



Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. Information Circular 18-203

Date: December 31, 2018

Re: Innovator ETFs Trust

Pursuant to the Rules of Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc., (referred to hereafter as the “Exchange”), this Information Circular is being issued to advise you that the following securities have been approved for trading on the Exchange pursuant to Chapter XIV of the Exchange’s Rules.

<u>Securities (the “Funds”)</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Innovator S&P 500 Buffer ETF – January	BJAN
Innovator S&P 500 Power Buffer ETF – January	PJAN
Innovator S&P 500 Ultra Buffer ETF - January	UJAN

Commencement of Trading on the Exchange: January 2, 2019

Issuer/Trust: Innovator ETFs Trust

Issuer Website: <http://www.innovatoretfs.com>

Primary Listing Exchange: Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.

Compliance and supervisory personnel should note that, among other things, this Information Circular discusses the need to deliver a prospectus to customers purchasing shares of the Funds issued by Innovator ETFs Trust (“Trust”). Please forward this Information Circular to other interested persons within your organization.

The purpose of this information circular is to outline various rules and policies that will be applicable to trading in these new products on the Exchange, as well as to provide certain characteristics and features of the Shares. For a more complete description of the Issuer, the Shares and the underlying market instruments or indexes, visit the Issuer Website, consult the Prospectus available on the Issuer Website or examine the Issuer Registration Statement. The Issuer Website, the Prospectus and the Issuer Registration Statement are hereafter collectively referred to as the “Issuer Disclosure Materials.”

Background Information on the Funds

Innovator ETFs Trust (the “Trust”) is a management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), consisting of several investment



portfolios. This circular relates only to the Funds listed above (each, a “Fund” and together, the “Funds”). The shares of a Fund are referred to herein as “Shares”.

BJAN - Innovator S&P 500 Buffer ETF — January

The Fund will invest substantially all of its assets in FLEXible EXchange® Options (“FLEX Options”) on the S&P 500 Price Return Index (“S&P 500 Price Index”). FLEX Options are customizable exchange-traded option contracts guaranteed for settlement by the Options Clearing Corporation. The Fund uses FLEX Options to employ a “defined outcome strategy.” Defined outcome strategies seek to produce pre-determined investment outcomes based upon the performance of an underlying security or index. The pre-determined outcomes sought by the Fund, which include the buffer and cap discussed below (“Outcomes”), are based upon the performance of the S&P 500 Price Index over the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. This period is referred to as the initial “Outcome Period.” Following this initial Outcome Period, each subsequent Outcome Period will be a one-year period from January 1 to December 31. The Fund will not terminate after the conclusion of the Outcome Period. After the conclusion of the Outcome Period, another will begin. There is no guarantee that the Outcomes for an Outcome Period will be realized.

The Fund’s strategy has been specifically designed to produce the Outcomes based upon the S&P 500 Price Index’s returns over the duration of the Outcome Period. The Outcomes may only be realized if you are holding shares on the first day of the Outcome Period and continue to hold them on the last day of the Outcome Period. If you purchase shares after the Outcome Period has begun or sell shares prior to the Outcome Period’s conclusion, you may experience investment returns very different from those that the Fund seeks to provide. Additionally, there is no guarantee that the Fund will successfully achieve its investment objective.

Fund shareholders are subject to an upside return cap (the “Cap”) that represents the maximum percentage return an investor can achieve from an investment in the Fund for the Outcome Period. Therefore, even though the Fund’s returns are based upon the S&P 500 Price Index, if the Fund experiences returns for the Outcome Period in excess of the Cap, you will not experience those excess gains. The Cap is set on the first day of the Outcome Period and is expected to be between 25.49% and 16.78% prior to taking into account any fees or expenses charged to shareholders (based upon the 21 trading days prior to the date of this prospectus). When the Fund’s annual Fund management fee of 0.79% of the Fund’s average daily net assets is taken into account, the Cap is expected to be between 24.70% and 15.99% (based upon the 21 trading days prior to the date of this prospectus). The Cap will be further reduced by any shareholder transaction fees and any extraordinary expenses incurred by the Fund. Please note, if the Outcome Period has begun and the Fund has increased in value to a level near to the Cap, an investor purchasing at that price has little or no ability to achieve gains but remains vulnerable to downside risks. Additionally, the Cap may rise or fall from one Outcome Period to the next. There is no guarantee that the Cap will remain the same upon the conclusion of the Outcome Period.



The Fund only seeks to provide shareholders that hold shares for the entire Outcome Period with a buffer against the first 9% of S&P 500 Price Index losses (based upon the value of the S&P 500 Price Index at the time the Fund entered into the FLEX Options on the first day of the Outcome Period) during the Outcome Period. You will bear all S&P 500 Price Index losses exceeding 9% on a one-to-one basis. The buffer is provided prior to taking into account annual Fund management fees equal to 0.79% of the Fund's daily net assets, transaction fees and any extraordinary expenses incurred by the Fund. A shareholder that purchases shares at the beginning of the Outcome Period may lose their entire investment. While the Fund seeks to limit losses to 91% for shareholders who hold shares for the entire Outcome Period, there is no guarantee it will successfully do so. Depending upon market conditions at the time of purchase, a shareholder that purchases shares after the Outcome Period has begun may also lose their entire investment. For instance, if the Outcome Period has begun and the Fund has decreased in value beyond the pre-determined 9% buffer, an investor purchasing shares at that price may not benefit from the buffer.

Similarly, if the Outcome Period has begun and the Fund has increased in value, an investor purchasing shares at that price may not benefit from the buffer until the Fund's value has decreased to its value at the commencement of the Outcome Period. An investment in the Fund is only appropriate for shareholders willing to bear those losses.

The Fund's website, www.innovatoretfs.com/bjan, provides important Fund information (including Outcome Period start and end dates and the Cap and buffer), as well information relating to the potential outcomes of an investment in the Fund on a daily basis. If you are contemplating purchasing shares, please visit the website. Investors considering purchasing shares after the Outcome Period has begun or selling shares prior to the end of the Outcome Period should visit the website to fully understand potential investment outcomes.

PJAN - Innovator S&P 500 Power Buffer ETF – January

The Fund will invest substantially all of its assets in FLEXible EXchange® Options ("FLEX Options") on the S&P 500 Price Return Index ("S&P 500 Price Index"). FLEX Options are customizable exchange-traded option contracts guaranteed for settlement by the Options Clearing Corporation. The Fund uses FLEX Options to employ a "defined outcome strategy." Defined outcome strategies seek to produce pre-determined investment outcomes based upon the performance of an underlying security or index. The pre-determined outcomes sought by the Fund, which include the buffer and cap discussed below ("Outcomes"), are based upon the performance of the S&P 500 Price Index over the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. This period is referred to as the initial "Outcome Period." Following this initial Outcome Period, each subsequent Outcome Period will be a one-year period from January 1 to December 31. The Fund will not terminate after the conclusion of the Outcome Period. After the conclusion of the Outcome Period, another will begin. There is no guarantee that the Outcomes for an Outcome Period will be realized.



The Fund's strategy has been specifically designed to produce the Outcomes based upon the S&P 500 Price Index's returns over the duration of the Outcome Period. The Outcomes may only be realized if you are holding shares on the first day of the Outcome Period and continue to hold them on the last day of the Outcome Period. If you purchase shares after the Outcome Period has begun or sell shares prior to the Outcome Period's conclusion, you may experience investment returns very different from those that the Fund seeks to provide. Additionally, there is no guarantee that the Fund will successfully achieve its investment objective.

Fund shareholders are subject to an upside return cap (the "Cap") that represents the maximum percentage return an investor can achieve from an investment in the Fund for the Outcome Period. Therefore, even though the Fund's returns are based upon the S&P 500 Price Index, if the Fund experiences returns for the Outcome Period in excess of the Cap, you will not experience those excess gains. The Cap is set on the first day of the Outcome Period and is expected to be between 15.65% and 11.42% prior to taking into account any fees or expenses charged to shareholders (based upon the 21 trading days prior to the date of this prospectus). When the Fund's annual Fund management fee of 0.79% of the Fund's average daily net assets is taken into account, the Cap is expected to be between 14.86% and 10.63% (based upon the 21 trading days prior to the date of this prospectus). The Cap will be further reduced by any shareholder transaction fees and any extraordinary expenses incurred by the Fund. Please note, if the Outcome Period has begun and the Fund has increased in value to a level near to the Cap, an investor purchasing at that price has little or no ability to achieve gains but remains vulnerable to downside risks. Additionally, the Cap may rise or fall from one Outcome Period to the next. There is no guarantee that the Cap will remain the same upon the conclusion of the Outcome Period.

The Fund only seeks to provide shareholders that hold shares for the entire Outcome Period with a buffer against the first 15% of S&P 500 Price Index losses (based upon the value of the S&P 500 Price Index at the time the Fund entered into the FLEX Options on the first day of the Outcome Period) during the Outcome Period. You will bear all S&P 500 Price Index losses exceeding 15% on a one-to-one basis. The buffer is provided prior to taking into account annual Fund management fees equal to 0.79% of the Fund's daily net assets, transaction fees and any extraordinary expenses incurred by the Fund. A shareholder that purchases shares at the beginning of the Outcome Period may lose their entire investment. While the Fund seeks to limit losses to 85% for shareholders who hold shares for the entire Outcome Period, there is no guarantee it will successfully do so. Depending upon market conditions at the time of purchase, a shareholder that purchases shares after the Outcome Period has begun may also lose their entire investment. For instance, if the Outcome Period has begun and the Fund has decreased in value beyond the pre-determined 15% buffer, an investor purchasing shares at that price may not benefit from the buffer.

Similarly, if the Outcome Period has begun and the Fund has increased in value, an investor purchasing shares at that price may not benefit from the buffer until the Fund's value has decreased to its value at the commencement of the Outcome Period. An investment in the Fund is only appropriate for shareholders willing to bear those losses.



The Fund's website, www.innovatoretfs.com/pjan, provides important Fund information (including Outcome Period start and end dates and the Cap and buffer), as well information relating to the potential outcomes of an investment in the Fund on a daily basis. If you are contemplating purchasing shares, please visit the website. Investors considering purchasing shares after the Outcome Period has begun or selling shares prior to the end of the Outcome Period should visit the website to fully understand potential investment outcomes.

UJAN - Innovator S&P 500 Ultra Buffer ETF – January

The Fund will invest substantially all of its assets in FLEXible EXchange® Options ("FLEX Options") on the S&P 500 Price Return Index ("S&P 500 Price Index"). FLEX Options are customizable exchange-traded option contracts guaranteed for settlement by the Options Clearing Corporation. The Fund uses FLEX Options to employ a "defined outcome strategy." Defined outcome strategies seek to produce pre-determined investment outcomes based upon the performance of an underlying security or index. The pre-determined outcomes sought by the Fund, which include the buffer and cap discussed below ("Outcomes"), are based upon the performance of the S&P 500 Price Index over the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. This period is referred to as the initial "Outcome Period." Following this initial Outcome Period, each subsequent Outcome Period will be a one-year period from January 1 to December 31. The Fund will not terminate after the conclusion of the Outcome Period. After the conclusion of the Outcome Period, another will begin. There is no guarantee that the Outcomes for an Outcome Period will be realized.

The Fund's strategy has been specifically designed to produce the Outcomes based upon the S&P 500 Price Index's returns over the duration of the Outcome Period. The Outcomes may only be realized if you are holding shares on the first day of the Outcome Period and continue to hold them on the last day of the Outcome Period. If you purchase shares after the Outcome Period has begun or sell shares prior to the Outcome Period's conclusion, you may experience investment returns very different from those that the Fund seeks to provide. Additionally, there is no guarantee that the Fund will successfully achieve its investment objective.

Fund shareholders are subject to an upside return cap (the "Cap") that represents the maximum percentage return an investor can achieve from an investment in the Fund for the Outcome Period. Therefore, even though the Fund's returns are based upon the S&P 500 Price Index, if the Fund experiences returns for the Outcome Period in excess of the Cap, you will not experience those excess gains. The Cap is set on the first day of the Outcome Period and is expected to be between 12.75% and 10.47% prior to taking into account any fees or expenses charged to shareholders (based upon the 21 trading days prior to the date of this prospectus). When the Fund's annual Fund management fee of 0.79% of the Fund's average daily net assets is taken into account, the Cap is expected to be between 11.96% and 9.68% (based upon the 21 trading days prior to the date of this prospectus). The Cap will be further reduced by any shareholder transaction fees and any extraordinary expenses incurred by the Fund. Please note, if the Outcome Period has begun and the Fund has increased in value to a level near to the Cap, an investor purchasing at that price has little or no ability to achieve gains but remains



vulnerable to downside risks. Additionally, the Cap may rise or fall from one Outcome Period to the next. There is no guarantee that the Cap will remain the same upon the conclusion of the Outcome Period.

The Fund only seeks to provide shareholders that hold shares for the entire Outcome Period with a buffer against S&P 500 Price Index losses of between -5% to -35% (based upon the value of the S&P 500 Price Index at the time the Fund entered into the FLEX Options on the first day of the Outcome Period) during the Outcome Period. You will bear the first 5% of S&P 500 Price Index losses and all S&P 500 Price Index losses exceeding 35% on a one-to-one basis. The buffer is provided prior to taking into account annual Fund management fees equal to 0.79% of the Fund's daily net assets, transaction fees and any extraordinary expenses incurred by the Fund. A shareholder that purchases shares at the beginning of the Outcome Period may lose their entire investment. While the Fund seeks to limit losses to 70% for shareholders who hold shares for the entire Outcome Period, there is no guarantee it will successfully do so. Depending upon market conditions at the time of purchase, a shareholder that purchases shares after the Outcome Period has begun may also lose their entire investment. For instance, if the Outcome Period has begun and the Fund has decreased in value beyond the pre-determined 5%-35% buffer, an investor purchasing shares at that price may not benefit from the buffer.

Similarly, if the Outcome Period has begun and the Fund has increased in value, an investor purchasing shares at that price may not benefit from the buffer until the Fund's value has decreased to its value at the commencement of the Outcome Period. An investment in the Fund is only appropriate for shareholders willing to bear those losses.

The Fund's website, www.innovatoretfs.com/ujan, provides important Fund information (including Outcome Period start and end dates and the Cap and buffer), as well information relating to the potential outcomes of an investment in the Fund on a daily basis. If you are contemplating purchasing shares, please visit the website. Investors considering purchasing shares after the Outcome Period has begun or selling shares prior to the end of the Outcome Period should visit the website to fully understand potential investment outcomes.

For more information regarding the Funds' investment strategies, please read the prospectus for the Funds.

As described more fully in the Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information, each Fund will issue and redeem Shares on a continuous basis at their net asset value ("NAV") only in large blocks of 25,000 Shares (each, a "Creation Unit"). Creation Units will be issued and redeemed principally in-kind for securities included in the underlying index. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, the Shares may not be redeemed with the Funds.

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



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

Principal Risks

As with any investment, you could lose all or part of your investment in the Funds, and the Funds’ performance could trail that of other investments. These Funds are subject to the principal risks noted below, any of which may adversely affect the Funds’ net asset value per share (“NAV”), trading price, yield, total return and ability to meet its investment objective. Interested persons are referred to the discussion in the prospectus for the Funds of the principal risks of an investment in the Funds. These include but are not limited to active market risk, authorized participation concentration risk, buffered loss risk, cap change risk, capped upside return risk, cash transaction risk, correlation risk, counterparty risk, cyber security risk, FLEX Options risk, fluctuation of net asset value risk, investment objective risk, limitations of intraday indicative value risk, liquidity risk, management risk, market maker risk, market risk, non-diversification risk, operational risk, options risk, outcome period risk, tax risk, trading issue risk, upside participation risk, and valuation risk.

Exchange Rules Applicable to Trading in the Shares

Trading in the Shares on the Exchange is subject to Exchange equity trading rules.

Trading Hours

The value of the Index underlying the Shares will be disseminated to data vendors every 15 seconds during Regular Trading Hours.

The Shares will trade on Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET. Please note that trading in the Shares during the Exchange’s Pre-Opening and After Hours/Post-Closing Trading Sessions (“Extended Market Sessions”) may result in additional trading risks which include: (1) that the current underlying indicative value may not be updated during the Extended Market Sessions, (2) lower liquidity in the Extended Market Sessions may impact pricing, (3) higher volatility in the Extended Market Sessions may impact pricing, (4) wider spreads may occur in the Extended Markets Sessions, and (5) because the indicative value is not calculated or widely disseminated during the Extended Market Sessions, an investor who is unable to calculate an implied value for the Shares in those sessions may be at a disadvantage to market professionals.



Dissemination of Data

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Trading Symbol</i>	<i>IOPV Symbol</i>	<i>NAV Symbol</i>
Innovator S&P 500 Buffer ETF - January	BJAN	BJAN.IV	BJAN.NV
Innovator S&P 500 Power Buffer ETF - January	PJAN	PJAN.IV	PJAN.NV
Innovator S&P 500 Ultra Buffer ETF - January	UJAN	UJAN.IV	UJAN.NV

Delivery of a Prospectus

Exchange Members should be mindful of applicable prospectus delivery requirements under the federal securities laws with respect to transactions in each Fund. Prospectuses may be obtained through a Fund's website. The prospectus for each Fund does not contain all of the information set forth in the Fund's 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 its Registration Statement.

In the event that a Fund relies upon an order by the SEC exempting the Shares from certain prospectus delivery requirements under Section 24(d) of the 1940 Act and in the future make available a written product description, Exchange Rules require that Exchange Members provide to all purchasers of Shares a written description of the terms and characteristics of such securities, in a form prepared by the Issuer of the Fund, no later than the time a confirmation of the first transaction in the Shares is delivered to such purchaser. In addition, Exchange Members shall include such a written description with any sales material relating to the Shares that is provided to customers or the public. Any other written materials provided by an Exchange member to customers or the public making specific reference to the Shares as an investment vehicle must include a statement in substantially the following form: "A circular describing the terms and characteristics of [the series of Managed Fund Shares] has been prepared by the [open-ended management investment company name] and is available from your broker. It is recommended that you obtain and review such circular before purchasing [the series of Managed Fund Shares]."



An Exchange member carrying an omnibus account for a non-member broker-dealer is required to inform such non-member that execution of an order to purchase Shares for such omnibus account will be deemed to constitute agreement by the non-member to make such written description available to its customers on the same terms as are directly applicable to such Exchange member under this rule. Upon request of a customer, Exchange Members also shall provide a copy of the Prospectus.

Suitability

Trading in the securities on the Exchange will be subject to the provisions of Exchange Rule 3.7. Members recommending transactions in the securities to customers should make a determination that the recommendation is suitable for the customer.

Trading Halts

The Exchange will halt trading in the Shares of a security in accordance with Exchange Rules. The grounds for a halt include a halt because the intraday indicative value of the security and/or the value of its underlying index are not being disseminated as required, a halt for other regulatory reasons or due to other conditions or circumstances deemed to be detrimental to the maintenance of a free and orderly market.

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

The Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) has issued letters granting exemptive, interpretive and no-action relief from certain provisions of rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for exchange-traded securities listed and traded on a registered national securities exchange that meet certain criteria.

AS WHAT FOLLOWS IS ONLY A SUMMARY OF THE RELIEF OUTLINED IN THE NO-ACTION LETTERS REFERENCED ABOVE, THE EXCHANGE ADVISES INTERESTED PARTIES TO CONSULT THE NO-ACTION LETTERS FOR MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION REGARDING THE MATTERS COVERED THEREIN AND THE APPLICABILITY OF THE RELIEF GRANTED IN RESPECT OF TRADING IN SECURITIES. INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD ALSO CONSULT THEIR PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS.

Regulation M Exemptions

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



The SEC has granted an exemption from Rule 101 under Regulation M to permit persons participating in a distribution of shares of the above-mentioned Funds to engage in secondary market transactions in such shares during their participation in such a distribution. In addition, the SEC has granted relief under Regulation M to permit persons who may be deemed to be participating in the distribution of Shares of the above-mentioned Funds (i) to purchase securities for the purpose of purchasing Creation Unit Aggregations of Fund Shares and (ii) to tender securities for redemption in Creation Unit Aggregations. Further, the SEC has clarified that the tender of Fund Shares to the Funds for redemption does not constitute a bid for or purchase of any of the Funds' securities during the restricted period of Rule 101. The SEC has also granted an exemption pursuant to paragraph (e) of Rule 102 under Regulation M to allow the redemption of Fund Shares in Creation Unit Aggregations during the continuous offering of Shares.

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

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

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

Section 11(d)(1) of the Act generally prohibits a person who is both a broker and a dealer from effecting any transaction in which the broker-dealer extends credit to a customer on any security which was part of a new issue in the distribution of which he participated as a member of a selling syndicate or group within thirty days prior to such transaction. The SEC has clarified that Section 11(d)(1) does not apply to broker-dealers that are not Authorized Participants (and, therefore, do not create Creation Unit Aggregations) that engage in both proprietary and customer transactions in Shares of 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(l)(5)(A), (B) or (C). (See letter from Catherine McGuire, Chief Counsel, SEC Division of Market Regulation, to Securities Industry Association, Derivative Products Committee, dated November 21, 2005.) The SEC also has taken a no-action position under Section 11(d)(1) of the Act that broker-dealers may treat Shares of a Fund, for purposes of Rule 11d1-2, as "securities issued by a registered open-end investment company as defined in the Investment Company Act" and thereby extend credit or maintain or arrange for the extension or maintenance of credit on Shares that have been owned by the persons to whom credit is provided for more than 30 days, in reliance on the exemption contained in the rule

Rule 14e-5

An exemption from Rule 14e-5 has been granted to permit any person acting as a dealer-manager of a tender offer for a component security of the Fund (1) to redeem Fund Shares in Creation Unit Aggregations from the issuer that may include a security subject to such tender offer and (2) to purchase Fund Shares during such tender offer. In addition, a no-action position has been taken under Rule 14e-5 if a broker-dealer acting as a dealer-manager of a tender offer for a security of 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, if made in conformance with the following:

- 1) such bids or purchases are effected in the ordinary course of business, in connection with a basket of 20 or more securities in which any security that is the subject of a distribution, or any reference security, does not comprise more than 5% of the value of the basket purchase; 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.

SEC Rule 15c1-5 and 15c1-6

The SEC has taken a no-action position with respect to Rule 15c1-5 and Rule 15c1-6 as to the required disclosure of control by a broker or dealer with respect to creations and redemptions of Fund Shares and secondary market transactions therein. (See letter from Catherine McGuire, Chief Counsel, SEC Division of Market Regulation, to Securities Industry Association, Derivative Products Committee, dated November 21, 2005.)

This Information Circular is not a statutory prospectus. Members should consult the prospectus for a security and the security's website for relevant information.



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