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Description

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The Exchange proposes to accommodate Exchange listing and trading of Options-Linked Securities.

Contact Information

Provide the name, telephone number, and e-mail address of the person on the staff of the self-regulatory organization prepared to respond to questions and comments on the action.

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Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

(Title *)

Date 05/15/2020 VP, Associate General Counsel

By Kyle Murray

(Name *)

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Transcripts, Other Communications

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Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire

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Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change.

Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies

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The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working.

Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text

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The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change.

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If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

Item 1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”)¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “BZX”) proposes to amend Exchange Rule 14.11(d) (“Securities Linked to the Performance of Indexes and Commodities (Including Currencies)”) to accommodate Exchange listing and trading of Options-Linked Securities. The text of the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

Item 2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

(a) The Exchange’s President (or designee) pursuant to delegated authority approved the proposed rule change on May 15, 2020.

(b) Please refer questions and comments on the proposed rule change to Pat Sexton, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, (312) 786-7467, or Sarah Tadtman, Counsel, (913) 815-7203.

Item 3. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

(a) Purpose

Exchange Rule 14.11(d) provides for Exchange listing and trading of Securities Linked to the Performance of Indexes and Commodities (Including Currencies) (“Linked

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

Securities”).³ The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 14.11(d) to add Options-Linked Securities to the type of Linked Securities permitted to list and trade on the Exchange.

The proposed amendment would include Options-Linked Securities in the list of Linked-Securities set forth in paragraph (d) of Rule 14.11. Additionally, the proposal would provide that the payment at maturity with respect to Options-Linked Securities is based on the performance of U.S. exchange-traded options on any one or combination of the following: (a) Index Fund Shares; (b) Managed Fund Shares, (c) Exchange-Traded Fund Shares; (d) Linked Securities; (e) securities defined in Rule 14.11; (f) the S&P 100 Index, the S&P 500 Index, the Nasdaq 100 Index, the Dow Jones Industrial Average, the MSCI EAFE Index, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, the NYSE FANG Index, the Russell 2000 Index, the Russell 1000 Index, the Russell 1000 Growth Index, the Russell 1000 Value Index, the Cboe Volatility Index, Communication Services Select Sector Index, the Consumer Discretionary Select Sector Index, the Consumer Staples Select Sector Index, the Energy Select Sector Index, the Financial Select Sector Index, the Health Care Select Sector Index, the Industrial Select Sector Index, the Materials Select Sector Index, the Real Estate Select Sector Index, the Technology Select Sector Index, or the Utilities Select Sector Index; or (g) a basket or index of any of the foregoing (an “Options Reference Asset”). The proposal would also include Options Reference Assets as a Multifactor Reference Asset, which would result in Options-Linked Securities as being included as Multifactor Index-Linked Securities.

³ Rule 14.11(d) currently accommodates Exchange listing and trading of Equity Index-Linked Securities, Commodity-Linked Securities, Fixed Income Index-Linked Securities, Futures-Linked Securities, and Multifactor Index-Linked Securities (collectively referred to as “Linked Securities”).

The proposal would move existing Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(v) (Multifactor Index-Linked Securities Listings Standards) to Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(vi), and would set forth the Option-Linked Securities Listing Standards in Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(v). Proposed Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(v)(a) provides that Option-Linked Securities must meet both of the following initial listing criteria: (1) the value of the Options Reference Asset must be calculated and widely disseminated by one or more major market data vendors on at least a 15-second basis during the Exchange's regular market session; and (2) in the case of Options-Linked Securities that are periodically redeemable, the indicative value of the subject Options Linked Securities must be calculated and widely disseminated by the Exchange or one or more major market data vendors on at least a 15-second basis during the Exchange's regular market session. Proposed Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(v)(b) provides that Option-Linked Securities must meet the following continued listing criteria: (1) the Exchange will consider the suspension of trading in, and will initiate delisting proceedings pursuant to Rule 14.12 if any of the initial listing criteria described above are not continuously maintained; and (2) the Exchange will consider the suspension of trading in, and will initiate delisting proceedings pursuant to Rule 14.12 under any of the following circumstances: (A) if the aggregate market value or the principal amount of the Options-Linked Securities publicly held is less than \$400,000; (B) if an interruption to the dissemination of the value of the Options Reference Asset persists past the trading day in which it occurred or is no longer calculated or available and a new Options Reference Asset is substituted, unless the new Options Reference Asset meets the requirements of this Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K); or (C) if such other event shall occur or

condition exists which in the opinion of the Exchange makes further dealings on the Exchange inadvisable.⁴

With respect to equity securities underlying Options Reference Assets, the Exchange notes that Index Fund Shares,⁵ Managed Fund Shares,⁶ Exchange-Traded Fund Shares,⁷ and Linked Securities and securities as defined in Rule 14.11 are subject to initial and continued listing criteria under applicable Exchange Rules as approved by the Commission. In addition, the Commission has approved or issued a notice of effectiveness to permit listing on a national securities exchange of securities based on certain Indexes.⁸ Further, Index Fund Shares, Managed Fund Shares, Exchange-Traded Fund Shares, Linked Securities or securities defined in Rule 14.11 based on the Indexes

⁴ Proposed Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(v)(b) is substantially the same as existing Rules 14.11(d)(2)(K)(ii)(b), 14.11(d)(2)(K)(iii)(c), and 14.11(d)(2)(K)(iv)(c).

⁵ See Exchange Rule 14.11(c).

⁶ See Exchange Rule 14.11(i).

⁷ See Exchange Rule 14.11(l).

⁸ See, e.g., Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 31591 (December 11, 1992), 57 FR 60253 (December 18, 1992) (SR-Amex-92-18) (approving the listing and trading of Portfolio Depositary Receipts based on the S&P 500 Index); 39525 (January 8, 1998), 63 FR 2438 (January 15, 1998) (SR-Amex-97-29) (approving the listing and trading of DIAMONDS Trust Units, Portfolio Depositary Receipts based on the Dow Jones Industrial Average); 39011 (September 3, 1997), 62 FR 47840 (September 11, 1997) (SR-CBOE-97-26) (approving the listing and trading of options on the Dow Jones Industrial Average); 19907 (June 24, 1983), 48 FR 30814 (July 5, 1983) (SR-CBOE-83-08) (approving the listing and trading of options on the S&P 500 Index on the CBOE); 41119 (February 26, 1999), 64 FR 11510 (March 9, 1999) (SR-Amex-98-34) (Order Approving and Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Amendment Nos. 3 and 4 to the Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Listing and Trading of Shares of the Nasdaq-100 Trust); 87437 (October 31, 2019), 84 FR 59900 (November 6, 2019) (SR-NYSEArca-2019-62) (Notice of Filing of Amendment No. 1, and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1, Relating to the Listing and Trading of Shares of the Innovator MSCI EAFE Power Buffer ETFs and Innovator MSCI Emerging Markets Power Buffer ETFs under NYSE Arca Rule 8.600-E).

have been listed on national securities exchanges under generic listing criteria applicable to such securities. With respect to options on the Indexes, options on all of the Indexes are currently traded on U.S. options exchanges.

Finally, all Options-Linked Securities listed pursuant to Exchange Rule 14.11(d) would be included within the definition of securities as such terms are used in the Exchange's rules and, as such, are subject to Exchange rules and procedures that currently govern the trading of securities on the Exchange.

The Exchange believes that the proposed standards would continue to ensure transparency surrounding the listing process for Linked Securities. The Exchange also believes that the standards for listing and trading Options-Linked Securities are reasonably designed to promote a fair and orderly market for such securities. The proposed addition of Options Reference Assets, as described above, would also work in conjunction with the initial and continued listing criteria related to surveillance procedures and trading guidelines for Linked Securities.

The Exchange believes that its surveillance procedures are adequate to properly monitor the trading of Options-Linked Securities in all trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange Rules. The issuer of a series of Options- Linked Securities will be required to comply with Rule 10A-3 under the Act⁹ for the initial and continued listing of Linked Securities, as provided in Exchange Rule 14.11(d)(2)(F). The Exchange notes that the proposed change is not intended to amend any other component or requirement of Exchange Rule 14.11(d).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.10A-3.

Quotation and last sale information for Options-Linked Securities, Index Fund Shares, Managed Fund Shares, Exchange-Traded Fund Shares, Linked Securities, and securities defined in Rule 14.11 are available via the Consolidated Tape Association (“CTA”) high speed line. Quotation and last sale information for such securities also will be available from the exchange on which they are listed. Quotation and last sale information for options on Index Fund Shares, Managed Fund Shares, Exchange-Traded Fund Shares, Linked Securities, securities defined in Rule 14.11 and the Indexes will be available via the Options Price Reporting Authority and major market data vendors. Information regarding values of the Indexes is available from major market data vendors.

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will provide investors with the ability to better diversify and hedge their portfolios using an exchange-listed security without having to trade directly in the underlying options contracts, and will facilitate the listing and trading of additional Linked Securities that will enhance competition among market participants, to the benefit of investors and the marketplace.

(b) Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”) and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.¹⁰ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)¹¹ requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating,

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)¹² requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

With respect to equity securities underlying Options Reference Assets, the Exchange notes that Index Fund Shares, Managed Fund Shares, Exchange-Traded Fund Shares, Linked Securities and securities defined in Rule 14.11 are subject to Exchange initial and continued listing criteria under applicable Exchange rules as approved by the Commission. In addition, the Commission has approved or issued a notice of effectiveness to permit listing on a national securities exchange of securities based on certain Indexes.¹³ With respect to options on the Indexes, options on all of the Indexes are currently traded on U.S. options exchanges. All options included in an Options Reference Asset will be U.S. exchange-traded.

Any Options-Linked Securities would be required to meet the following initial listing criteria in proposed Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(v)(a): (1) the value of the Options Reference Asset must be calculated and widely disseminated by one or more major market data vendors on at least a 15-second basis during the Exchange's regular market session; and (2) in the case of Options-Linked Securities that are periodically redeemable, the indicative value of the subject Options Linked Securities must be calculated and widely disseminated by the Exchange or one or more major market data vendors on at

¹² Id.

¹³ Supra note 8.

least a 15-second basis during the Exchange's regular market session. Options-Linked Securities also will be subject to the continued listing criteria in proposed Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(v)(b) as described above. Finally, all Options-Linked Securities listed pursuant to Exchange Rule 14.11(d) would be included within the definition of "security" or "securities" as such terms are used in the Exchange's rules and, as such, are subject to Exchange rules and procedures that currently govern the trading of securities on the Exchange.

The Exchange believes that the proposed standards would continue to ensure transparency surrounding the listing process for Linked Securities. The Exchange also believes that the standards for listing and trading Options-Linked Securities are reasonably designed to promote a fair and orderly market for such securities. The proposed addition of Options Reference Assets, as described above, would also work in conjunction with the initial and continued listing criteria related to surveillance procedures and trading guidelines for Linked Securities. The Exchange believes that its surveillance procedures are adequate to properly monitor the trading of Options Linked Securities in all trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange rules. Trading in the securities may be halted under the conditions specified in Exchange Rule 14.11(d)(2)(H).

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will provide investors with the ability to better diversify and hedge their portfolios using an exchange listed security without having to trade directly in the underlying options contracts, and will facilitate the listing and trading of additional Linked Securities that will enhance competition among market participants, to the benefit of investors and the marketplace.

Item 4. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change will facilitate the listing and trading of additional Linked Securities that will enhance competition among market participants, to the benefit of investors and the marketplace.

Item 5. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others

The Exchange neither solicited nor received comments on the proposed rule change.

Item 6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

The Exchange does not consent to an extension of the time period for Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) action on the proposed rule change specified in Section 19(b)(2) of the Act.¹⁴

Item 7. Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) or Section 19(b)(7)(D)

Not applicable.

Item 8. Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission

The proposed rule change is not based on a rule either of another self-regulatory organization or of the Commission.

Item 9. Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act

Not applicable.

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

**Item 10. Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment,
Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act**

Not applicable.

Item 11. Exhibits

Exhibit 1. Completed Notice of Proposed Rule Change for publication in the
Federal Register.

Exhibit 5. Proposed rule text.

EXHIBIT 1**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

[Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-CboeBZX-2020-042]

[Insert date]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to Accommodate Exchange Listing and Trading of Options-Linked Securities

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on [insert date], Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “BZX”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “BZX”) proposes to amend Exchange Rule 14.11(d) (“Securities Linked to the Performance of Indexes and Commodities (Including Currencies)”) to accommodate Exchange listing and trading of Options-Linked Securities. The text of the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.

The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Exchange’s website (http://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/regulation/rule_filings/bzx/), at the Exchange’s Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

Exchange Rule 14.11(d) provides for Exchange listing and trading of Securities Linked to the Performance of Indexes and Commodities (Including Currencies) ("Linked Securities").³ The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 14.11(d) to add Options-Linked Securities to the type of Linked Securities permitted to list and trade on the Exchange.

The proposed amendment would include Options-Linked Securities in the list of Linked-Securities set forth in paragraph (d) of Rule 14.11. Additionally, the proposal would provide that the payment at maturity with respect to Options-Linked Securities is based on the performance of U.S. exchange-traded options on any one or combination of the following: (a) Index Fund Shares; (b) Managed Fund Shares, (c) Exchange-Traded Fund Shares; (d) Linked Securities; (e) securities defined in Rule 14.11; (f) the S&P 100 Index, the S&P 500 Index, the Nasdaq 100 Index, the Dow Jones Industrial Average, the MSCI EAFE Index, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, the NYSE FANG Index, the

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proceedings pursuant to Rule 14.12 if any of the initial listing criteria described above are not continuously maintained; and (2) the Exchange will consider the suspension of trading in, and will initiate delisting proceedings pursuant to Rule 14.12 under any of the following circumstances: (A) if the aggregate market value or the principal amount of the Options-Linked Securities publicly held is less than \$400,000; (B) if an interruption to the dissemination of the value of the Options Reference Asset persists past the trading day in which it occurred or is no longer calculated or available and a new Options Reference Asset is substituted, unless the new Options Reference Asset meets the requirements of this Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K); or (C) if such other event shall occur or condition exists which in the opinion of the Exchange makes further dealings on the Exchange inadvisable.⁴

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⁵ See Exchange Rule 14.11(c).

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⁹ 17 CFR 240.10A-3.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”) and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.¹⁰

Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)¹¹ requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)¹² requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

With respect to equity securities underlying Options Reference Assets, the Exchange notes that Index Fund Shares, Managed Fund Shares, Exchange-Traded Fund Shares, Linked Securities and securities defined in Rule 14.11 are subject to Exchange initial and continued listing criteria under applicable Exchange rules as approved by the Commission. In addition, the Commission has approved or issued a notice of effectiveness to permit listing on a national securities exchange of securities based on

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹² Id.

certain Indexes.¹³ With respect to options on the Indexes, options on all of the Indexes are currently traded on U.S. options exchanges. All options included in an Options Reference Asset will be U.S. exchange-traded.

Any Options-Linked Securities would be required to meet the following initial listing criteria in proposed Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(v)(a): (1) the value of the Options Reference Asset must be calculated and widely disseminated by one or more major market data vendors on at least a 15-second basis during the Exchange's regular market session; and (2) in the case of Options-Linked Securities that are periodically redeemable, the indicative value of the subject Options Linked Securities must be calculated and widely disseminated by the Exchange or one or more major market data vendors on at least a 15-second basis during the Exchange's regular market session. Options-Linked Securities also will be subject to the continued listing criteria in proposed Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(v)(b) as described above. Finally, all Options-Linked Securities listed pursuant to Exchange Rule 14.11(d) would be included within the definition of "security" or "securities" as such terms are used in the Exchange's rules and, as such, are subject to Exchange rules and procedures that currently govern the trading of securities on the Exchange.

The Exchange believes that the proposed standards would continue to ensure transparency surrounding the listing process for Linked Securities. The Exchange also believes that the standards for listing and trading Options-Linked Securities are reasonably designed to promote a fair and orderly market for such securities. The proposed addition of Options Reference Assets, as described above, would also work in

¹³ Supra note 8.

conjunction with the initial and continued listing criteria related to surveillance procedures and trading guidelines for Linked Securities. The Exchange believes that its surveillance procedures are adequate to properly monitor the trading of Options Linked Securities in all trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange rules. Trading in the securities may be halted under the conditions specified in Exchange Rule 14.11(d)(2)(H).

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will provide investors with the ability to better diversify and hedge their portfolios using an exchange listed security without having to trade directly in the underlying options contracts, and will facilitate the listing and trading of additional Linked Securities that will enhance competition among market participants, to the benefit of investors and the marketplace.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change will facilitate the listing and trading of additional Linked Securities that will enhance competition among market participants, to the benefit of investors and the marketplace.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others

The Exchange neither solicited nor received comments on the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register or within such longer period up to 90 days (i) as the Commission may designate if it finds

such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the Exchange consents, the Commission will:

- A. by order approve or disapprove such proposed rule change, or
- B. institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-CboeBZX-2020-042 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CboeBZX-2020-042. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet website (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed

with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CboeBZX-2020-042 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁴

Secretary

¹⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

EXHIBIT 5

(additions are underlined; deletions are [bracketed])

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Rules of Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.

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Rule 14.11. Other Securities

(a)-(c) No change.

(d) Securities Linked to the Performance of Indexes and Commodities (Including Currencies)

The Exchange will consider for listing and trading equity index-linked securities (“Equity Index-Linked Securities”), commodity-linked securities (“Commodity-Linked Securities”), fixed income index-linked securities (“Fixed Income Index-Linked Securities”), futures-linked securities (“Futures-Linked Securities”), options-linked securities (“Options-Linked Securities”) and multifactor index-linked securities (“Multifactor Index-Linked Securities” and, together with Equity Index-Linked Securities, Commodity-Linked Securities, Fixed Income Index-Linked Securities[and], Futures-Linked Securities, and Options-Linked Securities “Linked Securities”) that in each case meet the applicable criteria of this Rule. Equity Index-Linked Securities are securities that provide for the payment at maturity of a cash amount based on the performance of an underlying equity index or indexes (an “Equity Reference Asset”). The payment at maturity with respect to Commodity-Linked Securities is based on one or more physical Commodities or Commodity futures, options or other Commodity derivatives, Commodity-Related Securities, or a basket or index of any of the foregoing (any such basis for payment is referred to below as the “Commodity Reference Asset”). The payment at maturity with respect to Fixed Income Index-Linked Securities is based on the performance of one or more indexes or portfolios of notes, bonds, debentures or evidence of indebtedness that include, but are not limited to, U.S. Department of Treasury securities (“Treasury Securities”), government-sponsored entity securities (“GSE Securities”), municipal securities, trust preferred securities, supranational debt and debt of a foreign country or a subdivision thereof or a basket or index of any of the foregoing (a “Fixed Income Reference Asset”). The payment at maturity with respect to Futures-Linked Securities is based on the performance of an index of (a) futures on Treasury Securities, GSE Securities, supranational debt and debt of a foreign country or a subdivision thereof, or options or other derivatives on any of the foregoing; or (b) interest rate futures or options or derivatives on the foregoing in this subparagraph (b); or (c) Cboe Volatility Index (VIX) Futures; or (d) EURO STOXX 50 Volatility Index (VSTOXX) Futures (a “Futures Reference Asset”). The payment at maturity with respect to Options-Linked Securities is based on the performance of U.S. exchange-traded options on any one or combination of the following: (a) Index Fund Shares; (b) Managed Fund Shares, (c) Exchange-Traded Fund Shares; (d) Linked Securities; (e) securities defined in Rule 14.11; (f) the S&P 100 Index, the S&P 500 Index, the Nasdaq 100 Index, the Dow Jones Industrial Average, the MSCI EAFE Index, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, the

NYSE FANG Index, the Russell 2000 Index, the Russell 1000 Index, the Russell 1000 Growth Index, the Russell 1000 Value Index, the Cboe Volatility Index, Communication Services Select Sector Index, the Consumer Discretionary Select Sector Index, the Consumer Staples Select Sector Index, the Energy Select Sector Index, the Financial Select Sector Index, the Health Care Select Sector Index, the Industrial Select Sector Index, the Materials Select Sector Index, the Real Estate Select Sector Index, the Technology Select Sector Index, or the Utilities Select Sector Index; or (g) a basket or index of any of the foregoing (an “Options Reference Asset”). The payment at maturity with respect to Multifactor Index-Linked Securities is based on the performance of any combination of two or more Equity Reference Assets, Commodity Reference Assets, Fixed Income Reference Assets[or], Futures Reference Assets, or Options Reference Assets (a “Multifactor Reference Asset”, and together with Equity Reference Asset, Commodity Reference Asset, Fixed Income Reference Asset[and], Futures Reference Asset, and Options Reference Asset, “Reference Assets”). A Multifactor Reference Asset may include as a component a notional investment in cash or a cash equivalent based on a widely accepted overnight loan interest rate, LIBOR, Prime Rate, or an implied interest rate based on observed market spot and foreign currency forward rates.

(1) No change.

(2) No change.

(A)-(J) No change.

(K) Linked Securities

(i)-(iv) No change.

(v) Options-Linked Securities Listing Standards

(a) The issue must meet the following initial listing criteria:

(1) the value of the Options Reference Asset must be calculated and widely disseminated by one or more major market data vendors on at least a 15-second basis during the Exchange’s regular market session; and

(2) in the case of Options-Linked Securities that are periodically redeemable, the indicative value of the subject Options Linked Securities must be calculated and widely disseminated by the Exchange or one or more major market data vendors on at least a 15-second basis during the Exchange’s regular market session.

(b) The issue must meet the following continued listing criteria:

(1) The Exchange will consider the suspension of trading in, and will initiate delisting proceedings pursuant to Rule 14.12 if any of the initial listing criteria described above are not continuously maintained.

(2) The Exchange will consider the suspension of trading in, and will initiate delisting proceedings pursuant to Rule 14.12 under any of the following circumstances:

(A) if the aggregate market value or the principal amount of the Options-Linked Securities publicly held is less than \$400,000;

(B) if an interruption to the dissemination of the value of the Options Reference Asset persists past the trading day in which it occurred or is no longer calculated or available and a new Options Reference Asset is substituted, unless the new Options Reference Asset meets the requirements of this Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K); or

(C) if such other event shall occur or condition exists which in the opinion of the Exchange makes further dealings on the Exchange inadvisable.

(vi) Multifactor Index-Linked Securities Listing Standards

(a)-(c) No change.

Interpretations and Policies

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(a)-(b) No change.

(e)-(l) No change.

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