

EDGA Exchange, Inc. & EDGX Exchange, Inc.				
Regulatory Information Circular				
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Subject: Horizons S&P 500 Covered Call ETF

#### **Background Information on the Fund**

As more fully explained in the <u>Registered Prospectus</u> (File No. 333-180871, 811-22700), Exchange Traded Concepts Trust II (the "Trust"), is a management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, consisting of separate exchange-traded funds. This circular only refers to the Horizons S&P 500 Covered Call ETF (the "Fund") listed above. The shares of each Fund are referred to herein as "Shares."

Exchange Traded Concepts, LLC serves as the investment advisor for the Fund and Horizons ETFs Management (USA) LLC serves as the Fund's sub-adviser. Citi Fund Services Ohio, Inc. serves as the Fund's administrator. Citibank, NA serves as the Fund's custodian and Citi Fund Services Ohio, Inc. serves as the Fund's transfer agent. Foreside Fund Services, LLC serves as the distributor to the Fund.

Ticker	Fund Name	CUSIP
HSPX	Horizons S&P 500 Covered Call ETF	30151E103

# **Description of the Fund**

The Fund seeks investment results that, before fees and expenses, generally correspond to the performance of the S&P 500 Stock Covered Call Index (the "Underlying Index").

The Fund is an index fund that employs a "passive management" investment strategy in seeking to achieve its objective. The Underlying Index is comprised of all the equity securities in the S&P 500 Index (the "Reference Index") in substantially similar weight as the Reference Index and short (written) call options on up to 100% of each of the option eligible securities in the Reference Index that meet, among others, the stock and option price criteria of the Underlying Index methodology. The Fund invests at least 80% of its total assets in securities that comprise its Underlying Index.

The Reference Index is a float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index containing equity securities of 500 industrial, information technology, utility and financial companies amongst other GICS sectors, regarded as generally representative of the U.S. stock market. A float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index weights each index component according to

its market capitalization, using the number of shares that are readily available for purchase on the open market.

The Underlying Index measures the performance of a hypothetical portfolio that employs a covered call strategy. A covered call strategy is generally considered to be an investment strategy in which an investor buys a security, and sells (or "writes") a call option that corresponds to that security in an attempt to generate more income (the "premium" paid by the buyer of the option) from the security than it would otherwise provide on its own from dividends or other distributions. The Underlying Index consists of long positions in companies in the Reference Index and out-of-the-money call options that are written (sold) systematically on each of the option eligible companies in the Reference Index that meet, among other criteria, the stock and option price requirements of the Underlying Index methodology as determined on the monthly option writing date of the Underlying Index. In return for the option premium, the Fund gives the purchaser of the call option either the right to buy the security from the Fund at a specified exercise (or "strike") price, or the right to receive a cash payment equal to the difference between the value of the security and the exercise price if the value is above the exercise price on or before the expiration date of the option. The Fund writes "out-of-themoney" call options, which is when the strike price is above the market price of the security, as determined on the monthly option writing date of the Underlying Index in accordance with the Underlying Index methodology. The options in the Underlying Index will be traded on national options exchanges. Long positions in the equity securities of the Underlying Index are, in accordance with the Underlying Index's methodology, indexed to the Reference Index which includes rebalancing quarterly for share updates and on an as-needed basis to account for corporate actions and market developments. Options positions in the Underlying Index are written on up to 100% of each of the option eligible securities in the Reference Index that meet, among others, the stock and option price criteria of the Underlying Index methodology and are rebalanced monthly, as well as on an as-needed basis to account for corporate actions and market developments. As of March 29, 2013, the S&P 500 Index included common stocks of 500 companies with a market capitalization range of between approximately \$1.5 billion and \$415.6 billion.

The Fund generally uses a replication methodology, meaning it will invest in all of the securities comprising the Underlying Index in proportion to the weightings in the Underlying Index. The Fund seeks correlation between the Fund's performance, before fees and expenses, and that of the Underlying Index of 0.95 or better. A figure of 1.00 would represent perfect correlation. However, the Fund may from time-to-time utilize a sampling methodology under various circumstances where it may not be possible or practicable to purchase all of the equity securities and write (sell) all of the call options comprising the Underlying Index.

The Fund will concentrate its investments (*i.e.*, hold 25% or more of its total assets) in a particular industry or group of industries to approximately the same extent that the Reference Index and the Underlying Index are so concentrated. The Fund is non-diversified and, therefore, may invest a greater percentage of its assets in a particular issue in comparison to a diversified fund.

As described more fully in the Trust's Prospectus/Statement of Additional Information

("SAI"), individual shares may only be purchased and sold on a national securities exchange through a broker-dealer. You can purchase and sell individual Shares of the Funds throughout the trading day like any publicly traded security. Each Fund's Shares are listed on the primary listing exchange. The price of a Fund's Shares is based on market price, and because exchange-traded shares trade at market prices rather than NAV, shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). Each Fund issues and redeems Shares on a continuous basis, at NAV, only in blocks of at least 50,000 shares ("Creation Units"), principally in-kind for securities included in the relevant Index. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, the Funds' Shares are not redeemable securities.

Each Fund distributes its net investment income (including any net short-term capital gains recognized in connection with the Fund's equity call option activities) monthly and makes distributions of its net realized capital gains, if any, annually.

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") serves as securities depository for the Shares, which may be held only in book-entry form; stock certificates will not be issued. DTC, or its nominee, is the record or registered owner of all outstanding Shares. The NAV per Share of the Fund will be determined as of the close of trading (normally, 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time ("ET")) on each day that the primary listing exchange is open for business. Net asset value per Share for the Funds is computed by dividing the value of the net assets of a Fund (*i.e.*, the value of its total assets less total liabilities) by the total number of Shares outstanding, rounded to the nearest cent.

The Trust's registration statement describes the various fees and expenses for the Fund's Shares. For a more complete description of the Fund and the Underlying Index, visit <a href="https://www.horizonsetfs.com">www.horizonsetfs.com</a>.

### **Principal Risks**

Interested persons are referred to the applicable Prospectus for a description of risks associated with an investment in the Shares. Risks include: Market Risk, Equity Risk, Index Risk, Writing Covered Call Option Risk, emerging Index Tracking Risk, Market Trading Risk, Non-Correlation Risk, Large Capitalization Company Risk, Concentration Risk, U.S. Federal Income Tax Risk and Real Estate Investment Trust ("REIT") Risk. For more complete information about the principal risks of investing in Fund, consult the <u>Prospectus</u>.

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

professionals.

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

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

## **Trading Halts**

The Exchanges will halt trading in the Shares of a Trust 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 of a Trust if the primary market de-lists the Shares.

### **Suitability**

Trading in the Shares on the Exchanges will be subject to the provisions of Exchange Rules 3.7. Members recommending transactions in the Shares to customers should make a determination that the recommendation is suitable for the customer. In addition, Members must possess sufficient information to satisfy the "know your customer" obligation that is embedded in Exchange Rules 3.7.

Members also should review FINRA Notice to Members 03-71 for guidance on trading these products. The Notice reminds Members of their obligations to: (1) conduct adequate due diligence to understand the features of the product; (2) perform a reasonable-basis suitability analysis; (3) perform customer-specific suitability analysis in connection with any recommended transactions; (4) provide a balanced disclosure of both the risks and rewards associated with the particular product, especially when selling to retail investors; (5) implement appropriate internal controls; and (6) train registered persons regarding the features, risk and suitability of these products.

#### **Delivery of a Prospectus**

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

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

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

The SEC has issued exemptive, interpretive or no-action relief from certain provisions of rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") regarding trading in the above mentioned exchange-traded Trust. Members are referred 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 Fund's securities during the restricted period of Rule 101. The Commission has issued a No-Action Letter to paragraph (e) of Rule 102 under Regulation M which allow the redemption of fund shares in creation unit aggregations during the continuous offering of shares.

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

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

- 1. Confirmations to customers engaging in creations or redemptions must state that all information required by Rule 10b-10 will be provided upon request;
- 2. Any such request by a customer for information required by Rule 10b-10 will be filed in a timely manner, in accordance with Rule 10b-10(c); 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).

#### 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 underlying index; and
- 3. Such bids or purchases are not effected for the purpose of facilitating such tender offer.

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

Section 11(d)(1) of the 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 the 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(1)(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.

### **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 <u>letter</u> from Catherine McGuire, Chief Counsel, SEC Division of Market Regulation, to Securities Industry Association, Derivative Products Committee, dated November 21, 2005.)

This Regulatory Information Circular is not a statutory prospectus. Members should consult the Trust's <u>Prospectus</u>, <u>SAI</u> and the Fund's <u>website</u> for relevant information.