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The Commission annually receives approximately 186 filings on Form TA–1 from transfer agents required to register as such with the Commission. Included in this figure are approximately 178 amendments made annually by transfer agents to their Form TA–1 as required by Rule 17Ac2–1(c) to address information that has become inaccurate, misleading, or incomplete and approximately 8 new applications by transfer agents for registration on Form TA–1 as required by Rule 17Ac2–1(a). Based on past submissions, the staff estimates that on average approximately twelve hours are required for initial completion of Form TA–1 and that on average one and one-half hours are required for an amendment to Form TA–1 by each such firm. Thus, the subtotal burden for new applications for registration filed on Form TA–1 each year is 96 hours (12 hours times 8 filers) and the subtotal burden for amendments to Form TA–1 filed each year is 267 hours (1.5 hours times 178 filers). The cumulative total is 363 burden hours per year (96 hours plus 267 hours).

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information under the PRA unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The public may view background documentation for this information collection at the following website: www.reginfo.gov. Comments should be directed to: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or by sending an email to: Shagufta_Ahmed@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) Pamela Dyson, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, or by sending an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.


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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.: Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Continue Listing and Trading Shares of the Cambria Sovereign Bond ETF

May 8, 2018.

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

The Exchange filed a proposal to amend a representation made in a proposed rule change previously filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 19b–4 relating to the Cambria Sovereign Bond ETF (the ‘‘Fund’’) (‘‘Cboe Cambria Sovereign High Yield Bond ETF’’). The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange’s website at www.markets.cboe.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

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 parts of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The shares of the Fund (the ‘‘Shares’’) are listed and traded on the Exchange under Rule 14.11(i), which governs the listing and trading of Managed Fund Shares, pursuant to an immediately effective rule filing. The Fund is a series of the Cambria ETF Trust (the ‘‘Trust’’), which is organized as a Delaware statutory trust and is registered with the Commission as an open-end management investment company.

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4 See Registration Statement on Form N–1A for the Trust, dated September 30, 2015 (File Nos. 333–180879 and 811–22704) (the ‘‘Registration Statement’’). The Commission has issued an order granting certain exemptive relief to the Trust under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a–1) (‘‘1940 Act’’) (the ‘‘Exemptive Order’’). See Investment Company Act Release No. 30940 (January 4, 2014) (File No. 812–13959). The Trust also submitted to the Commission a ‘‘Supplement dated January 20, 2017 to the Summary Prospectus, Statutory Prospectus (collectively, the ‘‘Prospectuses’’) and Statement of Additional Information (‘‘SAI’’) dated September 1, 2016, as each may be amended or supplemented’’ (the ‘‘January 20 Supplement’’) outlining the proposed change to the investment strategy as well as a ‘‘Supplement dated August 24, 2017 to the Summary Prospectus, Statutory Prospectus (collectively, the ‘‘Prospectuses’’) and Statement of Additional Information (‘‘SAI’’) dated September 1, 2016, as each may be amended or supplemented’’ in order to provide notice that the investment strategy change had been replaced as described in the January 20 Supplement.

The Exchange notes that while a change was made to the principal investment strategy, there were no changes to the Fund’s investment objective, the method or methods used to select the Fund’s portfolio investments, or the Fund’s fees and expenses.

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conditions, at least 80% of the value of the Fund’s net assets (plus borrowings for investment purposes) will be invested in sovereign and quasi-sovereign high yield bonds (commonly known as “junk bonds”). Based on the changes to the Fund’s investment strategy outlined in the January 20 Supplement, the Exchange is proposing to change this representation such that it is consistent with the new investment strategy. The Exchange proposes that the sentence would instead read “under normal market conditions, at least 80% of the value of the Fund’s net assets (plus borrowings for investment purposes) will be invested in sovereign and quasi-sovereign bonds.”

Practically speaking, while the Fund is currently required to hold at least 80% of its net assets in high yield (i.e. lower credit quality) sovereign and quasi-sovereign bonds, this proposed change will additionally allow the Fund to hold investment grade (i.e. higher credit quality) sovereign and quasi-sovereign bonds, thereby increasing the credit quality of the Fund’s holdings in sovereign and quasi-sovereign bonds. As noted above, the investment objective of the Fund will remain unchanged. All other statements and representations made in the Prior Notice regarding the description of the portfolio or reference assets, limitations on portfolio holdings or reference assets, dissemination and availability of reference assets and intraday indicative values, and the applicability of Exchange listing rules specified in the Prior Notice remain true and shall continue to constitute continued listing requirements for the Fund. Additionally, the change proposed above will constitute a continued listing requirement for the Fund.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act in general and Section 6(b)(5) of the Act in particular in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to, and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

Specifically, the Exchange believes that the proposal is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to, and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

As described above, all of the representations from the Prior Notice which formed the basis for the Prior Notice becoming immediately effective remain true and will continue to constitute continued listing requirements for the Fund with the exception of one representation that the Exchange is proposing to amend. This proposed change will not make any changes to the types of instruments that the Fund can hold, but will allow the Fund to hold those instruments when they are issued by more creditworthy issuers. As such, the Exchange believes that the proposal does not raise any substantive issues that were not previously addressed in the Prior Notice or Arca Approval Order. As proposed, the Fund would be able to continue to hold the same lower credit quality sovereign and quasi-sovereign bonds and the only additional investments that would become available to the Fund would be investment grade sovereign and quasi-sovereign bonds.

As such, the Exchange believes that the proposal is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, 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 because there are no substantive issues raised by this proposal that were not otherwise addressed by the Prior Notice and the Arca Approval Order.

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 purpose of the Act. The Exchange believes that the proposal to allow the Fund to amend its investment strategy will enhance competition among both market participants and listing venues, 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 has neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) Significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b–4(f)(6) thereunder.

A proposed rule change filed pursuant to Rule 19b–4(f)(6) under the Act normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of its filing. However, Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii) permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay to allow the Fund to immediately improve the credit quality of its bond portfolio while complying with the applicable continued listing representations. The Exchange does not believe that there is any reason for delay when the change is only designed to allow the Fund to hold higher credit quality versions of instruments that it is already allowed to hold. The

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7Sovereign and quasi-sovereign bonds include securities issued or guaranteed by foreign governments (including political subdivisions) or their authorities, agencies, or instrumentalities or by supra-national agencies. Supra-national agencies are agencies or organizations that member nations make capital contributions to support the agencies’ activities. Examples include the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the World Bank), the Asian Development Bank, the European Coal and Steel Community, and the Inter-American Development Bank.

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1017 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6). As required under Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii), the Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and the text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission.


Commission believes that waiver of the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Accordingly, the Commission hereby waives the 30-day operative delay and designates the proposed rule change operative upon filing.\textsuperscript{15}

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

\textbf{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:

\textbf{Electronic Comments}

- Use the Commission’s internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml) or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number CboeBZX–2018–032 on the subject line.

\textbf{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 CboeBZX–2018–032. This file number should be included on the subject line if email 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

\textsuperscript{15} For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has also considered the proposed rule’s impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

also requires a fund to enter into written agreements with their financial intermediaries (such as broker-dealers and retirement plan administrators) under which the fund, upon request, can obtain certain shareholder identity and trading information from the intermediaries. The written agreement must also allow the fund to direct the intermediary to prohibit further purchases or exchanges by specific shareholders that the fund has identified as being engaged in transactions that violate the fund’s market timing policies. These requirements enable funds to obtain the information that they need to monitor the frequency of short-term trading in omnibus accounts and enforce their market timing policies.

The rule includes three “collections of information” within the meaning of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (“PRA”).\textsuperscript{1} First, the rule requires boards to either approve a redemption fee of up to two percent or determine that imposition of a redemption fee is not necessary or appropriate for the fund. Second, funds must enter into information sharing agreements with all of their “financial intermediaries”\textsuperscript{2} and maintain a copy of the written information sharing agreement with each intermediary in an easily accessible place for six years. Third, pursuant to the information sharing agreements, funds must have systems that enable them to request frequent trading information upon demand from their intermediaries, and to enforce any restrictions on trading required by funds under the rule.

The collections of information created by rule 22c–2 are necessary for funds to effectively assess redemption fees, enforce their policies in frequent trading, and monitor short-term trading, including market timing, in omnibus accounts. These collections of information are mandatory for funds that redeem shares within seven days of purchase. The collections of information

\textsuperscript{1} 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

\textsuperscript{2} The rule defines a Financial Intermediary as: (i) Any broker, dealer, bank, or other person that holds securities issued by the fund in nominee name; (ii) a unit investment trust or fund that invests in the fund in reliance on section 12(d)(1)(E) of the Act; and (iii) in the case of a participant directed fund, employee benefit plan that owns the securities issued by the fund, a retirement plan’s administrator under section 316(A) of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 [29 U.S.C. 1002(16)(A) or any person that maintains the plans’ participant records. Financial Intermediary does not include any person that the fund treats as an individual investor with respect to the fund’s policies established for the purpose of eliminating or reducing any dilution of the value of the outstanding securities issued by the fund. Rule 22c–2(c)(1))