

# **Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.**

## **Clearing Letter of Guarantee**

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### **NOTICE OF CONSENT** – To be completed by Clearing Firm of Applicant Broker-Dealer

In connection with the qualification of \_\_\_\_\_ (“Member”) as a member of Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (“Exchange”) and pursuant to Exchange Rule 11.13, as may be amended or re-numbered from time to time, the undersigned Clearing Firm represents that it is a member of the National Securities Clearing Corporation (“NSCC”), a clearing agency registered with the Securities Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The undersigned Clearing Firm accepts full responsibility for clearing and settling any and all transactions made by the Member and/or such persons having access to the Exchange pursuant to a sponsorship arrangement with the Member to the extent such transactions are executed on the Exchange or on other markets after being routed away from the Exchange.

This section shall be deemed a letter of guarantee, letter of authorization, or notice of consent pursuant to Exchange Rules and may be relied upon by Exchange. This Notice of Consent shall be subject to Exchange Rules, as amended from time to time, and shall remain in effect until revoked in writing by the Clearing Firm.

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Clearing Firm (Broker-Dealer Name)

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NSCC Clearing #

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Signature of Authorized Officer, Partner or Managing  
Member or Sole Proprietor of Clearing Firm

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Printed Name/Title

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# Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.

## User Agreement

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This User Agreement (this “Agreement”), with an effective date as of the date executed on the signature page hereof, is made by and between Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc., a Delaware corporation, with its principal offices at [433 West Van Buren Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60607 8050 Marshall Drive, Suite 120, Lenexa, Kansas 66214](#) (“Exchange”), and the user referenced below (“User”).

- 1. Term of the Agreement.** This Agreement will continue until terminated pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.
- 2. Services.** Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, User will have the right to access Exchange to enter orders on Exchange, receive status updates on orders, cancel orders, and execute trades against orders on the Exchange limit order book (collectively, the “Services”). User acknowledges and agrees that nothing in this Agreement constitutes an understanding by Exchange to continue any aspect in its current form. Exchange may from time to time make additions, deletions or modifications to the Services. User acknowledges and agrees that Exchange may temporarily or permanently, unilaterally condition, modify or terminate the right of any individuals or entities to access, receive or use Exchange in accordance with Certificate of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Procedures of Exchange, as amended from time to time (the “Exchange Rules”). In the event of a conflict between the Exchange Rules and this Agreement, the Exchange Rules shall prevail. Exchange reserves the right to modify or change the Services provided Exchange notifies User prior to the effectiveness of the modification and User’s continued use of the Services following the modification will constitute User’s acceptance of the modification.
- 3. Compliance.** Except as otherwise provided herein, with respect to all orders submitted to Exchange by User, it is the sole responsibility of User to ensure compliance, by itself, its customers and its representatives, with all applicable United States federal and state laws, rules, and regulations as well as those of FINRA or any other self-regulatory organization of which the User is a member to the extent applicable to User. User represents and warrants that: (i) it will use Exchange only if and when it is duly authorized to use Exchange pursuant to the Exchange Rules; (ii) it agrees to be bound by, and will only use Exchange in compliance with, Exchange Rules; (iii) it is and will remain responsible for its use of Exchange and the use of Exchange by any of its employees, customers or agents or, if User is a member of Exchange, by any person which has entered into a sponsorship arrangement with User to use Exchange (a “Sponsored Participant”); (iv) it will maintain and keep current a list of all authorized traders who may obtain access to Exchange on behalf of User and/or any Sponsored Participant(s); and (v) it will familiarize User’s authorized traders with all of User’s obligations under this Agreement and will assure that they receive appropriate training prior to any use of or access to Exchange.
- 4. Monitoring.** User acknowledges and agrees that Exchange will monitor the use of Exchange by User for compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including, without limitation, Exchange Rules. User acknowledges its responsibility to monitor its employees, agents and customers for compliance with Exchange Rules, the rules and regulations of any self-regulatory organizations of which User is a member and all applicable federal and state laws.
- 5. Settlement of Transactions.** User agrees that it is User’s absolute, unconditional, and unassignable obligation, in connection with each securities transaction effected by User on Exchange to ensure the timely delivery of the subject securities and/or funds as well as any required remittance of interest, dividend payments and/or other distributions in compliance with applicable laws and rules, including, without limitation, relevant rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Act”) as well as the rules of any qualified clearing agency. User will promptly notify Exchange in writing upon becoming aware of any material change in or to User’s clearing arrangements. Exchange retains the right to break any trade without liability to User or any of User’s customers in accordance with the Exchange’s Clearly Erroneous Executions Rule (Exchange Rule 11.15, as may be amended or re-numbered from time to time).
- 6. Sponsored Participants.** Notwithstanding Exchange’s execution and delivery to User of a copy of this Agreement, if User is a Sponsored Participant, as a condition to initiating and continuing access to Exchange, User must enter into and maintain customer agreements with one or more sponsoring members of Exchange establishing proper relationship(s) and

account(s) through which User may trade on Exchange. Such customer agreement(s) must incorporate the sponsorship provisions set forth in Exchange Rules.

**7. Connectivity.** User is solely responsible for providing and maintaining all necessary electronic communications with Exchange, including, wiring, computer hardware, software, communication line access, and networking devices.

**8. Market Data.** User hereby grants to Exchange a non-exclusive, non-assignable, non-transferable, worldwide, irrevocable license to receive and use information and data that User or User's agent enters into Exchange ("User's Data") for the following purposes: for performing self-regulatory functions; ~~for using Transaction Data (as described in Section 10, below) for internal commercial purposes (i.e., purposes that do not include disclosing, publishing, or distributing outside of Exchange);~~ and for use within Exchange market data products (i.e., products that include disclosure, publication, or distribution to third parties), provided that: (i) such market data products are provided in an aggregate manner that does not directly or indirectly identify User as the source of the information; and (ii) fees for any such market data product are filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") in accordance with the requirements of Section 19 of the Act. Subject to the foregoing license, as between Exchange and User, User retains all ownership and other rights associated with User's Data. No provision in this Agreement shall impair any right, interest, or use of User's Data granted by operation of SEC rules or any other rule or law. User represents and warrants that, with respect to User's Data: (i) User owns or has sufficient rights in and to User's Data to authorize Exchange to use User's Data to perform all obligations under this Agreement with respect thereto; (ii) use or delivery of User's Data by User or Exchange will not violate the proprietary rights (including, without limitation, any privacy rights) of any party; and (iii) use or delivery of User's Data by User or Exchange will not violate any applicable law or regulation.

**9. Restrictions on Use; Security.** Unless otherwise required by law, User may not sell, lease, furnish or otherwise permit or provide access to Exchange to any other entity or to any individual that is not User's employee, customer, agent or Sponsored Participant. User accepts full responsibility for its employees', customers', agents' and Sponsored Participants' use of Exchange, which use must comply with Exchange Rules and the User's obligations under this Agreement. User will take reasonable security precautions to prevent unauthorized use of or access to Exchange, including unauthorized entry of information into Exchange, or the information and data made available therein. User understands and agrees that User is responsible for any and all orders, trades and other messages and instructions entered, transmitted or received under identifiers, passwords and security codes of User's authorized traders, and for the trading and other consequences thereof, except in the event of willful misconduct, fraud or a breach of this Agreement by Exchange that results in unauthorized access by other parties. User may not sell, lease, furnish or otherwise permit or provide access to any data feed containing quotation or trade information from Exchange ("Exchange Data") to any other person or to any other office or place unless it signs and complies with a separate Cboe Data Services Data Agreement. Each party shall install and maintain at all times during the term of this Agreement a corporate "firewall" protecting its computer network in accordance with commercially reasonable specifications and standards. Exchange shall not include in the operation of Exchange or the Services provided under this Agreement any computer code designed to disrupt, disable, harm, or otherwise impede in any manner, including aesthetic disruptions or distortions, the operation of User's computer system, or any other associated software, firmware, hardware, computer system or network (sometimes referred to as "viruses" or "worms"), or that would disable such system or impair in any way its operation based on the elapsing of a period of time, advancement to a particular date or other numeral (sometimes referred to as "time bombs", "time locks", or "drop dead" devices), or any other similar harmful, malicious or hidden programs, procedures, routines or mechanisms which would cause such programs to cease functioning, or provide or allow unauthorized access to the User's system, or to damage or corrupt data, storage media, programs, equipment or communications, or otherwise interfere with operations. In addition, Exchange shall implement a commercially reasonable method to intercept and block or delete any such viruses, worms, time bombs, time locks, drop dead devices or other malicious or harmful programs, procedures, routines or mechanisms, and carry out on a regular basis, no less frequently than monthly, and more frequently as reasonably required, a commercially reasonable method to scan its computer system and eliminate from it any such malicious or harmful programs, procedures, routines or mechanisms.

## **10. Information.**

(a) **Confidentiality.** Both parties acknowledge that: (i) Exchange and the information and data made available therein, incorporate confidential and proprietary information developed, acquired by or licensed to Exchange; and (ii) each party may

receive or have access to other proprietary or confidential information disclosed and reasonably understood as confidential by the disclosing party (collectively, the "Information"). The receiving party will use the disclosing party's Information solely to perform its obligations under this Agreement. The receiving party will take all precautions necessary to safeguard the confidentiality of the disclosing party's Information, including without limitation: (i) those taken by the receiving party to protect its own confidential information; and (ii) those which the disclosing party may reasonably request from time to time. Exchange will not disclose the identity of User or User's customers to any of its other members or to any third parties in connection with orders, trades and other messages and instructions entered or executed by User on Exchange ("[Transaction Data](#)"), except as required by a court or regulatory or self-regulatory authority with jurisdiction over Exchange or User, or to facilitate the clearance and settlement of a trade, or with written permission from User. [Provided, however, the Exchange may share anonymized aggregated data containing User's Transaction Data, as well as Transaction Data including User's identity or User's customers, with the Exchange's domestic and foreign affiliates, and their respective personnel for internal commercial purposes. Internal commercial purposes include, but are not limited to, sharing of Transaction Data to facilitate the provision of Services, or sharing of Transaction Data to help identify additional trading opportunities for the User with the Exchange's foreign or domestic affiliates.](#)

(b) **Disclosure.** The receiving party will not disclose, in whole or in part, the disclosing party's Information to any person, except as specifically authorized under this Agreement. User may not disclose any data or compilations of data made available to User by Exchange without the express, prior written authorization of Exchange. The receiving party may also disclose Information in accordance with its regulatory obligations.

(c) **Unauthorized Use or Disclosure.** The parties acknowledge that any unauthorized use or disclosure of the disclosing party's Information may cause irreparable damage to the disclosing party. If an unauthorized use or disclosure occurs, the receiving party will immediately notify the disclosing party and take at its expense all steps necessary to recover the disclosing party's Information and to prevent its subsequent unauthorized use or dissemination, including availing itself of actions for seizure and injunctive relief. If the receiving party fails to take these steps in a timely and adequate manner, the disclosing party may take them at the receiving party's expense, and the receiving party will provide the disclosing party with its reasonable cooperation in such actions that the disclosing party may request.

(d) **Limitation.** The receiving party will have no confidentiality obligation with respect to any portion of the disclosing party's Information that: (i) the receiving party independently developed before receiving the Information from the disclosing party; (ii) the receiving party lawfully obtained from a third party under no obligation of confidentiality; (iii) is or becomes available to the public other than as a result of an act or omission of the receiving party or any of its employees; or (iv) the receiving party is compelled to disclose by law, regulation or legal process provided by a court of competent jurisdiction or other governmental entity to whose jurisdiction the receiving party is subject.

**11. Clearly Erroneous Trade Policy.** User has read and agrees to the terms stipulated in Exchange Rule 11.15 (Clearly Erroneous Executions), as Exchange may amend or re-number from time to time.

**12. Corporate Names; Proprietary Rights.** Exchange and User each acknowledge and agree that Exchange and User each have proprietary rights in their respective trade names, trademarks, service marks, logos, copyrights and patents, registered or unregistered (collectively, the "Marks"). Exchange and User each agree that they shall not use the other party's Marks in any way that would infringe upon the rights of the other Party. Further, this Agreement shall not grant either party the right to use the other party's Marks in any marketing, promotional or other materials without the prior review and written consent of the other party.

**13. Fees.** By signing this Agreement, User agrees to make timely payment of all system usage fees, as may be set forth in Exchange Rules or posted on Exchange's web site, as well as any applicable late fees for the failure to make payment within the required time period. Fees are payable within 30 days of the invoice date. User will be solely responsible for any and all telecommunications costs and all other expenses incurred in linking to, and maintaining its link to, Exchange. Failure to make payments within 30 days from the invoice date may result in suspension or termination of Services. User agrees to pay Exchange a late charge in the amount of 1% per month on all past due amounts that are not the subject of a legitimate and bona fide dispute. Subject to the Act, Exchange reserves the right to change its fee schedule with 48 hours prior notice to User (delivered via e-mail and posted to the Exchange web site). The provisions of this Section will survive the termination of this Agreement.

**14. DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTY.** THE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED AS-IS, WITHOUT WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY IMPLIED CONDITIONS OR WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE OR PURPOSE, ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY ARISING FROM TRADE USAGE, COURSE OF DEALING OR COURSE OF PERFORMANCE, AND OF ANY OTHER WARRANTY OR OBLIGATION WITH RESPECT TO THE SYSTEM OR ANY SOFTWARE OR OTHER MATERIALS MADE AVAILABLE TO USER AND ALL SUCH OTHER WARRANTIES ARE HEREBY DISCLAIMED. THERE IS NO GUARANTY THAT THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY EXCHANGE WILL MEET THE USER'S REQUIREMENTS, BE ERROR FREE, OR OPERATE WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. EXCHANGE GIVES NO WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND AS TO THE FITNESS, CAPACITY, OR CONDUCT OF ANY OTHER PERSON HAVING ACCESS TO EXCHANGE AND SHALL NOT BE HELD LIABLE TO OR THROUGH USER OR OTHERWISE FOR ANY USE OR ABUSE WHATSOEVER OF EXCHANGE BY ANOTHER PERSON HAVING ACCESS TO EXCHANGE, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY FAILURE TO CONCLUDE TRANSACTIONS OR OBSERVE APPLICABLE MARKET REGULATIONS OR CONVENTIONS OR TO PAY REQUISITE TAXES OR OTHER CHARGES ON ANY TRANSACTIONS OR TO OTHERWISE ACT LAWFULLY.

**15. NO LIABILITY FOR TRADES.** ABSENT FRAUD OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT BY EXCHANGE OR A CLAIM ARISING OUT OF EXCHANGE'S INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATION, USER UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES THAT: (i) EXCHANGE IS NOT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY A PARTY TO OR A PARTICIPANT IN ANY TRADE OR TRANSACTION ENTERED INTO OR OTHERWISE CONDUCTED THROUGH EXCHANGE; AND (ii) EXCHANGE IS NOT LIABLE IN ANY MANNER TO ANY PERSON (INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION USER AND ANY PERSON FOR WHOM USER IS AUTHORIZED TO TRADE OR ACT) FOR THE FAILURE OF ANY PERSON ENTERING INTO A TRADE OR TRANSACTION BY MEANS OF EXCHANGE TO PERFORM SUCH PERSON'S SETTLEMENT OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS UNDER SUCH TRADE OR TRANSACTION. ABSENT FRAUD OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT BY EXCHANGE OR A CLAIM ARISING OUT OF EXCHANGE'S INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATION, NEITHER EXCHANGE, NOR ANY OF ITS AGENTS, AFFILIATES OR LICENSORS WILL BE LIABLE FOR ANY LOSSES, DAMAGES, OR OTHER CLAIMS, ARISING OUT OF EXCHANGE OR ITS USE AND ANY LOSSES, DAMAGES, OR OTHER CLAIMS, RELATED TO A FAILURE OF EXCHANGE TO DELIVER, DISPLAY, TRANSMIT, EXECUTE, COMPARE, SUBMIT FOR CLEARANCE AND SETTLEMENT, OR OTHERWISE PROCESS AN ORDER, MESSAGE, OR OTHER DATA ENTERED INTO, OR CREATED BY, EXCHANGE WILL BE ABSORBED BY THE USER THAT ENTERED THE ORDER, MESSAGE OR OTHER DATA INTO EXCHANGE. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, EXCHANGE MAY BE LIABLE TO USER TO THE EXTENT SUCH LIABILITY ARISES BASED ON THE EXCHANGE RULE CURRENTLY NUMBERED 11.14 (LIMITATION OF LIABILITY), AS SUCH RULE MAY BE AMENDED OR RE-NUMBERED FROM TIME TO TIME.

**16. NO CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.** ABSENT FRAUD OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT BY EXCHANGE OR A CLAIM ARISING OUT OF EXCHANGE'S INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATION, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL EXCHANGE OR ITS AGENTS, AFFILIATES OR LICENSORS BE LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE, CLAIM OR EXPENSE, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY DIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL, INDIRECT, SPECIAL, PUNITIVE OR INCIDENTAL DAMAGES OR LOST PROFITS, WHETHER FORESEEABLE OR UNFORESEEABLE, BASED ON USER'S CLAIMS OR THE CLAIMS OF ITS CUSTOMERS, EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CLAIMS FOR LOSS OF DATA, GOODWILL, USE OF MONEY OR USE OF EXCHANGE, INTERRUPTION IN USE OR AVAILABILITY OF EXCHANGE, STOPPAGE OF OTHER WORK OR IMPAIRMENT OF OTHER ASSETS), ARISING OUT OF BREACH OR FAILURE OF EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY, BREACH OF CONTRACT, MISREPRESENTATION, NEGLIGENCE, STRICT LIABILITY IN TORT OR OTHERWISE. THIS SECTION WILL NOT APPLY ONLY WHEN AND TO THE EXTENT THAT APPLICABLE LAW SPECIFICALLY REQUIRES LIABILITY, DESPITE THE FOREGOING EXCLUSION AND LIMITATION. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, EXCHANGE MAY BE LIABLE TO USER TO THE EXTENT SUCH LIABILITY ARISES BASED ON THE EXCHANGE RULE CURRENTLY NUMBERED 11.14 (LIMITATION OF LIABILITY), AS SUCH RULE MAY BE AMENDED OR RE-NUMBERED FROM TIME TO TIME.

**17. Indemnification by User.** User agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Exchange, its owners, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, employees, agents, and any related persons and entities, from and against all expenses and costs and damages (including any reasonable legal fees and expenses), direct, consequential, and/or incidental in nature, claims, demands, proceedings, suits, and actions, and all liabilities resulting from, in connection with, or arising out of any failure by User, for any reason, fraudulent, negligent or otherwise, to comply with its obligations under this agreement and for any loss or claim which may arise from a claim that one or more trades or orders in securities placed by User with Exchange were in violation of any state or federal securities law or Exchange Rules unless such expenses, costs, damages, claims, demands, proceedings, suits, actions, or liabilities arise from Exchange's willful misconduct, fraud or breach of Exchange's obligations under this Agreement.



**18. Indemnification by Exchange.** Exchange agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless User and its subsidiaries, affiliates and its and their respective officers, directors, employees, and agents from and against all expenses and costs and damages (including any legal fees and expenses), direct, consequential, and/or incidental in nature, claims, demands, proceedings, suits, and actions, and all liabilities resulting from, in connection with, or arising out of any third party claim that Exchange or the Services, or User's use thereof, infringes any copyright, patent, trademark, trade secret or other intellectual property right.

**19. Termination.** User or Exchange may terminate this Agreement or any part of the Services upon 30 days written notice to the other party. In addition, Exchange may suspend or terminate the Services to User immediately if it determines, in Exchange's sole reasonable determination, that: (i) User has breached any material term of this Agreement; (ii) User is engaged in activities that Exchange determines to be detrimental to Exchange or its members; (iii) User poses a credit risk to Exchange; (iv) User is selling, leasing, furnishing or otherwise permitting or providing access to Exchange Data without the prior approval of Exchange; (v) User has violated any Exchange Rules; or (vi) User ceases to be a member in good standing with Exchange. Upon the termination of this Agreement for any reason, all rights granted to User hereunder will cease. The following Sections will survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement for any reason: 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 24 and 26. In no event will termination of this Agreement relieve User of any obligations incurred prior to the termination or through its use of or connection to Exchange.

**20. Acknowledgement of SRO Obligations.** Exchange represents: (i) that Exchange is registered with the SEC as a national securities exchange pursuant to Section 6 of the Act; (ii) that Exchange has a statutory obligation to protect investors and the public interest, and to ensure that quotation information supplied to investors and the public is fair and informative, and not discriminatory, fictitious or misleading; (iii) that Section 19(g)(1) of the Act mandates that Exchange, as a self-regulatory organization, comply with the Act; and (iv) that Exchange has jurisdiction over its members to enforce compliance with the Act as well as the rules, regulations and interpretations of Exchange. Accordingly, User agrees that Exchange, when required to do so in fulfillment of its statutory obligations, may, in accordance with Exchange Rules, temporarily or permanently, unilaterally condition, modify or terminate the right of any or all individuals or entities, including User, to receive or use the Services. Exchange shall undertake reasonable efforts to notify User of any such condition, modification or termination, and User shall promptly comply with any requirement that may be contained in such notice within such period of time as may be determined in good faith by Exchange to be necessary and consistent with its statutory obligations. Any individual or entity that receives such a notice shall have available to it such procedural protections as are provided to it by the Act and the applicable rules thereunder and Exchange Rules.

**21. Assignment.** User's license to use the Services during the term of this Agreement is personal, nonexclusive and nontransferable. User shall not assign, delegate or otherwise transfer this Agreement or any of its rights or obligations hereunder without Exchange's prior approval, which will not be unreasonably withheld. Exchange may, as permitted by the Act, assign or transfer this Agreement or any of its rights or obligations hereunder to a related or unrelated party upon notice to User.

**22. Force Majeure.** Neither party to this Agreement will be liable for delay or failure to perform its obligations hereunder (other than a failure to pay amounts when due) caused by an event that is beyond the party's control; provided, however, that such party will not have contributed in any way to such event.

**23. Severability.** Each provision of this Agreement will be deemed to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid, void, or unenforceable under any law, rule, administrative order or judicial decision, that determination will not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Agreement.

**24. Arbitration.** In connection with the following agreement to arbitrate, each party understands that: (i) arbitration is final and binding on the parties; (ii) the parties are waiving their right to seek remedies in court, including the right to jury trial; (iii) pre-arbitration discovery is generally more limited than and different from court proceedings; (iv) the arbitrators' award is not required to include factual findings or legal reasoning, and any party's right to appeal or seek modification of rulings by the arbitrators is strictly limited; and (v) the panel of arbitrators will typically include a minority of arbitrators who were or are affiliated with the securities industry. Subject to the preceding disclosures, each party agrees that any

controversy arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the breach thereof will be resolved and settled by arbitration in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association or in accordance with such other rules and procedures as are agreed to by the parties. The arbitration proceeding shall be conducted in New York, New York, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties. Judgment upon arbitration may be entered in any court, state or federal, having jurisdiction; provided, however, that nothing herein will prevent either party from: (i) petitioning a regulatory body regarding a matter in question over which the regulatory body has administrative jurisdiction; or (ii) pursuing injunctions before any administrative or judicial forum provided that all monetary and other relief is submitted for arbitration.

**25. Amendment.** Exchange may amend any term or condition of this Agreement on one hundred and twenty (120) days' written notice to User (which notice may be provided by way of a circular issued to Members generally). User may object in writing to the proposed amendment by providing a written response to the address specified above, such response stating in reasonable detail the basis of the objection. Such response must be received no later than sixty (60) days after the date that Exchange distributed the initial notice. Exchange will respond to User's timely objection in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt and will use reasonable efforts thereafter to meet with the objecting User (in person or by phone) to discuss in good faith any potential resolution. Otherwise, any use by User of the System after the expiration of the one hundred and twenty (120) day notice period shall be deemed acceptance by User of the amendment. User may not alter any terms and conditions of this Agreement, and no modification to this Agreement proposed by User will be binding, unless in writing and manually signed by an authorized representative of each party.

**26. Miscellaneous.** All notices or approvals required or permitted under this Agreement must be given in writing to Exchange at the address specified above or to User at its last reported principal office address. Any waiver or modification of this Agreement will not be effective unless executed in writing and signed by the other party. This Agreement will bind each party's successors-in-interest. This Agreement will be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York, USA. For all matters not subject to Section 24 (Arbitration) above, both parties submit to the jurisdiction of the state and federal courts in and for the State of New York, USA for the resolution of any dispute arising under this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable, in whole or in part, such holding will not affect the validity of the other provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement, together with the applicable Exchange Rules, constitutes the complete and entire statement of all conditions and representations of the agreement between Exchange and User with respect to its subject matter and supersedes all prior writings or understandings.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers.

User:\_\_\_\_\_

Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Title:\_\_\_\_\_

Title:\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Cboe Trading, Inc.

## Securities Routing Agreement

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Provided that User is a Member or Sponsored Participant of a Member of either Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc., Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc. or both of Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. and Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc. (as applicable, the “Exchange”) and subject to a valid, ongoing User Agreement with Exchange, Cboe Trading, Inc. (hereinafter “Cboe Trading”), a broker-dealer registered in accordance with Section 15(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Act”), agrees to act as agent to User for the purpose of providing certain routing services, as described herein, provided that User is bound by the terms and conditions of this agreement (the “Routing Agreement”) and any applicable rules and interpretations of Exchange Rules. Whereas Cboe Trading provides certain order routing services for Exchange, and User desires to use the order routing facilities of Exchange, for good and valuable consideration, User and Cboe Trading agree as follows:

**1. Routing Services.** Cboe Trading, a wholly owned subsidiary of Cboe Bats, LLC (f/k/a CBOE V, LLC), agrees to act as agent for User for routing orders entered into Exchange to the applicable market centers or broker-dealers for execution, whenever such routing is at User’s request, and is permitted in accordance with Exchange Rules. User understands and agrees that orders executed on its behalf shall at all times be subject to the terms and conditions of Exchange Rules. In the event of a conflict between the Exchange Rules and this Routing Agreement, the Exchange Rules shall prevail.

**2. Orders Not Eligible for Routing Services.** User agrees that Cboe Trading will not handle or otherwise route any orders that are not eligible for order routing in accordance with Exchange Rules.

**3. Cancellation; Modification of Orders.** User agrees that any requests regarding cancellation or modification of orders shall be subject to Exchange Rules. User understands that the Exchange Rules may provide that requests to cancel orders while the order is routed away to another market center and remains outside Exchange will be processed by Cboe Trading subject to the applicable trading rules of the relevant market center.

**4. Transmission of Order Instructions.** User agrees that all orders on its behalf must be transmitted to Cboe Trading through Exchange. User agrees that Exchange is its exclusive mechanism for purposes of transmitting orders on its behalf to Cboe Trading and for receiving notice regarding such orders. Cboe Trading shall be entitled to rely upon and act in accordance with any order instructions received from Exchange on behalf of User. User agrees that all order executions effected on behalf of User pursuant to this Routing Agreement shall be reported by Cboe Trading to Exchange. User shall be notified of such executions through Exchange.

**5. Clearance and Settlement.** User agrees that all transactions executed on its behalf shall be processed in accordance with Exchange Rules. If User is a Member, User agrees that orders executed on its behalf by Cboe Trading shall be automatically processed by Exchange for clearance and settlement on a locked-in basis. If User is a Sponsored Participant, User agrees that all orders executed on its behalf by Cboe Trading shall be cleared and settled, using the relevant sponsoring Exchange Member’s mnemonic (or its clearing firm’s mnemonic, as applicable) and such Exchange Member retains responsibility for the clearance and settlement of all such orders.

**6. Information.**

(a) Confidentiality. Both parties acknowledge that each party to this Routing Agreement may receive or have access to other proprietary or confidential information disclosed and reasonably understood as confidential by the disclosing party (collectively, the “Information”). The receiving party will use the disclosing party’s Information solely to perform its obligations under this Routing Agreement. The receiving party will take all precautions necessary to safeguard the confidentiality of the disclosing party’s Information, including without limitation: (i) those taken by the receiving party to protect its own confidential information; and (ii) those which the disclosing party may reasonably request from time to time. Cboe Trading will not disclose the identity of User or User’s customers to any of Exchange’s other Members or to any third parties in connection with orders, trades and other messages and instructions entered or executed by User on Exchange, except as required by a court or regulatory or self-regulatory authority with jurisdiction over Cboe Trading, Exchange or User,



or to facilitate the clearance and settlement of a trade, or with written permission from User.

(b) **Disclosure.** The receiving party will not disclose, in whole or in part, the disclosing party's Information to any person, except as specifically authorized under this Routing Agreement. If applicable, User may not disclose any data or compilations of data made available to User by Cboe Trading without the express, prior written authorization of Cboe Trading. The receiving party may also disclose Information in accordance with its regulatory obligations.

(c) **Unauthorized Use or Disclosure.** The parties acknowledge that any unauthorized use or disclosure of the disclosing party's Information may cause irreparable damage to the disclosing party. If an unauthorized use or disclosure occurs, the receiving party will immediately notify the disclosing party and take at its expense all steps necessary to recover the disclosing party's Information and to prevent its subsequent unauthorized use or dissemination, including availing itself of actions for seizure and injunctive relief. If the receiving party fails to take these steps in a timely and adequate manner, the disclosing party may take them at the receiving party's expense, and the receiving party will provide the disclosing party with its reasonable cooperation in such actions that the disclosing party may request.

(d) **Limitation.** The receiving party will have no confidentiality obligation with respect to any portion of the disclosing party's Information that: (i) the receiving party independently developed before receiving the Information from the disclosing party; (ii) the receiving party lawfully obtained from a third party under no obligation of confidentiality; (iii) is or becomes available to the public other than as a result of an act or omission of the receiving party or any of its employees; or (iv) the receiving party is compelled to disclose by law, regulation or legal process provided by a court of competent jurisdiction or other governmental entity to whose jurisdiction the receiving party is subject.

**7. Term of Agreement.** This Routing Agreement will be effective as of the date executed by Cboe Trading on the signature page hereof and will remain in effect thereafter until terminated by either party upon notice to the other party. Termination will be effective at the close of trading in the affected markets and applications on the day that notice of termination is received by the other party hereto. Cboe Trading may terminate this Routing Agreement with written notice if: (i) User is in breach of this Routing Agreement for any reason; (ii) any representations made by User in connection with this Routing Agreement or the User Agreement are or become false or misleading; or (iii) User is no longer a Member or Sponsored Participant of Exchange or otherwise authorized to access Exchange. Upon the termination of this Routing Agreement or the User Agreement for any reason, all rights granted to User hereunder will cease. The following Sections will survive the termination or expiration of this Routing Agreement for any reason: 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15 and 17. In no event will termination of this Routing Agreement relieve User of any obligations incurred prior to the termination or through its use of or connection to Exchange.

**8. Indemnity.** User agrees to indemnify, defend and hold Cboe Trading harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, costs, expenses, obligations, liabilities, damages, recoveries, and deficiencies, including interest, penalties, and attorneys' fees, arising from or as a result of User's breach of its obligations under this Routing Agreement or otherwise from its use of Cboe Trading routing services, unless such claims, demands, losses, costs, expenses, obligations, liabilities, damages, recoveries, and deficiencies arise from Cboe Trading's willful misconduct, fraud or breach of Cboe Trading's obligations under this Routing Agreement.

**9. Indemnification by Cboe Trading.** Cboe Trading agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless User and its subsidiaries, affiliates and its and their respective officers, directors, employees, and agents from and against all expenses and costs and damages (including any legal fees and expenses), direct, consequential, and/or incidental in nature, claims, demands, proceedings, suits, and actions, and all liabilities resulting from, in connection with, or arising out of any third party claim that the order routing services of Cboe Trading, or User's use thereof, infringes any copyright, patent, trademark, trade secret or other intellectual property right.

**10. DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTY.** ROUTING SERVICES ARE PROVIDED "AS-IS" AND WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND. ALL WARRANTIES, CONDITIONS, REPRESENTATIONS, INDEMNITIES AND GUARANTEES WITH RESPECT TO THE ROUTING SERVICE, WHETHER EXPRESS, IMPLIED, OR STATUTORY, ARISING BY LAW, CUSTOM, PRIOR ORAL OR WRITTEN STATEMENTS BY CBOE TRADING, EXCHANGE OR ITS OR THEIR AGENTS, AFFILIATES, LICENSORS OR OTHERWISE (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY WARRANTY OF SATISFACTORY QUALITY, ACCURACY, UNINTERRUPTED USE, TIMELINESS, TRUTHFULNESS, SEQUENCE, COMPLETENESS, MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR NON-INFRINGEMENT AND ANY

IMPLIED WARRANTIES ARISING FROM TRADE USAGE, COURSE OF DEALING OR COURSE OF PERFORMANCE) ARE HEREBY OVERRIDDEN, EXCLUDED AND DISCLAIMED.

**11. NO LIABILITY FOR TRADES.** ABSENT FRAUD OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT BY CBOE TRADING OR A CLAIM ARISING OUT OF CBOE TRADING'S INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATION, USER UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES THAT CBOE TRADING IS NOT LIABLE UNDER THIS ROUTING AGREEMENT TO ANY PERSON (INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION USER AND ANY PERSON FOR WHOM USER IS AUTHORIZED TO TRADE OR ACT) FOR THE FAILURE OF ANY PERSON ENTERING INTO A TRADE OR TRANSACTION BY MEANS OF EXCHANGE TO PERFORM SUCH PERSON'S SETTLEMENT OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS UNDER SUCH TRADE OR TRANSACTION. ABSENT FRAUD OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT BY CBOE TRADING OR A CLAIM ARISING OUT OF CBOE TRADING'S INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATION, NEITHER CBOE TRADING, OR ITS AGENTS, AFFILIATES OR LICENSORS WILL BE LIABLE FOR ANY LOSSES, DAMAGES, OR OTHER CLAIMS, ARISING OUT OF THE ROUTING SERVICE OR ITS USE. ANY LOSSES, DAMAGES, OR OTHER CLAIMS, RELATED TO A FAILURE OF CBOE TRADING TO DELIVER, DISPLAY, TRANSMIT, EXECUTE, COMPARE, SUBMIT FOR CLEARANCE AND SETTLEMENT, OR OTHERWISE PROCESS AN ORDER, MESSAGE, OR OTHER DATA ENTERED INTO, OR CREATED BY, EXCHANGE WILL BE ABSORBED BY USER OR THE MEMBER SPONSORING USER, THAT ENTERED THE ORDER, MESSAGE OR OTHER DATA INTO EXCHANGE. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, CBOE TRADING AS A FACILITY OF THE EXCHANGE MAY BE LIABLE TO USER TO THE EXTENT SUCH LIABILITY ARISES BASED ON THE EXCHANGE RULE CURRENTLY NUMBERED 11.16 (LIMITATION OF LIABILITY), AS SUCH RULE MAY BE AMENDED OR RE-NUMBERED FROM TIME TO TIME.

**12. NO CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.** ABSENT FRAUD OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT BY CBOE TRADING OR A CLAIM ARISING OUT OF CBOE TRADING'S INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATION, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL CBOE TRADING OR ITS AGENTS, AFFILIATES OR LICENSORS BE LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE, CLAIM OR EXPENSE, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY DIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL, INDIRECT, SPECIAL, PUNITIVE OR INCIDENTAL DAMAGES OR LOST PROFITS, WHETHER FORESEEABLE OR UNFORESEEABLE, BASED ON USER'S CLAIMS OR THE CLAIMS OF ITS CUSTOMERS, EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CLAIMS FOR LOSS OF DATA, GOODWILL, USE OF MONEY OR USE OF ROUTING SERVICES, INTERRUPTION IN USE OR AVAILABILITY OF CBOE TRADING, STOPPAGE OF OTHER WORK OR IMPAIRMENT OF OTHER ASSETS), ARISING OUT OF BREACH OR FAILURE OF EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY, BREACH OF CONTRACT, MISREPRESENTATION, NEGLIGENCE, STRICT LIABILITY IN TORT OR OTHERWISE. THIS SECTION WILL NOT APPLY ONLY WHEN AND TO THE EXTENT THAT APPLICABLE LAW SPECIFICALLY REQUIRES LIABILITY, DESPITE THE FOREGOING EXCLUSION AND LIMITATION. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, CBOE TRADING AS A FACILITY OF THE EXCHANGE MAY BE LIABLE TO USER TO THE EXTENT SUCH LIABILITY ARISES BASED ON THE EXCHANGE RULE CURRENTLY NUMBERED 11.16 (LIMITATION OF LIABILITY), AS SUCH RULE MAY BE AMENDED OR RE-NUMBERED FROM TIME TO TIME.

**13. Assignment.** User shall not assign, delegate or otherwise transfer this Routing Agreement or any of its rights or obligations hereunder without Cboe Trading's prior approval, which will not be unreasonably withheld. Cboe Trading may, as permitted by the Act, assign or transfer this Routing Agreement or any of its rights or obligations hereunder to a related or unrelated party upon notice to User.

**14. Force Majeure.** Notwithstanding any other term or condition of this Routing Agreement to the contrary, neither Cboe Trading nor User will be obligated to perform or observe their obligations undertaken in this Routing Agreement if prevented or hindered from doing so by any circumstances found to be beyond their control.

**15. Arbitration.** In connection with the following agreement to arbitrate, each party understands that: (i) arbitration is final and binding on the parties; (ii) the parties are waiving their right to seek remedies in court, including the right to jury trial; (iii) pre-arbitration discovery is generally more limited than and different from court proceedings; (iv) the arbitrators' award is not required to include factual findings or legal reasoning, and any party's right to appeal or seek modification of rulings by the arbitrators is strictly limited; and (v) the panel of arbitrators will typically include a minority of arbitrators who were or are affiliated with the securities industry. Subject to the preceding disclosures, each party agrees that any controversy arising out of or relating to this Routing Agreement or the breach thereof will be resolved and settled by arbitration under the auspices of FINRA Dispute Resolution or in accordance with such other rules and procedures as are agreed to by the parties. The arbitration proceeding shall be conducted in New York, New York, unless otherwise agreed to

by the parties. Judgment upon arbitration may be entered in any court, state or federal, having jurisdiction; provided, however, that nothing herein will prevent either party from: (i) petitioning a regulatory body regarding a matter in question over which the regulatory body has administrative jurisdiction; or (ii) pursuing injunctions before any administrative or judicial forum provided that all monetary and other relief is submitted for arbitration.

**16. Amendment.** Cboe Trading, or Exchange on its behalf, may amend any term or condition of this Routing Agreement on one hundred and twenty (120) days' written notice to User (which notice may be provided by way of a circular issued to Members of the Exchange generally). User may object in writing to the proposed amendment by providing a written response to the address specified above, such response stating in reasonable detail the basis of the objection. Such response shall be received no later than sixty (60) days after the date that Exchange distributed the initial notice. Cboe Trading, or Exchange on its behalf, will respond to User's timely objection in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt and will use reasonable efforts thereafter to meet with the objecting User (in person or by phone) to discuss in good faith any potential resolution. Otherwise, any use by User of the routing services provided by Cboe Trading after the expiration of the one hundred and twenty (120) day notice period shall be deemed acceptance by User of the amendment. User may not alter any terms and conditions of this Routing Agreement, and no modification to this Routing Agreement proposed by User will be binding, unless in writing and manually signed by an authorized representative of each party.

**17. Miscellaneous.** All notices or approvals required or permitted under this Routing Agreement must be given in writing to Cboe Trading at 8050 Marshall Drive, Suite 120, Lenexa, Kansas 66214, or to User at its last reported principal office address. Any waiver or modification of this Routing Agreement will not be effective unless executed in writing and signed by the other party. This Routing Agreement will bind each party's successors-in-interest. This Routing Agreement will be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York, USA. For all matters not subject to Section 15 (Arbitration) above, both parties submit to the jurisdiction of the state and federal courts in and for the State of New York, USA for the resolution of any dispute arising under this Routing Agreement. If any provision of this Routing Agreement is held to be unenforceable, in whole or in part, such holding will not affect the validity of the other provisions of this Routing Agreement. This Routing Agreement, together with the applicable Exchange Rules, constitutes the complete and entire statement of all conditions and representations of the agreement between Cboe Trading and User with respect to its subject matter and supersedes all prior writings or understandings.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have caused this Routing Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers.

User:\_\_\_\_\_

Cboe Trading, Inc.

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Title:\_\_\_\_\_

Title:\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_