

| EDGA Exchange, Inc. & EDGX Exchange, Inc. |                |            |                  |  |  |
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| Regulatory Information Circular           |                |            |                  |  |  |
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Subject: iShares Enhanced U.S. Large-Cap ETF

iShares Enhanced U.S. Small-Cap ETF

### **Background Information on the Funds**

As more fully explained in the Registration Statements (Nos. 333-179904 and 811-22649) for <u>iShares Enhanced U.S. Large-Cap ETF</u> and <u>iShares Enhanced U.S. Small-Cap ETF</u>, the iShares U.S. ETF Trust (each, a "Trust") is an open-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), consisting of several investment portfolios. This regulatory information circular relates only to the Funds listed above (each, a "Fund" and together, the "Funds"). The shares of the Funds are referred to herein as "Shares."

BlackRock Fund Advisors ("BFA" or the "Adviser"), serves as investment adviser of each of the Funds. BlackRock Investments, LLC serves as the Distributor for the Funds (the "Distributor"). State Street Bank and Trust Company acts as the administrator, custodian and transfer agent for the Funds.

| Ticker | Fund Name                           | CUSIP     |
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| IELG   | iShares Enhanced U.S. Large-Cap ETF | 46431W101 |
| IESM   | iShares Enhanced U.S. Small-Cap ETF | 46431W200 |

#### **Description of the Funds**

iShares Enhanced U.S. Large-Cap ETF

The iShares Enhanced U.S. Large-Cap ETF (the "Fund") seeks long-term capital appreciation.

The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its net assets in equity securities of U.S. large-capitalization issuers. The Fund is an actively managed exchange-traded fund ("ETF") that does not seek to replicate the performance of a specified index. The Fund will seek to invest in strategic U.S. large-capitalization stocks with targeted investment characteristics.

BFA utilizes a proprietary investment process to assemble an investment portfolio from a defined group of U.S. large-capitalization stocks based on certain quantitative investment characteristics, including, but not limited to, cash earnings, earnings variability, leverage, price-to-book ratio and market capitalization. Companies in the universe of U.S. large-capitalization securities include consumer discretionary, financial and healthcare companies, and may change over time.

The Fund may have a higher portfolio turnover than funds that seek to replicate the performance of an index.

The Fund may lend securities representing up to one-third of the value of the Fund's total assets (including the value of the collateral received).

For more information, please see the Fund's Prospectus and SAI.

iShares Enhanced U.S. Small-Cap ETF

The iShares Enhanced U.S. Small-Cap ETF (the "Fund") seeks long-term capital appreciation.

The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its net assets in equity securities of U.S. small-capitalization issuers. The Fund is an actively managed exchange-traded fund ("ETF") that does not seek to replicate the performance of a specified index. The Fund will seek to invest in strategic U.S. small-capitalization stocks with targeted investment characteristics.

BFA utilizes a proprietary investment process to assemble an investment portfolio from a defined group of U.S. small-capitalization stocks based on certain quantitative investment characteristics, including, but not limited to, cash earnings, earnings variability, leverage, price-to-book ratio and market capitalization. Companies in the universe of U.S. small-capitalization securities include consumer discretionary, financial and information technology companies, and may change over time.

The Fund may have a higher portfolio turnover than funds that seek to replicate the performance of an index. The Fund may lend securities representing up to one-third of the value of the Fund's total assets (including the value of the collateral received).

For more information about the Fund, please read the Fund's Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information ("SAI").

As described more fully in each of the Funds' Prospectus and SAI, both Funds will issue and redeem Shares on a continuous basis at their net asset value per share ("NAV") only in large blocks of 50,000 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 Fund.

Dividends from net investment income, if any, generally are declared and paid monthly by the Fund. Distributions of net realized securities gains, if any, generally are declared and paid once a year. 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 per Share for the Funds 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) 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.

The IOPV Symbol (Portfolio Indicative Value) for Shares of the Funds are available from market data vendors under the symbols IELG.IV and IESM.IV, respectively.

For a more complete description of the Funds and the Underlying Indices, please visit the website at www.ishares.com.

## **Principal Risks**

Interested persons are referred to the discussion in each Funds' Prospectuses for the principal risks of an investment in the Funds. 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. The Funds are subject to the principal risks noted below, any of which may adversely affect the Fund's NAV, trading price, yield, total return and ability to meet its investment objective. Unlike many ETFs, the Funds are not index-based ETFs.

For *iShares Enhanced U.S. Large-Cap ETF*, the risks include asset class risk, consumer discretionary sector risk, equity securities risk, factor risk, financial sector risk, healthcare sector risk, high portfolio turnover risk, investment exposure risk, issuer risk, management risk, market risk, market trading risk, securities lending risk, and value securities risk.

For *iShares Enhanced U.S. Small-Cap ETF*, the risks include asset class risk, consumer discretionary sector risk, factor risk, financial sector risk, high portfolio turnover risk, information technology sector risk, investment exposure risk, issuer risk, management risk, market risk, market trading risk, securities lending risk, small-capitalization companies risk, and value securities risk.

Further information about the risks of investing in the Funds is available at www.ishares.com.

# **Trading Hours**

Trading in the Shares on EDGA Exchange, Inc. and EDGX Exchange, Inc. (together, 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. ET. 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 Index value or intraday indicative value ("IIV"). For certain derivative securities products, an updated Index value or IIV may not be calculated or publicly disseminated in the Extended Market hours. Since the 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.

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

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

#### **Suitability**

Trading in the Shares on the Exchanges will be subject to the provisions of EDGA and EDGX 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.

### **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.

### **Delivery of a Prospectus**

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

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

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

The Commission has issued letters (together, the "No- Action Letters") dated June 27, 2007, April 9, 2007, October 24, 2006, and November 21, 2005 granting exemptive, interpretive and no-action relief from certain provisions of and rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for exchange-traded funds listed and traded on a registered national securities exchange that meet certain criteria. Members should refer to the No Action Letters, available at <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a>, for additional information.

# **Regulation M Exemptions**

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

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

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

Broker–dealers who handle purchases or redemptions of Fund shares in Creation Units for customers will be permitted to provide such customers with a statement of the number of Creation Unit Aggregations created or redeemed without providing a statement of the identity, number and price of shares of the individual securities tendered to the Fund for purposes of

purchasing creation unit aggregations ("Deposit Securities") or the identity, number and price of shares to be delivered by the Trust to the redeeming holder ("Redemption Securities"). The composition of the securities required to be tendered to the Fund for creation purposes and of the securities to be delivered on redemption will be disseminated each business day and will be applicable to requests for creations or redemption, as the case may be, on that day. This exemptive relief under Rule 10b-10 with respect to creations and redemptions is subject to the following conditions:

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

### SEC Rule 14e-5

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

- 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 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 Act generally prohibits a person who is both a broker and a dealer from effecting any transaction in which the broker-dealer extends credit to a customer on any security which was part of a new issue in the distribution of which he participated as a member of a selling syndicate or group within thirty days prior to such transaction. The Commission has clarified that Section 11(d)(1) does not apply to broker-dealers that are not authorized participants (and, therefore, do not create creation unit aggregations) that engage in both proprietary and customer transactions in shares of a fund in the secondary market, and for broker-dealer authorized participants that engage in creations of creation unit aggregations. This

relief is subject to specific conditions, including the condition that such broker-dealer (whether or not an authorized participant) does not, directly or indirectly, receive from the fund complex any payment, compensation or other economic incentive to promote or sell the shares of a fund to persons outside the fund complex, other than non-cash compensation permitted under NASD Rule 2830 (I)(5)(A), (B) or (C). See letter dated November 22, 2005 from Brian A Bussey, Assistant Chief Counsel, SEC Division of Market Regulation, to Barclays Global Investors, N.A., dated November 22, 2005. The Commission has issued a No-Action Letter under Section 11(d)(1) of the Act stating that broker-dealers may treat shares of a fund, for purposes of Rule 11d1-2, as "securities issued by a registered open-end investment company as defined in the Investment Company Act" and thereby extend credit or maintain or arrange for the extension or maintenance of credit on shares that have been owned by the persons to whom credit is provided for more than 30 days, in reliance on the exemption contained in the rule.

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

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

This Regulatory Information Circular is not a statutory Prospectus. Members should consult the Trusts' Registration Statements, SAIs, Prospectuses and the Funds' website for relevant information.