



EDGA & EDGX STOCK EXCHANGES			
Regulatory Information Circular			
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**Subject: Direxion Shares ETF Trust**

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

As more fully explained in the Registration Statement (No. 333-150525 and 811-22201) for the Trust, the Trust is a registered open-end management investment company currently consisting of separate investment series, i.e., the Funds. The Funds are investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended ("1940 Act"), and commonly referred to as "exchange-traded funds." The Trust currently consists of 36 separate series.

The Mid Cap Bull 3X Shares seeks daily investment results, before fees and expenses, of 300% of the price performance of the Russell MidCap Index (the "Mid Cap Index"). The Mid Cap Bear 3X Shares seeks daily investment results, before fees and expenses, of 300% of the inverse (or opposite) of the price performance of the Mid Cap Index.

Rafferty Asset Management LLC serves as the investment adviser to the Funds. Foreside Fund Services, LLC (the "Distributor") is the distributor for the Funds. Bank of New York Mellon is the custodian, administrator, transfer agent and fund accounting agent for the Funds.

As described more fully in the Trust's Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information ("SAI"), each Fund issues and redeems shares at their net asset value ("NAV") only in large blocks of 50,000 Shares (each block of 50,000 Shares called a "Creation Unit"). Creation Units of the Bull Funds are issued and redeemed principally in-kind for securities included in the relevant underlying index and an amount of cash. Creation Units of the Bear Funds are purchased and redeemed for cash. Shares of the Funds will trade on the Exchange at market prices that may differ from their NAV. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, the Shares may not be redeemed with a Fund.

Each Fund pays out dividends from its net investment income, and distributes any net capital gains, to its shareholders at least annually. Each Fund is authorized to declare and pay capital gain distributions in additional Shares thereof or in cash; if a Fund declares such a distribution, a holder of Shares will receive additional Shares thereof unless it elects to receive cash.

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.

Each Fund's NAV is determined shortly after 4:00 p.m. Eastern standard time ("ET") on each

day that the Exchange is open for business (a "Business Day"). The NAV is available from the Trust and the Exchange and is also available to National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC") participants through data made available from NSCC.

The Trusts registration statement describes the various fees and expenses for the Fund's shares. For a more complete description of the Funds and the Indexes, visit [www.direxionshares.com](http://www.direxionshares.com).

### **Purchases and Redemptions in Creation Unit Size**

Members are hereby informed that procedures for purchases and redemptions of Shares in Creation Units are described in the Trust's Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information and that Shares are not individually redeemable but are redeemable only in Creation Unit aggregations or multiples thereof. As described in the Prospectus, Creation Units of the Bull Funds are issued and redeemed principally in-kind for securities included in the relevant underlying index and an amount of cash and Creation Units of the Bear Funds are purchased and redeemed for cash.

### **Principal Risks**

Interested persons are referred to the Trust's Prospectus for a description of risks associated with an investment in the Shares. These risks include, but are not limited to, the risk that each Fund's investment strategy may subject such Fund to greater changes to the value of portfolio holdings and imperfect correlation to the relevant Underlying Index. Each Fund may also not correlate to the relevant Underlying Index for a number of reasons including the incursion by the Fund of operating expenses and costs associated with the use of leveraged investment techniques. Over time, the cumulative percentage increase or decrease in the NAV of a Fund may diverge significantly from the cumulative percentage increase or decrease in the multiple return of the Underlying Index due to the compounding effect of losses and gains on the returns of a Fund. In addition, as noted in the Prospectus, the Shares trade at market prices that may differ from their NAV. The NAV of the Shares will fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's holdings while the market prices of the Shares will fluctuate in accordance with changes in NAV as well as the supply and demand for the Shares.

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

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

### **Trading Hours**

Trading in the shares on EDGA and EDGX Exchanges (the "Exchanges") is on a UTP basis and is subject to the Exchanges equity trading rules. The shares will trade from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Members trading the shares during the Extended Market Sessions (Pre-opening and Post-closing sessions) are exposed to the risk of the lack of the calculation or dissemination of underlying index value or intraday indicative value ("IIV"). For certain derivative securities products, an updated underlying index value or IIV may not be calculated or

publicly disseminated in the Extended Market hours. Since the underlying index value and IIV are not calculated or widely disseminated during Extended Market hours, an investor who is unable to calculate implied values for certain derivative securities products during Extended Market hours may be at a disadvantage to market professionals.

### **Trading Halts**

The Exchanges will halt trading in the Shares 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 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.

### **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 Fund (by delivery of the Deposit Amount) must also receive a prospectus.

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

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

The Commission issued a letter dated October 31, 2008, (“No-Action Letter”) granting exemptive or no-action relief from certain rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the Funds

## **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 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.

## **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:

- i. such bids or purchases are effected in the ordinary course of business, in connection with a basket of securities in which any security that is the subject of a distribution, or any reference security, or
- ii. 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
- iii. 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 states that broker-dealers may treat shares of a fund, for purposes of Rule 11d1-2, as "securities issued by a registered open-end investment company as defined in the Investment Company Act" and thereby extend credit or maintain or arrange for the extension or maintenance of credit on shares that have been owned by the persons to whom credit is provided for more than 30 days, in reliance on the exemption contained in the rule.

#### **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 Trust's Registration Statement, SAI, Prospectus and the Fund's website for relevant information.**

## Appendix A

<b>Ticker</b>	<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Cusip</b>
MWJ	Direxion MidCap Bull 3X Shares	25459W370
MWN	Direxion MidCap Bear 3X Shares	25459W524