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Regulatory Information Circular			
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**Subject: VelocityShares Tail Risk Hedged Large Cap ETF  
VelocityShares Volatility Hedged Large Cap ETF**

**Background Information on the Funds**

As more fully explained in the [Registration Statement](#) (Nos. 333-148826 and 811-22175), ALPS ETF Trust (the “Trust”) is a management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The Trust consists of several exchange-traded funds, including those listed below (the “Funds”). The shares of the Funds are referred to herein as “Shares.” The Funds are actively-managed exchanged-traded funds (“ETF”).

ALPS Advisors, Inc. serves as the investment adviser to the Funds (the “Adviser”). ALPS Distributors, Inc. serves as the Distributor for the Funds. The Bank of New York Mellon is the custodian, fund accounting agent and transfer agent for the Funds. Rich Investment Solutions, LLC is the sub-adviser to the Funds.

<b>Ticker</b>	<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>CUSIP</b>
TRSK	VelocityShares Tail Risk Hedged Large Cap ETF	00162Q817
SPXH	VelocityShares Volatility Hedged Large Cap ETF	00162Q791

**Description of the Funds**

*VelocityShares Tail Risk Hedged Large Cap ETF*

VelocityShares Tail Risk Hedged Large Cap ETF (the “Fund”) seeks investment results that correspond generally, before fees and expenses, to the performance of its underlying index, the VelocityShares Tail Risk Hedged Large Cap Index (the “Underlying Index”).

The Underlying Index is an index comprised of three large capitalization equity ETFs and two volatility related ETFs (“The Underlying Index ETFs”). TRSK will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80 % of its total assets in Underlying Index ETFs. The Fund also intends to invest 15%, but may invest up to 20%, of its assets in swap agreements or other derivatives instead of investing directly in certain Underlying Index ETFs, as described below and in the prospectus for the Funds.

The VelocityShares Tail Risk Hedged Large Cap Index reflects the performance of a portfolio consisting of an exposure to (1) a large cap equity portfolio, consisting of the three Underlying Index ETFs listed below which track the Standard & Poor's 500 Index (the "S&P 500," with the Underlying Index ETFs tracking the S&P 500 being the "Underlying Large Cap ETFs") and (2) a volatility strategy to hedge "tail risk" events (which are market events that occur rarely but may result in severe negative market performance when they do occur), consisting of the two Underlying Index ETFs listed below which utilize futures contracts, swap agreements and other financial investments to gain leveraged or inverse positions on the S&P 500 VIX (Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("CBOE") Volatility Index (the "VIX")) Short-Term Futures Index (the "Short-Term VIX Futures," with such Underlying Index ETFs being the "Underlying Volatility ETFs").

#### *VelocityShares Volatility Hedged Large Cap ETF*

VelocityShares Volatility Hedged Large Cap ETF (the "Fund") seeks investment results that correspond generally before fees and expenses, to the performance of its underlying index, the VelocityShares Volatility Hedged Large Cap Index (the "Volatility Index").

The VelocityShares Volatility Hedged Large Cap Index reflects the performance of a portfolio consisting of an exposure to (1) a large cap equity portfolio, consisting of the three Underlying Large Cap ETFs listed below and (2) a volatility strategy to hedge moderate volatility, consisting of the two Underlying Volatility ETFs listed below which utilize futures contracts, swap agreements and other financial investments to gain leveraged or inverse positions on the Short-Term VIX Futures.

Each Underlying Index consists of an 85% allocation to the Underlying Large Cap ETFs (split evenly between each Underlying Large Cap ETF) and a 15% allocation to the Underlying Volatility ETFs (the "Volatility Component"). The only difference between each Underlying Index is in the manner each Underlying Index allocates its exposure within the Volatility Component. The Volatility Component in the VelocityShares Tail Risk Hedged Large Cap Index seeks to replicate long/short exposure- to short-dated VIX futures, with a targeted net long exposure of 35% as set forth in the table below under "Index Description." The Volatility Component in the VelocityShares Volatility Hedged Large Cap Index seeks to replicate long/short exposure to short-dated VIX futures, with a targeted neutral exposure as set forth in the table below under "Index Description."

The Underlying Volatility ETFs are not registered as investment companies under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). The Underlying Volatility ETFs are sponsored by a registered commodity pool operator and advised by a registered commodity trading adviser.

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

As described more fully in the Trust's [Prospectus](#) ("Prospectus") and [statement of additional information](#) ("SAI"), the Funds will issue and redeem Shares at net asset value ("NAV") only in large blocks of at least 50,000 Shares (each block of Shares is called a

"Creation Unit") or multiples thereof in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a basket of securities. As a practical matter, only broker-dealers, or large institutional investors with creation and redemption agreements (called Authorized Participants) can purchase or redeem these Creation Units. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, the Shares may not be redeemed with the Funds.

Each Fund's investment objective is not fundamental and may be changed by the Board of Trustees without shareholder approval.

Dividends from net investment income, if any, are declared and paid at least quarterly by the Funds. Distributions of net capital gains, if any, generally are declared and paid annually.

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

The NAV of the Funds is generally determined as of the close of trading (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time) on each day the primary listing exchange is open for business. The NAV of the Funds is calculated by dividing the value of the net assets of each Fund (i.e., the value of its total assets less total liabilities) by the total number of outstanding shares of each Fund, generally rounded to the nearest cent.

The Funds' [Registration statement](#) describes the various fees and expenses for the Fund's Shares. For a more complete description of the Funds and their underlying portfolio, visit [www.alpsfunds.com](http://www.alpsfunds.com).

### **Principal Risks**

Interested persons are referred to the discussion in the [Registration Statement](#) for the Funds of the principal risks of an investment in each Fund. These include: Fund of Funds Risk, Underlying ETF Risk, Market Risk, Stock Market Risk, Equity Investing Risk, Investment Style Risk, Swap Risk, Non-Correlation Risk, Non-Diversified Fund Risk, Risk of Leveraged and Inverse Investment. In addition, The NAV of the shares of an Underlying Index ETF will generally fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Underlying Index ETF's portfolio. The market prices of the Shares will generally fluctuate in accordance with changes in NAV as well as the relative supply of and demand for the Shares.

### **Exchange Rules Applicable to Trading in the Shares**

The Shares are considered equity securities, thus rendering trading in the Shares subject to the Exchanges 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.

The prospectuses may be obtained through the Distributor or on the Funds' [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 each Fund, please refer to the Trust's [Prospectus](#).

## **Regulation M Exemptions**

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

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

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

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

Section 11(d)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (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 (now FINRA) 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 now 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.

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

The SEC Division of Trading and Markets has issued revised Staff Legal Bulletin No. 9 (Revised September 10, 2010) (“Staff Bulletin”, available at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), at Staff Legal Bulletins, SLB 9), in which the Division has granted exceptions from certain provisions of Regulation M (Rules 101(c)(4) and 102(d)(4)), under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“1934 Act”) with respect to certain transactions in Shares of actively-managed ETFs. The Funds rely on the exceptions stated in the Staff Bulletin. The Funds also rely on the relief granted in a letter dated June 16, 2011 from Joseph Furey, Acting Co-Chief Counsel, Division of Trading and Markets, to W. John McGuire, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, regarding Section 11(d)(1) of the 1934 Act and Rules 10b-10, 11d1-2, 15c1-5, and 15c1-6 thereunder.

The Staff Bulletin states, that (1) the Rule 101(c)(4) exception is available to permit persons who may be deemed to be participating in a distribution of actively managed ETF Shares to bid for or purchase such Shares during their participation in a distribution, and (2) the Rule 102(d)(4) exception is available to permit an open-end investment company to redeem actively managed ETF Shares, if the following conditions are met: (i) the Shares are issued by a registered open-end investment company; (ii) the Shares are exchange listed and exchange traded; (iii) the ETF continuously redeems the Shares at net asset value (NAV); (iv) a close alignment between the Shares' secondary market price and the ETF's NAV is expected; (v) on each day the Shares trade, prior to commencement of such trading, the ETF discloses on its website the identities and quantities of the securities and assets held by the ETF which will form the basis of the calculation of the ETF's NAV at the end of such day; (vi) the exchange listing the Shares or other information provider disseminates every 15 seconds throughout the trading day, through the facilities of the Consolidated Tape Association, an amount representing on a per Share basis the sum of the current value of the securities, assets, and cash required to create new Shares (intraday indicative value or IIV); (vii) arbitrageurs are expected to take advantage of price variations between Shares' secondary market price and the ETF's NAV; and (viii) the arbitrage mechanism will be facilitated by the transparency of the ETF's portfolio, the availability of the IIV, the liquidity of the ETF's portfolio securities, the ability to access such securities, and the arbitrageurs' ability to create workable hedges.

In addition, the Staff Bulletin states that the redemption of creation unit sized aggregations of ETF Shares and the receipt of securities in exchange therefore by persons who may be deemed to be participating in a distribution of Shares do not constitute an "attempt to induce any person to bid for or purchase" a covered security during an applicable restricted period for purposes of Rule 101, but only if the redemptions are not made for the purpose of creating actual, or apparent, active trading in or raising or otherwise affecting the price of Shares or the securities received in exchange for the Shares redeemed.

### **SEC Rule 15c1-5 and 15c1-6**

The SEC has taken a no-action position with respect to Rule 15c1-5 and Rule 15c1-6 as to the required disclosure of control by a broker or dealer with respect to creations and redemptions of Shares of the Funds and secondary market transactions therein. (See [letter](#) from Catherine McGuire, Chief Counsel, SEC Division of Market Regulation, to Securities Industry

Association, Derivative Products Committee, dated November 21, 2005.)

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