

and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (5), (7), 9(ii) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matter at the Closed Meeting.

Commissioner Piwowar, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the Closed Meeting in a closed session.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting will be:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings;

An adjudicatory matter; and

Other matters relating to enforcement proceedings.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: October 31, 2013.

Kevin M. O'Neill,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1 Thereto, Relating to Listing and Trading of Shares of PIMCO Diversified Income Exchange-Traded Fund, PIMCO Low Duration Exchange-Traded Fund and PIMCO Real Return Exchange-Traded Fund Under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600

October 30, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")² and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that, on October 15, 2013, NYSE Arca, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "NYSE Arca") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. On October 29, 2013, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposal.⁴ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit

comments on the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1, from interested persons.

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

The Exchange proposes to list and trade shares of the following under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600 ("Managed Fund Shares"): PIMCO Diversified Income Exchange-Traded Fund; PIMCO Low Duration Exchange-Traded Fund; and PIMCO Real Return Exchange-Traded Fund. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site at www.nyse.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, 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 self-regulatory organization 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 those 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 parts of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to list and trade shares ("Shares") of the following under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600, which governs the listing and trading of Managed Fund Shares:⁵ PIMCO Diversified Income Exchange-Traded Fund; PIMCO Low Duration Exchange-Traded Fund; and PIMCO Real Return Exchange-Traded Fund (each a "Fund" and, collectively, the "Funds"). The Shares will be offered by PIMCO ETF Trust (the "Trust"), a statutory trust

organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and registered with the Commission as an open-end management investment company.⁶

The investment manager to the Funds will be Pacific Investment Management Company LLC ("PIMCO" or the "Adviser"). PIMCO Investments LLC will serve as the distributor for the Funds ("Distributor"). State Street Bank & Trust Co. will serve as the custodian and transfer agent for the Funds ("Custodian" or "Transfer Agent").⁷

Commentary .06 to Rule 8.600

provides that, if the investment adviser to the investment company issuing Managed Fund Shares is affiliated with a broker-dealer, such investment adviser shall erect a "fire wall" between the investment adviser and the broker-dealer with respect to access to information concerning the composition and/or changes to such investment company portfolio.⁸ In addition,

⁶ The Trust is registered under the 1940 Act. On April 22, 2013, the Trust filed with the Commission an amendment to the Trust's registration statement on Form N-1A under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a) (the "Securities Act") and the 1940 Act relating to the Funds (File Nos. 333-155395 and 811-22250) (the "Registration Statement"). The description of the operation of the Trust and the Funds herein is based, in part, on the Registration Statement. In addition, the Commission has issued an order granting certain exemptive relief to the Trust under the 1940 Act. See Investment Company Act Release No. 28993 (November 10, 2009) (File No. 812-13571) ("Exemptive Order").

⁷ The Commission has previously approved the listing and trading on the Exchange of other actively managed funds under Rule 8.600. See, e.g., Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 57801 (May 8, 2008), 73 FR 27878 (May 14, 2008) (SR-NYSEArca-2008-31) (order approving Exchange listing and trading of twelve actively-managed funds of the WisdomTree Trust); 60981 (November 10, 2009), 74 FR 59594 (November 18, 2009) (SR-NYSEArca-2009-79) (order approving Exchange listing and trading of five fixed income funds of the PIMCO ETF Trust); 66321 (February 3, 2012), 77 FR 6850 (February 9, 2012) (SR-NYSEArca-2011-95) (order approving Exchange listing and trading of PIMCO Total Return Exchange Traded Fund); 66670 (March 28, 2012), 77 FR 20087 (April 3, 2012) (SR-NYSEArca-2012-09) (order approving Exchange listing and trading of PIMCO Global Advantage Inflation-Linked Bond Strategy Fund).

⁸ An investment adviser to an open-end fund is required to be registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (the "Advisers Act"). As a result, the Adviser and its related personnel are subject to the provisions of Rule 204A-1 under the Advisers Act relating to codes of ethics. This Rule requires investment advisers to adopt a code of ethics that reflects the fiduciary nature of the relationship to clients as well as compliance with other applicable securities laws. Accordingly, procedures designed to prevent the communication and misuse of non-public information by an investment adviser must be consistent with Rule 204A-1 under the Advisers Act. In addition, Rule 206(4)-7 under the Advisers Act makes it unlawful for an investment adviser to provide investment advice to clients unless such investment adviser has adopted and implemented written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent violation, by the investment adviser and its supervised persons, of the Advisers Act and the

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁴ Amendment No. 1 replaced and superseded the proposal in its entirety.

⁵ A Managed Fund Share is a security that represents an interest in an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-1) ("1940 Act") organized as an open-end investment company or similar entity that invests in a portfolio of securities selected by its investment adviser consistent with its investment objectives and policies. In contrast, an open-end investment company that issues Investment Company Units, listed and traded on the Exchange under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 5.2(j)(3), seeks to provide investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance of a specific foreign or domestic stock index, fixed income securities index or combination thereof.

Commentary .06 further requires that personnel who make decisions on the open-end fund's portfolio composition must be subject to procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material non-public information regarding the open-end fund's portfolio. The Adviser is not a registered broker-dealer but is affiliated with a broker-dealer and has implemented a "fire wall" with respect to such broker-dealer regarding access to information concerning the composition and/or changes to a Fund's respective portfolio. In the event (a) the Adviser or any sub-adviser is a registered broker-dealer or becomes newly affiliated with a broker-dealer, or (b) any new adviser or sub-adviser is a registered broker-dealer or becomes affiliated with a broker-dealer, it will implement a fire wall with respect to its relevant personnel or its broker-dealer affiliate regarding access to information concerning the composition and/or changes to a portfolio, and will be subject to procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material non-public information regarding such portfolio.

PIMCO Diversified Income Exchange-Traded Fund

According to the Registration Statement, the Fund's investment objective will be to seek maximum total return, consistent with preservation of capital and prudent investment management. The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing under normal circumstances⁹ at least 65% of its total assets in a diversified portfolio of "Fixed Income Instruments" of varying maturities and forward contracts on such Fixed Income Instruments.

Fixed Income Instruments include bonds, debt securities and other similar instruments issued by various U.S. and non-U.S. public- or private-sector entities. Specifically, with respect to each of the Funds (except as noted

below), the term "Fixed Income Instruments" includes: securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or government-sponsored enterprises ("U.S. Government Securities"); corporate debt securities of U.S. and non-U.S. issuers, including convertible securities and corporate commercial paper; mortgage-backed and other asset-backed securities; inflation-indexed bonds issued both by governments and corporations; event-linked bonds; bank capital and trust preferred securities; loan participations and assignments; delayed funding loans and revolving credit facilities; bank certificates of deposit, fixed time deposits and bankers' acceptances; repurchase agreements on Fixed Income Instruments and reverse repurchase agreements on Fixed Income Instruments; debt securities issued by states or local governments and their agencies, authorities and other government-sponsored enterprises; obligations of non-U.S. governments or their subdivisions, agencies and government-sponsored enterprises; and obligations of international agencies or supranational entities.¹⁰

Forwards on securities are contracts to purchase or sell securities for a fixed price at a future date beyond normal settlement time. Forwards on Fixed Income Instruments are contracts to purchase or sell Fixed Income Instruments for a fixed price at a future date beyond normal settlement time. The Adviser represents that a forward will be a useful tool for gaining exposure across markets, particularly in the U.S. Treasury, U.S. agency, non-U.S. government, and mortgage markets when a Fund seeks exposure to a particular issue or maturity.¹¹ In

¹⁰ Securities issued by U.S. Government agencies or government-sponsored enterprises may not be guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury.

With respect to the Funds' investments in bank capital securities, there are two common types: Tier I and Tier II. Bank capital is generally, but not always, of investment grade quality. Tier I securities are typically exchange-traded and often take the form of trust preferred securities. Tier II securities are commonly thought of as hybrids of debt and preferred stock. Tier II securities are typically traded over-the-counter, are often perpetual (with no maturity date), are callable, and have a cumulative interest deferral feature. This means that under certain conditions, the issuer bank can withhold payment of interest until a later date. However, such deferred interest payments generally earn interest.

According to the Registration Statement, with respect to the PIMCO Real Return Exchange-Traded Fund, the term Fixed Income Instruments does not include: event-linked bonds; bank capital and trust preferred securities; loan participations and assignments; and debt securities issued by states or local governments and their agencies, authorities and other government-sponsored enterprises.

¹¹ Investments in forwards will be made in accordance with the 1940 Act and consistent with

general, forwards can be an economically attractive substitute for an underlying physical security that a Fund would otherwise purchase. Economic benefits include potentially lower transaction costs or attractive relative valuation of a forward versus a physical security (e.g., differences in yields).

A common forward commitment is a mortgage "to be announced" ("TBA"), which is an important vehicle for gaining exposure to the mortgage pass-through market. Mortgage TBAs provide exposure to new mortgage pools, issued by the Government National Mortgage Association ("Ginnie Mae"), Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae") or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac"), which have a regular, once-a-month settlement. When a fund purchases a mortgage TBA, the underlying mortgage-related securities are delivered in the next settlement cycle (unless settlement is "rolled" to a future date).

The Adviser believes that liquidity of a forward settling transaction depends on the underlying issue or exposure (e.g., greater liquidity for Treasuries as compared to a particular collateralized mortgage obligation). For example, the mortgage TBA market is highly liquid and positions can be easily added, rolled, or closed. According to Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") Trade Reporting and Compliance Engine ("TRACE") data, TBAs represented approximately 94% of total agency trading volume in the month of April 2013.

Forwards are marked to market daily and can be priced intraday based on the underlying issue or exposure. Intraday pricing of securities to be settled on forward basis is often available on

each Fund's investment objectives and policies. With respect to each of the Funds, the Adviser represents that each Fund will typically use forwards as a substitute for taking a position in the underlying asset and/or as part of a strategy designed to reduce exposure to other risks, such as interest rate or currency risk. A Fund may also use forwards to enhance returns. To limit the potential risk associated with such transactions, each Fund will segregate or "earmark" assets determined to be liquid by PIMCO in accordance with procedures established by the Trust's Board of Trustees and in accordance with the 1940 Act (or, as permitted by applicable regulation, enter into certain offsetting positions) to cover its obligations arising from its use of forwards. These procedures have been adopted consistent with Section 18 of the 1940 Act and related Commission guidance. In addition, the Fund will include appropriate risk disclosure in its offering documents, including leveraging risk. Leveraging risk is the risk that certain transactions of a Fund, including a Fund's use of derivatives, may give rise to leverage, causing a Fund to be more volatile than if it had not been leveraged. To mitigate leveraging risk, the Adviser will segregate or "earmark" liquid assets or otherwise cover the transactions that may give rise to such risk.

Commission rules adopted thereunder; implemented, at a minimum, an annual review regarding the adequacy of the policies and procedures established pursuant to subparagraph above and the effectiveness of their implementation; and designated an individual (who is a supervised person) responsible for administering the policies and procedures adopted under subparagraph (i) above.

⁹ The term "under normal circumstances" includes, but is not limited to, the absence of extreme volatility or trading halts in the fixed income markets or the financial markets generally; operational issues causing dissemination of inaccurate market information; or force majeure type events such as systems failure, natural or man-made disaster, act of God, armed conflict, act of terrorism, riot or labor disruption or any similar intervening circumstance.

quotation services such as Bloomberg. The visibility of intraday prices of forwards is related to the visibility of prices of the underlying asset. Market participants can efficiently value forward settling securities as long as they have access to the relevant information, such as the underlying exposure.

On behalf of the funds it manages, PIMCO maintains standardized Master Forward Agreements in place with various counterparties. These standardized agreements include procedures for periodic collateral movement between a fund and the applicable counterparty to reflect changes in the value of forwards held by a fund.

In selecting individual Fixed Income Instruments, or in making broader sector allocations for the Fund, PIMCO will develop an outlook for interest rates, currency exchange rates and the economy, analyze credit and call risks and use other investment selection techniques. The proportion of the Fund's assets committed to an individual investment, or investments with particular characteristics (such as quality, sector, interest rate or maturity), will vary based on PIMCO's outlook for the U.S. economy and the economies of other countries in the world, the financial markets and other factors. PIMCO will attempt to identify areas of the bond market that are undervalued relative to the rest of the market. PIMCO may identify these areas by grouping Fixed Income Instruments into sectors such as money markets, governments, corporates,¹² mortgages, asset-backed and international. Once investment opportunities are identified, PIMCO will shift assets among individual Fixed Income Instruments, or among sectors, depending upon changes in relative valuations, credit spreads and other factors.

According to the Registration Statement, in managing the Fund, PIMCO may employ both a bottom-up and top-down approach to investment selection. PIMCO's bottom-up value investment style attempts to identify Fixed Income Instruments or sectors that are undervalued by the market in comparison to PIMCO's own determination of value. Using a top-down value investment style, PIMCO

also will consider various qualitative and quantitative factors relating to the U.S. and non-U.S. economies, and financial markets. These factors may include the outlook and projected growth of various sectors, projected growth trends in the U.S. and non-U.S. economies, forecasts for interest rates and the relationship between short- and long-term interest rates (yield curve), relative valuation levels in the financial markets and various segments within those markets, information relating to business cycles, borrowing needs and the cost of capital, political trends data relating to trade balances, and labor information. PIMCO has the flexibility to reallocate the Fund's assets among individual investments or sectors based on its ongoing analyses.

The average portfolio duration of the Fund normally will vary from three to eight years, based on PIMCO's forecast for interest rates.¹³ The Fund may invest in both investment grade debt securities and high yield debt securities ("junk bonds") subject to a maximum of 10% of its total assets in debt securities rated below B by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"), or equivalently rated by Standard & Poor's Rating Services ("S&P") or Fitch, Inc. ("Fitch"), or, if unrated, determined by PIMCO to be of comparable quality.¹⁴ The Fund may invest in securities and instruments that are economically tied to emerging market countries.¹⁵ The Fund may

¹³ Duration is a measure used to determine the sensitivity of a security's price to changes in interest rates. The longer a security's duration, the more sensitive it will be to changes in interest rates.

¹⁴ PIMCO utilizes sophisticated proprietary techniques in its creditworthiness analysis of unrated securities similar to the processes utilized by Moody's, S&P and Fitch in their respective analyses of rated securities. For example, in making a "comparable quality" determination for an unrated security, PIMCO may evaluate the likelihood of payment by the obligor, the nature and provisions of the debt obligation, and/or the protection afforded by, and relative position of, the debt obligation in the event of bankruptcy, reorganization or other arrangement under laws affecting creditors' rights. Upon consideration of these and other factors, PIMCO may determine that an unrated security is of comparable quality to rated securities in which the Fund may invest consistent with the Fund's credit quality guidelines described above.

¹⁵ According to the Registration Statement, PIMCO will have broad discretion to identify countries that it considers to qualify as emerging markets. In making investments in emerging market securities, the Fund will emphasize those countries with relatively low gross national product per capita and with the potential for rapid economic growth. Emerging market countries are generally located in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and Eastern Europe. PIMCO will select the country and currency composition based on its evaluation of relative interest rates, inflation rates, exchange rates, monetary and fiscal policies, trade and current account balances, legal and political developments and any other specific factors it believes to be relevant. While emerging markets

invest in securities and instruments denominated in foreign currencies and in U.S. dollar-denominated securities or instruments of foreign issuers. Subject to the Fund's investment limitations relating to high yield debt securities generally, the Fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in mortgage-backed securities or in other asset-backed securities, although this 20% limitation does not apply to securities issued or guaranteed by Federal agencies and/or U.S. government sponsored instrumentalities.

The Fund's portfolio or the Fund's broad-based securities market index (as defined in Form N-1A) will include a minimum of 13 non-affiliated issuers (excluding a portfolio or broad-based securities market index consisting entirely of exempted securities).¹⁶ The Fund may purchase or sell securities on a when-issued, delayed delivery or forward commitment basis and may engage in short sales.¹⁷ The Fund may, without limitation, seek to obtain market exposure to the securities in which it invests by entering into a series of purchase and sale contracts or by using other investment techniques (such as buy backs or dollar rolls). The "total return" sought by the Fund will consist of income earned on the Fund's investments, plus capital appreciation, if any, which generally arises from decreases in interest rates, foreign currency appreciation, or improving credit fundamentals for a particular sector or security.

PIMCO Low Duration Exchange-Traded Fund

According to the Registration Statement, the Fund's investment objective will be to seek maximum total return, consistent with preservation of capital and prudent investment management. The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing under normal circumstances at least 65% of its total assets in a diversified portfolio of Fixed Income Instruments of varying maturities and forward contracts on such Fixed Income

corporate debt securities (excluding commercial paper) generally must have \$200 million or more par amount outstanding and significant par value traded to be considered as an eligible investment for each of the Funds, at least 80% of issues of such securities held by a Fund must have \$200 million or more par amount outstanding at the time of investment.

¹⁶ The Fund's broad-based securities market index will be identified in a future amendment to the Registration Statement following the Fund's first full calendar year of performance.

¹⁷ Each of the Funds may make short sales of securities to: offset potential declines in long positions in similar securities, to increase the flexibility of the Fund; for investment return; and as part of a risk arbitrage strategy.

¹² While non-emerging markets corporate debt securities (excluding commercial paper) generally must have \$100 million or more par amount outstanding and significant par value traded to be considered as an eligible investment for each of the Funds, at least 80% of issues of such securities held by a Fund must have \$100 million or more par amount outstanding at the time of investment. See also note 15, *infra*, regarding emerging market corporate debt securities.

Instruments.¹⁸ The average portfolio duration of the Fund normally will vary from one to three years based on PIMCO's forecast for interest rates. In selecting individual Fixed Income Instruments, or in making broader sector allocations for the Fund, PIMCO will develop an outlook for interest rates, currency exchange rates and the economy, analyze credit and call risks and use other investment selection techniques.

The Fund will invest primarily in investment grade debt securities, but may invest up to 10% of its total assets in high yield debt securities rated B to Ba by Moody's, or equivalently rated by S&P or Fitch, or, if unrated, determined by PIMCO to be of comparable quality.¹⁹ The Fund may invest up to 30% of its total assets in securities and instruments denominated in foreign currencies, and may invest beyond this limit in U.S. dollar-denominated securities and instruments of foreign issuers, subject to the Fund's investment limitations relating to particular asset classes set forth herein. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its total assets in securities and instruments that are economically tied to emerging market countries, subject to the Fund's investment limitations relating to particular asset classes set forth herein.²⁰ The Fund will normally limit its foreign currency exposure (from non-U.S. dollar-denominated securities or currencies) to 20% of its total assets.

The Fund's portfolio or the Fund's broad-based securities market index (as defined in Form N-1A) will include a minimum of 13 non-affiliated issuers (excluding a portfolio or broad-based securities market index consisting entirely of exempted securities).²¹ Subject to the Fund's 10% investment limitations relating to high yield debt securities, the Fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in mortgage-backed securities or in other asset-backed securities, although this 20% limitation does not apply to securities issued or guaranteed by Federal agencies and/or U.S. government sponsored instrumentalities. The Fund may purchase or sell securities on a when-issued, delayed delivery or forward commitment basis and may engage in short sales.²² The Fund may, without limitation, seek to obtain market exposure to the securities in which it invests by entering into a series of

purchase and sale contracts or by using other investment techniques (such as buy backs or dollar rolls). The "total return" sought by the Fund will consist of income earned on the Fund's investments, plus capital appreciation, if any, which generally arises from decreases in interest rates, foreign currency appreciation, or improving credit fundamentals for a particular sector or security.

PIMCO Real Return Exchange-Traded Fund

According to the Registration Statement, the Fund's investment objective will be to seek maximum real return, consistent with preservation of capital and prudent investment management. The Fund will seek its investment objective by investing under normal circumstances at least 80% of its net assets in inflation-indexed bonds of varying maturities issued by U.S. and non-U.S. governments, their agencies or instrumentalities, and corporations, and forward contracts on such Fixed Income Instruments.²³ Assets not invested in inflation-indexed bonds may be invested in other types of Fixed Income Instruments. Inflation-indexed bonds are fixed income securities that are structured to provide protection against inflation. The value of the bond's principal or the interest income paid on the bond is adjusted to track changes in an official inflation measure. The U.S. Treasury uses the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers as the inflation measure. Inflation-indexed bonds issued by a foreign government are generally adjusted to reflect a comparable inflation index, calculated by that government. "Real return" equals total return less the estimated cost of inflation, which is typically measured by the change in an official inflation measure.

According to the Registration Statement, because market convention for bonds is to use nominal yields to measure duration, duration for real return bonds, which are based on real yields, are converted to nominal durations through a conversion factor. The resulting nominal duration typically can range from 20% and 90% of the respective real duration. All security holdings will be measured in effective (nominal) duration terms.²⁴

²³ See *supra* discussion regarding forwards.

²⁴ According to the Registration Statement, effective duration takes into account that for certain bonds expected cash flows will fluctuate as interest rates change and is defined in nominal yield terms, which is market convention for most bond investors and managers. The effective duration of the Barclays Capital U.S. TIPS Index (referenced below) will be calculated using the same conversion factors as the Fund.

The effective duration of the Fund normally will vary within three years (plus or minus) of the effective portfolio duration of the securities comprising the Barclays Capital U.S. TIPS Index, as calculated by PIMCO, which as of January 31, 2013, as converted, was 6.16 years.

The Fund will invest primarily in investment grade debt securities, but may invest up to 10% of its total assets in high yield debt securities rated B to Ba by Moody's, or equivalently rated by S&P or Fitch, or, if unrated, determined by PIMCO to be of comparable quality.²⁵

The Fund also may invest up to 30% of its total assets in securities denominated in foreign currencies, and may invest beyond this limit in U.S. dollar-denominated securities of foreign issuers, subject to the Fund's investment limitations relating to particular asset classes set forth herein. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its total assets in securities and instruments that are economically tied to emerging market countries, subject to the Fund's investment limitations relating to particular asset classes set forth herein.²⁶ The Fund will normally limit its foreign currency exposure (from non-U.S. dollar-denominated securities or currencies) to 20% of its total assets.

The Fund's portfolio or the Fund's broad-based securities market index (as defined in Form N-1A) will include a minimum of 13 non-affiliated issuers (excluding a portfolio or broad-based securities market index consisting entirely of exempted securities).²⁷ Subject to the Fund's 10% investment limitations relating to high yield debt securities, the Fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in mortgage-backed securities or in other asset-backed securities, although this 20% limitation does not apply to securities issued or guaranteed by Federal agencies and/or U.S. government sponsored instrumentalities. The Fund may purchase or sell securities on a when-issued, delayed delivery or forward commitment basis and may engage in short sales.²⁸ The Fund may, without limitation, seek to obtain market exposure to the securities in which it invests by entering into a series of purchase and sale contracts or by using other investment techniques (such as buy backs or dollar rolls).

²⁵ See note 14, *supra*.

²⁶ See note 15, *supra*.

²⁷ The Fund's broad-based securities market index will be identified in a future amendment to the Registration Statement following the Fund's first full calendar year of performance.

²⁸ See note 17, *supra*.

¹⁸ See *supra* discussion regarding forwards.

¹⁹ See note 14, *supra*.

²⁰ See note 15, *supra*.

²¹ The Fund's broad-based securities market index will be identified in a future amendment to the Registration Statement following the Fund's first full calendar year of performance.

²² See note 17, *supra*.

Other Portfolio Holdings

As disclosed in the Trust's Registration Statement, if PIMCO believes that economic or market conditions are unfavorable to investors, PIMCO may temporarily invest up to 100% of a Fund's assets in certain defensive strategies, including holding a substantial portion of a Fund's assets in cash, cash equivalents or other highly rated short-term securities, including securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities and affiliated money market and/or short-term bond funds.

While the debt securities in which the Funds primarily intend to invest are expected to consist of Fixed Income Instruments, as described above, the Funds may invest their respective remaining net assets in other securities and financial instruments, as described below.

Each of the Funds may engage in foreign currency transactions through forward currency contracts. A forward foreign currency exchange contract, which involves an obligation to purchase or sell a specific currency at a future date at a price set at the time of the contract, reduces the Fund's exposure to changes in the value of the currency it will deliver and increases its exposure to changes in the value of the currency it will receive for the duration of the contract. A Fund's investments in foreign currency forwards will be subject to the limit on a Fund's foreign currency exposure. For each of the PIMCO Low Duration Exchange-Traded Fund and PIMCO Real Return Exchange-Traded Fund, foreign currency exposure will not exceed 20% of the Fund's total assets. There is no limit on the PIMCO Diversified Income Fund's foreign currency exposure.

The Funds may invest in equity securities. The Funds will invest only in U.S. and non-U.S. equity securities that trade in markets that are members of the Intermarket Surveillance Group ("ISG"), which includes all U.S. national securities exchanges and certain foreign exchanges, or are parties to a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement with the Exchange.²⁹

The Funds each may invest up to 10% of its total assets in preferred stock, convertible securities³⁰ and other equity-related securities.

The Funds may invest in, to the extent permitted by Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act and rules thereunder, other affiliated and unaffiliated funds, such as open-end or closed-end management investment companies, including other exchange traded funds.

The Funds may hold up to an aggregate amount of 15% of their respective net assets in illiquid securities (calculated at the time of investment), including Rule 144A securities deemed illiquid by the Adviser, consistent with Commission guidance.³¹ The Funds will monitor their portfolio liquidity on an ongoing basis to determine whether, in light of current circumstances, an adequate level of liquidity is being maintained, and will consider taking appropriate steps in order to maintain adequate liquidity if, through a change in values, net assets, or other circumstances, more than 15% of a Fund's net assets are held in illiquid securities. Illiquid securities include securities subject to contractual or other restrictions on resale and other instruments that lack readily available markets as determined in accordance with Commission staff guidance.³²

Investment Limitations

The Funds will be subject to the following investment limitations:

The Funds may not concentrate their investments in a particular industry, as that term is used in the 1940 Act,³³ and

³¹ In reaching liquidity decisions, the Adviser may consider the following factors: the frequency of trades and quotes for the security; the number of dealers wishing to purchase or sell the security and the number of other potential purchasers; dealer undertakings to make a market in the security; and the nature of the security and the nature of the marketplace in which it trades (e.g., the time needed to dispose of the security, the method of soliciting offers and the mechanics of transfer).

³² The Commission has stated that long-standing Commission guidelines have required open-end funds to hold no more than 15% of their net assets in illiquid securities and other illiquid assets. *See* Investment Company Act Release No. 28193 (March 11, 2008), 73 FR 14618 (March 18, 2008), footnote 34. *See also* Investment Company Act Release No. 5847 (October 21, 1969), 35 FR 19989 (December 31, 1970) (Statement Regarding "Restricted Securities"); Investment Company Act Release No. 18612 (March 12, 1992), 57 FR 9828 (March 20, 1992) (Revisions of Guidelines to Form N-1A). A fund's portfolio security is illiquid if it cannot be disposed of in the ordinary course of business within seven days at approximately the value ascribed to it by the fund. *See* Investment Company Act Release No. 14983 (March 12, 1986), 51 FR 9773 (March 21, 1986) (adopting amendments to Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act); Investment Company Act Release No. 17452 (April 23, 1990), 55 FR 17933 (April 30, 1990) (adopting Rule 144A under the Securities Act).

³³ *See* Form N-1A, Item 9. The Commission has taken the position that a fund is concentrated if it invests more than 25% of the value of its total assets in any one industry. *See, e.g.,* Investment Company Act Release No. 9011 (October 30, 1975), 40 FR 54241 (November 21, 1975).

as interpreted, modified, or otherwise permitted by regulatory authority having jurisdiction from time to time.³⁴

With respect to the PIMCO Diversified Income Exchange-Traded Fund and PIMCO Low Duration Exchange-Traded Fund, the Funds may not, with respect to 75% of each Fund's total assets, purchase the securities of any issuer, except securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or any of its agencies or instrumentalities, if, as a result (i) more than 5% of a Fund's total assets would be invested in the securities of that issuer,³⁵ or (ii) a Fund would hold more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of that issuer. For the purpose of this restriction, each state and each separate political subdivision, agency, authority or instrumentality of such state, each multi-state agency or authority, and each guarantor, if any, are treated as separate issuers of municipal bonds. The PIMCO Real Return Exchange-Traded Fund will be non-diversified,³⁶ which means that it may invest its assets in a smaller number of issuers than a diversified fund.

Each Fund intends to qualify annually and elect to be treated as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code.³⁷

The Funds will not invest in options contracts, futures contracts, or swap agreements.

Additional information regarding the Trust and the Shares, including investment strategies, risks, creation and redemption procedures, fees, portfolio holdings, disclosure policies, distributions and taxes is included in the Registration Statement. All terms relating to the Funds that are referred to but not defined in this proposed rule change are defined in the Registration Statement.

Net Asset Value

According to the Registration Statement, the net asset value ("NAV") of the Funds' Shares is determined by dividing the total value of the applicable Fund's portfolio investments and other assets, less any liabilities, by the total number of Shares outstanding. Fund Shares will be valued as of the close of regular trading (normally 4:00 p.m.,

³⁴ The Funds' policies with respect to the concentration of investments in a particular industry is disclosed in the Trust's Registration Statement.

³⁵ The diversification standard is set forth in Section 5(b)(1) of the 1940 Act (15 U.S.C. 80e).

³⁶ A "non-diversified company," as defined in Section 5(b)(2) of the 1940 Act, means any management company other than a diversified company (as defined in Section 5(b)(1) of the 1940 Act).

³⁷ 26 U.S.C. 851.

²⁹ *See* note 45, *infra*.

³⁰ A convertible security is a bond, debenture, note, preferred stock, or other security that entitles the holder to acquire common stock or other equity securities of the same or a different issuer. A convertible security generally entitles the holder to receive interest paid or accrued until the convertible security matures or is redeemed, converted or exchanged.

E.T.) on each day NYSE Arca is open. On each business day, before commencement of trading in Fund Shares on NYSE Arca, each Fund will disclose on its Web site the identities and quantities of the portfolio instruments and other assets held by the Fund that will form the basis for the Fund's calculation of NAV at the end of the business day. Information that becomes known to a Fund or its agents after the NAV has been calculated on a particular day will not generally be used to retroactively adjust the price of a portfolio asset or the NAV determined earlier that day. Each Fund will reserve the right to change the time its NAV is calculated if the Fund closes earlier, or as permitted by the Commission.

For purposes of calculating NAV, portfolio securities and other assets for which market quotes are readily available will be valued at market value. Market value will generally be determined on the basis of last reported sales prices, or if no sales are reported, as is the case for most securities traded over-the-counter, based on quotes obtained from a quotation reporting system, established market makers, or independent pricing services. For exchange-traded securities, including common stocks, preferred stocks, securities convertible into stocks, closed-end funds, exchange traded funds and other equity-related securities, market value also may be determined on the day that the valuation is made based on the applicable exchange's official closing price or last reported sales price. Shares of non-exchange-traded open-end or closed-end management investment companies normally will be valued at their most recently calculated NAV. Fixed Income Instruments, including those to be purchased under firm commitment agreements (other than obligations having a maturity of 60 days or less), will be normally valued on the basis of quotes obtained from brokers and dealers or independent pricing services, which take into account appropriate factors such as institutional-sized trading in similar groups of securities, yield, quality, coupon rate, maturity, type of issue, trading characteristics, and other market data. In addition, Fixed Income Instruments will normally be valued using data reflecting the earlier closing of the principal markets for those assets.

Forwards for which market quotes are readily available will be valued at market value. Local closing prices will be used for all instrument valuation purposes. Typically, forwards on Fixed Income Instruments will be marked to market daily.

Additional information regarding the valuation of Fund investments in calculating a Fund's NAV is provided in the Registration Statement.

Portfolio Indicative Value

In order to provide additional information regarding the intra-day value of Shares of the Funds, the NYSE Arca or a market data vendor will disseminate every 15 seconds through the facilities of the Consolidated Tape Association ("CTA") or other widely disseminated means an updated Portfolio Indicative Value ("PIV") for each Fund as calculated by an information provider or market data vendor. The PIV will be based upon the current value for the components of a Fund's Disclosed Portfolio, as defined in NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600(c)(2).

A third party market data provider will calculate the PIV for the Funds. For the purpose of determining a Fund's PIV, the third party market data provider's valuation of forwards will be similar to their valuation of all securities. The third party market data provider will generally use market quotes if available. Where market quotes are not available, they may fair value securities against proxies (such as swap or yield curves).

Each Fund's disclosure of forward positions will include information that market participants can use to value these positions intraday. This information may include tickers or other identifiers, or the underlying asset or index.

Creations and Redemptions of Shares

According to the Registration Statement, Shares of the Funds that trade in the secondary market will be "created" at NAV by authorized participants only in block-size Creation Units of 50,000 Shares for each Fund or multiples thereof. The Funds will offer and issue Shares at their NAV per Share generally in exchange for a basket of securities held by the Fund (the "Deposit Securities") together with a deposit of a specified cash payment (the "Cash Component"). Alternatively, the Funds may issue Creation Units in exchange for a specified all-cash payment ("Cash Deposit"). Similarly, Shares can be redeemed only in Creation Units, generally in-kind for a portfolio of securities held by a Fund and/or for a specified amount of cash.

Except when aggregated in Creation Units, Shares will not be redeemable by a Fund. The prices at which creations and redemptions occur will be based on the next calculation of NAV after an order is received. Requirements as to the timing and form of orders are described

in the authorized participant agreement. PIMCO will make available on each business day via the National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC") or other method of public dissemination, prior to the opening of business (subject to amendments) on the Exchange (currently 9:30 a.m., E.T.), the identity and the required amount of each Deposit Security and the amount of the Cash Component (or Cash Deposit) to be included in the current Fund Deposit³⁸ (based on information at the end of the previous business day). Creations and redemptions must be made by an Authorized Participant or through a firm that is either a participant in the Continuous Net Settlement System of the NSCC or a DTC participant, and in each case, must have executed an agreement with the Distributor and Transfer Agent with respect to creations and redemptions of Creation Unit aggregations.

Impact of Use of Forwards on Arbitrage Mechanism

The Adviser believes there will be minimal, if any, impact to the arbitrage mechanism as a result of the use of forwards. Market makers and participants should be able to value forwards as long as the positions are disclosed with relevant information. The Adviser believes that the price at which Shares will trade will be disciplined by arbitrage opportunities created by the ability to purchase or redeem creation Shares at their NAV, which should ensure that Shares will not trade at a material discount or premium in relation to their NAV.

The Adviser does not believe there will be any significant impacts to the settlement or operational aspects of a Fund's arbitrage mechanism due to the use of forwards. To the extent forwards are not eligible for in-kind transfer, they will typically be substituted with a "cash in lieu" amount when a Fund processes purchases or redemptions of creation units in-kind.

Availability of Information

The Trust's Web site (www.pimcoetfs.com), which will be publicly available prior to the public offering of Shares, will include a form of the prospectus for the Funds that may be downloaded. The Trust's Web site will include additional quantitative information updated on a daily basis, including, for the Funds, (1) daily trading volume, the prior business day's reported closing price, NAV and mid-

³⁸ The Deposit Securities and Cash Component or, alternatively, the Cash Deposit, constitute the "Fund Deposit," which represents the investment amount for a Creation Unit of a Fund.

point of the bid/ask spread at the time of calculation of such NAV (the “Bid/Ask Price”),³⁹ and a calculation of the premium and discount of the Bid/Ask Price against the NAV, and (2) data in chart format displaying the frequency distribution of discounts and premiums of the daily Bid/Ask Price against the NAV, within appropriate ranges, for each of the four previous calendar quarters. On each business day, before commencement of trading in Shares in the Core Trading Session (9:30 a.m., E.T. to 4:00 p.m., E.T.) on the Exchange, each Fund will disclose on the Trust’s Web site the Disclosed Portfolio that will form the basis for a Fund’s calculation of NAV at the end of the business day.⁴⁰

On a daily basis, each Fund will disclose for each portfolio security and other financial instrument of a Fund the following information: Ticker symbol (if applicable), name of security and financial instrument, number of shares, if applicable, and dollar value of securities and financial instruments held in the portfolio, and percentage weighting of the security and financial instrument in the portfolio. As noted above, each Fund’s disclosure of forward positions will include information that market participants can use to value these positions intraday, and this information may include tickers or other identifiers, or the underlying asset or index. The Web site information will be publicly available at no charge.

In addition, a basket composition file, which will include the security names and quantities of securities required to be delivered in exchange for Fund Shares, together with estimates and actual cash components, will be publicly disseminated daily prior to the opening of the NYSE via the NSCC. The basket will represent one Creation Unit of a Fund. The NAV of the Funds will normally be determined as of the close of the regular trading session on the NYSE (ordinarily 4:00 p.m., E.T.) on each business day. Authorized participants may refer to the basket composition file for information regarding Fixed Income Instruments, and any other instrument that may

comprise a Fund’s basket on a given day.

Investors can also obtain the Trust’s Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”), the Funds’ Shareholder Reports, and its Form N–CSR and Form N–SAR, filed twice a year. The Trust’s SAI and Shareholder Reports will be available free upon request from the Trust, and those documents and the Form N–CSR and Form N–SAR may be viewed on-screen or downloaded from the Commission’s Web site at www.sec.gov. Intra-day and closing price information regarding equity securities traded on a national securities exchange, including common stocks, preferred stocks, securities convertible into stocks, closed-end funds, exchange traded funds and other equity-related securities, will be available from the exchange on which such securities are traded. Price information regarding non-exchange-traded open-end or closed-end management investment companies will be available from major market data vendors. Intra-day and closing price information regarding Fixed Income Instruments also will be available from major market data vendors. Price information relating to forwards will be available from major market data vendors. Information regarding market price and trading volume of the Shares will be continually available on a real-time basis throughout the day on brokers’ computer screens and other electronic services. Information regarding the previous day’s closing price and trading volume information for the Shares of each Fund will be published daily in the financial section of newspapers. Quotation and last sale information for the Shares of each Fund will be available via the CTA high-speed line. In addition, the PIV for each Fund, as defined in NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600(c)(3), will be widely disseminated by one or more major market data vendors at least every 15 seconds during the Core Trading Session.⁴¹ The dissemination of the PIV, together with the Disclosed Portfolio, will allow investors to determine the approximate value of the underlying portfolio of a Fund on a daily basis and to provide a close estimate of that value throughout the trading day.

Trading Halts

With respect to trading halts, the Exchange may consider all relevant factors in exercising its discretion to halt or suspend trading in the Shares of

a Fund.⁴² Trading in Shares of a Fund will be halted if the circuit breaker parameters in NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.12 have been reached. Trading also may be halted because of market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in the Shares of a Fund inadvisable. These may include: (1) The extent to which trading is not occurring in the securities and/or the financial instruments comprising the Disclosed Portfolio of a Fund; or (2) whether other unusual conditions or circumstances detrimental to the maintenance of a fair and orderly market are present. Trading in the Shares of the Funds will be subject to NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600(d)(2)(D), which sets forth circumstances under which Shares of a Fund may be halted.

Trading Rules

The Exchange deems the Shares to be equity securities, thus rendering trading in the Shares subject to the Exchange’s existing rules governing the trading of equity securities. Shares will trade on the NYSE Arca Marketplace from 4:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., E.T. in accordance with NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.34 (Opening, Core, and Late Trading Sessions). The Exchange has appropriate rules to facilitate transactions in the Shares during all trading sessions. As provided in NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.6, Commentary .03, the minimum price variation (“MPV”) for quoting and entry of orders in equity securities traded on the NYSE Arca Marketplace is \$0.01, with the exception of securities that are priced less than \$1.00 for which the MPV for order entry is \$0.0001.

The Shares of each Fund will conform to the initial and continued listing criteria under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600. The Exchange represents that, for initial and/or continued listing, the Funds will be in compliance with Rule 10A–3 under the Act,⁴³ as provided by NYSE Arca Equities Rule 5.3. A minimum of 100,000 Shares for each Fund will be outstanding at the commencement of trading on the Exchange. The Exchange will obtain a representation from the issuer of the Shares of each Fund that the NAV per Share will be calculated daily and that the NAV and the Disclosed Portfolio for each Fund will be made available to all market participants at the same time.

Surveillance

The Exchange represents that trading in the Shares will be subject to the existing trading surveillances,

³⁹ The Bid/Ask Price of a Fund’s Shares will be determined using the mid-point of the highest bid and the lowest offer on the Exchange as of the time of calculation of a Fund’s NAV. The records relating to Bid/Ask Prices will be retained by the Funds and their service providers.

⁴⁰ Under accounting procedures followed by the Funds, trades made on the prior business day (“T”) will be booked and reflected in NAV on the current business day (“T+1”). Accordingly, the Funds will be able to disclose at the beginning of the business day the portfolio that will form the basis for the NAV calculation at the end of the business day.

⁴¹ Currently, it is the Exchange’s understanding that several major market data vendors display and/or make widely available PIVs taken from CTA or other data feeds.

⁴² See NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.12.

⁴³ 17 CFR 240.10A–3.

administered by FINRA on behalf of the Exchange, which are designed to detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws.⁴⁴ The Exchange represents that these procedures are adequate to properly monitor Exchange trading of the Shares in all trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws.

The surveillances referred to above generally focus on detecting securities trading outside their normal patterns, which could be indicative of manipulative or other violative activity. When such situations are detected, surveillance analysis follows and investigations are opened, where appropriate, to review the behavior of all relevant parties for all relevant trading violations.

FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, will communicate as needed regarding trading in the Shares and exchange-traded securities held by the Funds with other markets and other entities that are members of the ISG, and FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, may obtain trading information regarding trading in the Shares and exchange-traded securities held by the Funds from such markets and other entities. In addition, the Exchange may obtain information regarding trading in the Shares and exchange-traded securities held by the Funds from markets and other entities that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement.⁴⁵ In addition, FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, is able to access, as needed, trade information for certain Fixed Income Instruments reported to FINRA's Trade Reporting and Compliance Engine ("TRACE").

With respect to their equity securities investments, the Funds will invest only in U.S. and non-U.S. equity securities that trade in markets that are members of the ISG, which includes all U.S. national securities exchanges and certain foreign exchanges, or are parties to a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement with the Exchange.

In addition, the Exchange also has a general policy prohibiting the distribution of material, non-public information by its employees.

Information Bulletin

Prior to the commencement of trading, the Exchange will inform its Equity Trading Permit ("ETP") Holders in an Information Bulletin ("Bulletin") of the special characteristics and risks associated with trading the Shares of each Fund. Specifically, the Bulletin will discuss the following: (1) The procedures for purchases and redemptions of Shares in Creation Unit aggregations (and that Shares are not individually redeemable); (2) NYSE Arca Equities Rule 9.2(a), which imposes a duty of due diligence on its ETP Holders to learn the essential facts relating to every customer prior to trading the Shares; (3) the risks involved in trading the Shares during the Opening and Late Trading Sessions when an updated PIV will not be calculated or publicly disseminated; (4) how information regarding the PIV is disseminated; (5) the requirement that ETP Holders deliver a prospectus to investors purchasing newly issued Shares prior to or concurrently with the confirmation of a transaction; and (6) trading information.

In addition, the Bulletin will reference that each Fund is subject to various fees and expenses described in the Registration Statement. The Bulletin will discuss any exemptive, no-action, and interpretive relief granted by the Commission from any rules under the Act. The Bulletin will also disclose that the NAV for the Shares of each Fund will be calculated after 4:00 p.m. E.T. each trading day.

2. Statutory Basis

The basis under the Act for this proposed rule change is the requirement under Section 6(b)(5)⁴⁶ that an exchange have rules that are designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to, and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices in that the Shares of each Fund will be listed and traded on the Exchange pursuant to the initial and continued listing criteria in NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600. The Exchange has in place surveillance procedures that are adequate to properly monitor trading in the Shares in all trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange

rules and applicable federal securities laws.

FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, will communicate as needed regarding trading in the Shares and exchange-traded securities held by the Funds with other markets and other entities that are members of the ISG, and FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, may obtain trading information regarding trading in the Shares and exchange-traded securities held by the Funds from such markets and other entities. In addition, the Exchange may obtain information regarding trading in the Shares and exchange-traded securities held by the Funds from markets and other entities that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement. In addition, FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, is able to access, as needed, trade information for certain Fixed Income Instruments reported to TRACE. The Adviser is not a broker-dealer but is affiliated with a broker-dealer and has implemented a "fire wall" with respect to such broker-dealer regarding access to information concerning the composition and/or changes to a Fund's portfolio. In addition, the Funds will implement and maintain, or be subject to, procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material non-public information regarding a Fund's portfolio holdings. While emerging markets corporate debt securities (excluding commercial paper) generally must have \$200 million or more par amount outstanding and significant par value traded to be considered as an eligible investment for each of the Funds, at least 80% of issues of such securities held by a Fund must have \$200 million or more par amount outstanding at the time of investment. The Diversified Income Exchange-Traded Fund may invest in both investment grade debt securities and high yield debt securities subject to a maximum of 10% of its total assets in debt securities rated below B by Moody's, or equivalently rated by S&P or Fitch, or, if unrated, determined by PIMCO to be of comparable quality. The Low Duration Exchange-Traded Fund and Real Return Exchange-Traded Fund will each invest primarily in investment grade debt securities, but may invest up to 10% of its total assets in high yield debt securities rated B to Ba by Moody's, or equivalently rated by S&P or Fitch, or, if unrated, determined by PIMCO to be of comparable quality. The Funds will invest only in U.S. and non-U.S. equity securities that trade in markets that are members of the ISG, which includes all U.S. national

⁴⁴ FINRA surveils trading on the Exchange pursuant to a regulatory services agreement. The Exchange is responsible for FINRA's performance under this regulatory services agreement.

⁴⁵ For a list of the current members of ISG, see www.isgportal.org. The Exchange notes that not all components of the Disclosed Portfolio may trade on markets that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement.

⁴⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

securities exchanges and certain foreign exchanges, or are parties to a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement with the Exchange. The Funds may hold up to an aggregate amount of 15% of their respective net assets in illiquid securities (calculated at the time of investment), including Rule 144A securities deemed illiquid by the Adviser, consistent with Commission guidance. Each Fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in mortgage-backed securities or in other asset-backed securities, although this 20% limitation does not apply to securities issued or guaranteed by Federal agencies and/or U.S. government sponsored instrumentalities. The Funds will not invest in options contracts, futures contracts, or swap agreements.

The proposed rule change is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade and to protect investors and the public interest in that the Exchange will obtain a representation from the issuer of the Shares that the NAV per Share will be calculated daily and that the NAV and the Disclosed Portfolio will be made available to all market participants at the same time. In addition, a large amount of information is publicly available regarding the Funds and the Shares, thereby promoting market transparency. Moreover, the PIV will be widely disseminated by one or more major market data vendors at least every 15 seconds during the Exchange's Core Trading Session. On each business day, before commencement of trading in Shares in the Core Trading Session on the Exchange, the Funds will disclose on the Trust's Web site the Disclosed Portfolio that will form the basis for such Fund's calculation of NAV at the end of the business day. Information regarding market price and trading volume of the Shares will be continually available on a real-time basis throughout the day on brokers' computer screens and other electronic services, and quotation and last sale information will be available via the CTA high-speed line. Intra-day and closing price information regarding equity securities traded on a national securities exchange, including common stocks, preferred stocks, securities convertible into stocks, closed-end funds, exchange traded funds and other equity-related securities, will be available from the exchange on which such securities are traded. Price information regarding non-exchange-traded open-end or closed-end management investment companies will be available from major market data vendors. Intra-day and closing price

information regarding Fixed Income Instruments also will be available from major market data vendors. Price information relating to forwards will be available from major market data vendors. The Trust's Web site will include a form of the prospectus for the Funds and additional data relating to NAV and other applicable quantitative information. Moreover, prior to the commencement of trading, the Exchange will inform its ETP Holders in an Information Bulletin of the special characteristics and risks associated with trading the Shares. Trading in Shares of a Fund will be halted if the circuit breaker parameters in NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.12 have been reached or because of market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in the Shares inadvisable, and trading in the Shares will be subject to NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600(d)(2)(D), which sets forth circumstances under which Shares of a Fund may be halted. In addition, as noted above, investors will have ready access to information regarding the Funds' holdings, the PIV, the Disclosed Portfolio, and quotation and last sale information for the Shares.

The proposed rule change is designed to perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest in that it will facilitate the listing and trading of additional types of actively-managed exchange-traded products that will enhance competition among market participants, to the benefit of investors and the marketplace. As noted above, the Exchange has in place surveillance procedures relating to trading in the Shares and may obtain information via ISG from other exchanges that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has entered into a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement. In addition, as noted above, investors will have ready access to information regarding the Funds' holdings, the PIV, the Disclosed Portfolio, and quotation and last sale information for the Shares.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purpose of the Act. The Exchange notes that the proposed rule change will facilitate the listing and trading of additional types of actively-managed exchange-traded products that invest primarily in debt securities, which will enhance competition among market

participants, to the benefit of investors and the marketplace.

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

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to 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 (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

(A) By order approve or disapprove the 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, as modified by Amendment No. 1 thereto, 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. Please include File Number SR-NYSEArca-2013-106 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEArca-2013-106. 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 Web site (<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 Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Section, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549 on official business days between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the NYSE's principal office and on its Internet Web site at www.nyse.com. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEArca-2013-106 and should be submitted on or before November 26, 2013.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁴⁷

Kevin M. O'Neill,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Order Instituting Proceedings To Determine Whether To Approve or Disapprove Proposed Rule Change Relating to Participation on the Alternative Display Facility

October 30, 2013.

I. Introduction

On July 18, 2013, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² proposed rule change to amend FINRA Rules 6271 and 6272 regarding the requirements for members seeking registration as FINRA Alternative Display Facility ("ADF") Market Participants (the "Proposal").

The Proposal was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on August 1, 2013.³ The Commission received one comment letter on the Proposal.⁴ On September 10, 2013, the Commission extended the time period in which to either approve, disapprove, or to institute proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove the Proposal, to October 30, 2013.⁵ On October 25, 2013, FINRA responded to the comment letter.⁶ This order institutes proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act to determine whether to approve or disapprove the Proposal.

II. Background

Current ADF Registration Requirements

The ADF is a quotation collection and trade reporting facility. According to FINRA, the ADF provides (1) ADF market participants (*i.e.*, ADF-registered market makers ("ADF Market Makers") or electronic communications networks ("ECNs" and, with "ADF Market Makers", "ADF Market Participants")) with the ability to post quotations or display orders in NMS stocks and (2) all member firms that participate in the ADF the ability to view quotations and report transactions in NMS stocks to the Securities Information Processors ("SIPs") for consolidation and dissemination of data to vendors and ADF Market Participants.⁷ FINRA states that the ADF is also designed to deliver real-time data to FINRA for regulatory purposes, including enforcement of

requirements imposed by Regulation NMS.⁸

FINRA rules provide that ADF Market Participants (*i.e.*, either registered reporting ADF Market Makers or registered reporting ADF ECNs)⁹ must register as ADF market makers or ECNs before making a market or displaying orders on the ADF.¹⁰ Members are required to register as ADF Market Participants by applying to FINRA, which includes certifying the member's good standing with FINRA and demonstrating compliance with the net capital and other financial responsibility provisions of the Act.¹¹ Before displaying quotations or orders on the ADF, ADF Trading Centers¹² must also execute and comply with a Certification Record to certify the ADF Trading Center's compliance efforts with its obligations under Regulation NMS.¹³

Status of the ADF and Other FINRA Transparency Facilities

According to FINRA, no member has registered with FINRA as a registered reporting ADF Market Maker since the ADF was launched in 2002, and there have been four members that, at various points in time, were registered as registered reporting ADF ECNs.¹⁴ Since the second quarter of 2010, FINRA states that there have been no ADF Market Participants.¹⁵

FINRA states that in 2011, it began the process of updating and migrating all of its transparency facilities (including the FINRA Trade Reporting Facilities, the Trade Reporting and Compliance Engine ("TRACE"), and the ADF) off of independent technology platforms and onto a new, single, updated technology platform known as the Multi Product Platform ("MPP").¹⁶ FINRA originally scheduled the migration of the ADF onto MPP last, anticipating onboarding of a new ADF Market Participant no sooner than mid-2014.¹⁷

⁸ See 17 CFR 242.600.

⁹ See FINRA Rule 6220(a)(3), (12), (13).

¹⁰ See FINRA Rule 6271.

¹¹ See FINRA Rule 6271(b).

¹² An "ADF Trading Center" is a registered reporting ADF Market Maker or registered reporting ADF ECN that is a "Trading Center," as defined in Rule 600(b)(78) of SEC regulation NMS, and that is certified to display its quotations or orders through the ADF. See FINRA Rule 6220(a)(4); see also 17 CFR 242.600(b)(87).

¹³ See FINRA Rules 6220(a)(5), 6250(a)(7); NASD Notice to Members 06-67 (November 2006); see also SR-NASD-2006-091, Exhibit 3.

¹⁴ See Notice, 78 FR at 46653.

¹⁵ See *id.*

¹⁶ See *id.*

¹⁷ See *id.* After the ADF is migrated to MPP, however, FINRA claims that it will only have the ADF base infrastructure completed. FINRA

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⁴⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 70048 (July 26, 2013), 78 FR 46652 ("Notice").

⁴ See Letter to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Commission, from David Harris, Chairman and CEO, National Stock Exchange, Inc., dated September 9, 2013 ("NSX Letter").

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 70358, 78 FR 56967 (September 16, 2013) (SR-FINRA-2013-031).

⁶ See Letter from Stephanie M. Dumont, Senior Vice President and Director of Capital Markets Policy, FINRA to the Commission dated October 25, 2013, ("FINRA Response").

⁷ See Notice, 78 FR at 46652. The ADF was initially approved by the Commission on July 24, 2002, in connection with the SEC's approval of SuperMontage and Nasdaq's registration as a national securities exchange. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 46249 (July 24, 2002), 67 FR 49822 (July 31, 2002); see also NASD Notice to Members 02-45 (August 2002). At that time, the ADF was approved for Nasdaq-listed securities for a nine-month pilot period to provide FINRA members with an alternative to the Nasdaq systems for reporting quotations and transactions in Nasdaq UTP Plan securities. On September 28, 2006, the SEC approved amendments to extend the ADF's functionality to all NMS stocks. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 54537 (September 28, 2006), 71 FR 59173 (October 6, 2006); see also NASD Notice to Members 06-67 (November 2006). The ADF was approved on a permanent basis for NMS stocks on January 26, 2007. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 55181 (January 26, 2007), 72 FR 5093 (February 2, 2007).