the close of trading (ordinarily 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time or "ET") of the New York Stock Exchange. Any assets or liabilities denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar are converted into U.S. dollars at the current market rates on the date of valuation as quoted by one or more sources.

The registration statement for the Funds describes the various fees and expenses for the Funds' Shares. For a more complete description of the Funds and the underlying indexes, visit the Funds' website at www.csopasset.com.

PURCHASES AND REDEMPTIONS IN CREATION UNIT SIZE

NASDAQ members, BX members and PHLX members and member organizations are hereby informed that procedures for purchases and redemptions of Shares in Creation Unit Size 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 Size aggregations or multiples thereof.

PRINCIPAL RISKS

Interested persons are referred to the discussion in the prospectus for the Funds of the principal risks of an investment in the Funds. These include tracking error risk (factors causing a Fund's performance to not match the performance of its underlying index), market trading risk (for example, trading halts, trading above or below net asset value), investment style risk, sector risk, investment approach risk, non-diversification risk, issuer-specific risk, management risk, equity securities risk, foreign securities risk, emerging markets risk, liquidity risk and currency risk.

EXCHANGE RULES APPLICABLE TO TRADING IN THE SHARES

Trading in the Shares on NASDAQ is on a UTP basis and is subject to NASDAQ equity trading rules. Trading of the Shares on BX is on a UTP basis and is subject to BX equity trading rules. Trading of the Shares on PHLX's PSX system is on a UTP basis and is subject to PHLX rules.

TRADING HOURS

The values of each index underlying the Shares are disseminated to data vendors every 15 seconds. The Shares will trade on NASDAQ between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. ET. The Shares will trade on BX between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. ET. The Shares will trade on PSX between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET. For trading during each market's pre-market and post-market sessions, market participants should note that additional risks may exist with respect to trading the Funds during these sessions, when the underlying index's values, intraday indicative value, or similar value may not be disseminated or calculated.

DISSEMINATION OF FUND DATA

The Consolidated Tape Association will disseminate real time trade and quote information for the Funds to Tape B.

| Fund Name | Listing Market | Trading Symbol | IOPV Symbol | NAV Symbol |
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| CSOP China CSI 300 A-H Dynamic ETF | NYSE Arca | HAHA | HAHA.IV | HAHA.NV |
| CSOP MSCI China A International Hedged ETF | NYSE Arca | CNHX | CNHX.IV | CNHX.NV |

SUITABILITY

Trading in the Shares on NASDAQ will be subject to the provisions of NASDAQ Rule 2310. Trading in the Shares on BX will be subject to the provisions of BX Equity Rule 2310. Shares trading on PSX will be subject to the provisions of PHLX Rule 763. Members and member organizations recommending transactions in the Shares to customers should make a determination that the recommendation is suitable for the customer. In addition, members must possess sufficient information to satisfy the "know your customer" obligation that is embedded in both the NASDAQ Conduct Rules and the BX Conduct Rules.

NASDAQ members, BX members and PHLX members and member organizations should also review NASD Notice to Members 03-71 for guidance on trading these products. The Notice reminds members of their obligations to: (1) conduct adequate due diligence to understand the features of the product;

(2) perform a reasonable-basis suitability analysis; (3) perform customer-specific suitability analysis in connection with any recommended transactions; (4) provide a balanced disclosure of both the risks and rewards associated with the particular product, especially when selling to retail investors; (5) implement appropriate internal controls; and (6) train registered persons regarding the features, risk and suitability of these products.

TRADING HALTS

NASDAQ will halt trading in the Shares of a Fund in accordance with NASDAQ Rule 4120. BX will halt trading in the Shares of a Fund in accordance with BX Equity Rule 4120. PHLX will halt trading in the Shares of a Fund in accordance with PHLX Rule 3100. The grounds for a halt under these rules include a halt by the primary market because the intraday indicative value of the Fund, the value of its underlying index, or a similar value are not being disseminated as required, or a halt for other regulatory reasons. In addition, NASDAQ, BX and PHLX will also stop trading the Shares of a Fund if the primary market delists the Fund.

DELIVERY OF A PROSPECTUS

NASDAQ members, BX members and PHLX members and member organizations should be mindful of applicable prospectus delivery requirements under the federal securities laws with respect to transactions in the Funds.

Prospectuses may be obtained through the Funds' website. The prospectus for the Funds does not contain all of the information set forth in the Funds' registration statement (including the exhibits to the registration statement), parts of which have been omitted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). For further information about the Funds, please refer to the registration statement.

In the event that the Funds rely upon an order by the SEC exempting the Shares from certain prospectus delivery requirements under Section 24(d) of the 1940 Act and in the future make available a written product description, NASDAQ Rules 5705 and 5740, BX Equity Rules 4420 and 4421, and PHLX Rule 803 require that members and member organizations, respectively, provide to all purchasers of Shares a written description of the terms and characteristics of such securities, in a form prepared by the Trust for the Funds, no later than the time a confirmation of the first transaction in the Shares is delivered to such purchaser. In addition, members and member organizations 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 members or member organizations to customers or the public making specific reference to the Shares as an investment vehicle must include a statement in substantially the following form: "A circular describing the terms and characteristics of the 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."

Any NASDAQ, BX or PHLX member or member organization carrying an omnibus account for a non-member broker-dealer is required to inform such non-member that execution of an order to purchase Shares for such omnibus account will be deemed to constitute agreement by the non-member to make

such written description available to its customers on the same terms as are directly applicable to NASDAQ members, BX members and PHLX members or member organizations under this rule.

Upon request of a customer, NASDAQ members, BX members and PHLX members or member organizations shall provide a copy of the prospectus.

EXEMPTIVE, INTERPRETIVE AND NO-ACTION RELIEF UNDER FEDERAL SECURITIES REGULATIONS

The SEC has issued exemptive, interpretive or no-action relief from certain provisions of rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”) regarding trading in the above mentioned exchange-traded Funds.

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 SEC has granted an exemption from Rule 101 under Regulation M to permit persons participating in a distribution of shares of the above-mentioned Funds to engage in secondary market transactions in such shares during their participation in such a distribution. In addition, the SEC has granted relief under Regulation M to permit persons who may be deemed to be participating in the distribution of Shares of the above-mentioned Funds (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 SEC has clarified that the tender of Fund Shares to the Funds for redemption does not constitute a bid for or purchase of any of the Funds’ securities during the restricted period of Rule 101. The SEC has also granted an exemption pursuant to paragraph (e) of Rule 102 under Regulation M to 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 Unit size 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 a Fund for purposes of purchasing Creation Unit Aggregations (“Deposit Securities”) or the identity, number and price of shares to be delivered by the Trust for the Fund 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

An exemption from Rule 14e-5 has been granted to permit any person acting as a dealer-manager of a tender offer for a component security of a 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 position has been taken under Rule 14e-5 if a broker-dealer acting as a dealer-manager of a tender offer for a security of a 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, if made in conformance with the following:

- 1) 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
- 2) 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
- 3) 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 SEC 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 the 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(l)(5)(A), (B) or (C). (See [letter](#) from Catherine McGuire, Chief Counsel, SEC Division of Market Regulation, to Securities Industry Association, Derivative Products Committee, dated November 21, 2005.) The SEC also has taken a no-action position under Section 11(d)(1) of the Act 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 SEC has taken a no-action position 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. (See [letter](#) from Catherine McGuire, Chief Counsel, SEC Division of Market Regulation, to Securities Industry Association, Derivative Products Committee, dated November 21, 2005.)

This Information Circular is not a statutory prospectus. NASDAQ members, BX members and PHLX members and member organizations should consult the Funds' prospectus and/or the Funds' website for relevant information.

Inquiries regarding this Information Circular should be directed to:

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