



EDGA & EDGX STOCK EXCHANGES			
Regulatory Information Circular			
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Subject: ProShares German Sovereign / Sub-Sovereign ETF

Background Information on the Fund

As more fully explained in the [Registration Statement](#) (Nos. 333-89822 and 811-21114) for ProShares Trust (“Trust”), the Trust is an open-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (“1940 Act”), that consists of separate exchange-traded funds, of which ProShares German Sovereign / Sub-Sovereign ETF (the “Fund”) is one portfolio. The Fund is an exchange-traded fund (“ETF”). The shares of the Fund are referred to herein as “Shares.”

Description of the Fund

The ProShares German Sovereign / Sub-Sovereign ETF seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, tracks the performance of the Markit iBoxx EUR Germany Sovereign & Sub-Sovereign Liquid Index (the “Index”). The Index, published by Markit, seeks to track the performance of fixed rate debt securities of the Federal Republic of Germany (“Sovereign”) as well as local governments and entities or agencies guaranteed by various German governments (“Sub-Sovereign”) issuers. Qualifying constituents must be rated Investment Grade or higher (based on an average of ratings issued by Moody’s Investors Service, Inc., Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services and/or Fitch, Inc.), have a minimum principal outstanding of 2 billion euros (or its equivalent) for Sovereign securities and 1 billion euros (or its equivalent) for Sub-Sovereign securities, and have a minimum remaining time to maturity of at least one year.

The Index is based on a market-value weighting methodology, with limits on the overall weight of any single issuer. No issuer included in the Index has a weight of more than 24%, and the sum of the issuers that have a weight of 5% or more is less than 50%. The Index is re-balanced and reconstituted quarterly on the last business day of January, April, July and October. As of December 30, 2011, the Index was comprised of 33 component securities, representing debt of 14 German Sovereign and Sub-Sovereign issuers. Approximately 66% of the securities in the Index received the highest rating from each of Moody’s, S&P and Fitch. The Index is published under the Bloomberg ticker symbol “IBXXXZAB.”

The Fund, under normal circumstances, seeks to remain fully exposed to the Index and will invest at least 80% of its total assets in securities of the Index. In addition, the Fund will invest in derivatives and other debt securities that ProShare Advisors believes, in combination, should track the performance of the Index. Cash balances arising from the use of derivatives will typically be held in money market instruments.

ProShare Advisors LLC serves as the investment adviser to the Fund. SEI Investments Distribution Co. serves as Distributor of the Fund. J.P. Morgan Investor Services Co. acts as Administrator to the Fund. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. acts as custodian to the Fund.

As described more fully in the Fund's Prospectus, the Fund will issue and redeem Shares in blocks of 50,000 Shares (each such block, a "Creation Unit"). Only Authorized Participants may purchase and redeem Shares from a Fund and then only in Creation Units. An Authorized Participant is an entity that has entered into an Authorized Participant Agreement with the Trust and Sponsor. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, the Shares are not redeemable securities.

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

The net asset value ("NAV") per Share of the Fund will be determined as of the close of trading (normally, 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time ("ET")) on each day that the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") and NYSE Arca are open for business (a "Business Day"). NAV will be available from the Distributor and is also available to National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC") participants through data made available from NSCC.

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

Principal Risks

Interested persons are referred to the [Prospectus](#) for a description of risks associated with an investment in the Shares. These risks include debt instrument risk; interest rate risk, exposure to foreign currency risk, risks specific to investing in Germany, exposure to foreign investments risk, foreign Sovereign risk, foreign Sub-Sovereign risk, risk associated with the use of derivatives, correlation risk, counterparty risk, early close/late close/trading halt risk, geographic concentration risk, liquidity risk, market price variance risk, non-diversification risk, portfolio turnover risk, valuation risk, trading risks, and the risk that the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index for a number of reasons, including the incursion by the Fund of operating expenses and costs not applicable to the Index. In addition, as noted in the Prospectus, the Shares may trade at market prices that may differ from their NAV. The NAV of the Shares will fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's holdings. The market prices of the Shares will fluctuate in accordance with changes in NAV as well as the supply and demand for the Shares. See also the section on suitability below.

Exchange Rules Applicable to Trading in the Shares

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

Trading Hours

Trading in the shares on the Exchanges is on a UTP basis and is subject to the Exchanges equity trading rules. The shares will trade from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Eastern

Time. Members trading the shares during the Extended Market Sessions (Pre-opening and Post-closing sessions) are exposed to the risk of the lack of the calculation or dissemination of underlying index value or intraday indicative value ("IIV"). For certain derivative securities products, an updated underlying index value or IIV may not be calculated or publicly disseminated in the Extended Market hours. Since the underlying index value and IIV are not calculated or widely disseminated during Extended Market hours, an investor who is unable to calculate implied values for certain derivative securities products during Extended Market hours may be at a disadvantage to market professionals.

Trading Halts

The Exchanges will halt trading in the shares in accordance with Exchange Rules 14.1(c)(4). The grounds for a halt under this Rule include a halt by the primary market because it stops trading the shares and/or a halt because dissemination of the IIV or applicable currency spot price has ceased, or a halt for other regulatory reasons. In addition, the Exchanges will stop trading the shares if the primary market de-lists the shares.

Suitability

Trading in the shares on the Exchanges will be subject to the provisions of Exchange Rules 3.7. Members 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 Exchange Rules 3.7.

Members also should review FINRA 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.

Delivery of a Prospectus

Pursuant to federal securities laws, investors purchasing Shares must receive a prospectus prior to or concurrently with the confirmation of a transaction. Investors purchasing Shares directly from the Funds (by delivery of the Deposit Amount) must also receive a prospectus.

Prospectuses may be obtained through the Distributor or on the Fund's website. The Prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement (including the exhibits to the registration statement), parts of which have been omitted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC. For further information about the Funds, please refer to the Funds' registration statements.

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

The Commission has issued letters dated October 24, 2006, November 21, 2005 and August 17, 2001 (together, the "No- Action Letters") granting exemptive, interpretive and no-

action relief from certain provisions of and rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for exchange-traded funds listed and traded on a registered national securities exchange that meet certain criteria. Members are referred to the No-Action Letters, available at www.sec.gov, for additional information.

Regulation M Exemptions

Generally, Rules 101 and 102 of Regulation M prohibit any "distribution participant" and its "affiliated purchasers" from bidding for, purchasing, or attempting to induce any person to bid for or purchase any security which is the subject of a distribution until after the applicable restricted period, except as specifically permitted in Regulation M. The provisions of the Rules apply to underwriters, prospective underwriters, brokers, dealers, and other persons who have agreed to participate or are participating in a distribution of securities.

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

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

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

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

SEC Rule 14e-5

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

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

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

Section 11(d)(1) of the Act generally prohibits a person who is both a broker and a dealer from effecting any transaction in which the broker-dealer extends credit to a customer on any security which was part of a new issue in the distribution of which he participated as a member of a selling syndicate or group within thirty days prior to such transaction. The Commission has clarified that Section 11(d)(1) does not apply to broker-dealers that are not authorized participants (and, therefore, do not create creation unit aggregations) that engage in both proprietary and customer transactions in shares of a fund in the secondary market, and for broker-dealer authorized participants that engage in creations of creation unit aggregations. This relief is subject to specific conditions, including the condition that such broker-dealer (whether or not an authorized participant) does not, directly or indirectly, receive from the fund complex any payment, compensation or other economic incentive to promote or sell the shares of a fund to persons outside the fund complex, other than non-cash compensation permitted under NASD Rule 2830 (I)(5)(A), (B) or (C). See letter dated November 22, 2005 from Brian A Bussey, Assistant Chief Counsel, SEC Division of Market Regulation, to Barclays Global Investors, N.A., dated November 22, 2005. The Commission has issued a No-Action Letter under Section 11(d)(1) of the Act states that broker-dealers may treat shares of a fund, for purposes of Rule 11d1-2, as "securities issued by a registered open-end investment company as defined in the Investment Company Act" and thereby extend credit or maintain or arrange for the extension or maintenance of credit on shares that have been owned by the persons to whom credit is provided for more than 30 days, in reliance on the exemption contained in the rule.

SEC Rule 15c1-5 and 15c1-6

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

This Regulatory Information Circular is not a statutory Prospectus. Members should consult the Trust's [Registration Statement](#), SAI, [Prospectus](#) and the Fund's [website](#) for relevant information.

Appendix A

Ticker	Fund Name	CUSIP
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