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A. Description of the ADRPLUS Funds

According to the Exchange, each Fund seeks to provide investment results that correspond generally, before fees and expenses, to the price and yield performance of a particular American Depositary Receipt, hedged against reported to the Trade Reporting and Compliance Engine (“TRACE”); (j) clarified a criterion regarding when an order to redeem creation units of a Fund would be deemed received by the distributor; (k) specified that the Information Circular (as discussed herein) will discuss how information regarding the Disclosed Portfolio (as defined in Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(3)(B)) is disseminated; and (l) made other non-substantive, technical, and clarifying corrections to the proposal. Because Amendment No. 3 clarifies the derivatives in which the Funds may invest, adds specificity to certain requirements, makes additional representations, and otherwise does not materially alter the substance of the proposed rule change or raise unique or novel regulatory issues under the Act, Amendment No. 3 is not subject to notice and comment. Amendment No. 3 to the proposed rule change is available at: https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-cboebxz-2018-019/cboebxz2018019-3665011-162423.pdf.

5 Amendment No. 1, which amended and replaced the proposed rule change in its entirety, is available at: https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-cboebxz-2018-019/cboebxz2018019-3551361-162325.pdf.
6 Amendment No. 2, which amended and replaced the proposed rule change in its entirety, is available at: https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-cboebxz-2018-019/cboebxz2018019-3665011-162423.pdf.
9 Amendment No. 3, which amended and replaced, in its entirety, the proposed rule change as modified by Amendment No. 2, the Exchange: (a) Specified that the derivatives in which the Funds may invest are over-the-counter (“OTC”) currency swaps; (b) corrected references to, and specified greater particularity, the Exchange requirements that the Funds would not meet; (c) deleted a representation that the Funds may not meet the requirement of Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(iv)(b) that the aggregate notional value of listed derivatives based on any single underlying reference asset shall not exceed 30% of the weight of the portfolio (including gross notional exposures); (d) specified further that the Currency Hedge (as defined herein) would be deemed received by the distributor; (e) clarified that the Information Circular (as discussed herein) will discuss how information regarding the Disclosed Portfolio (as defined in Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(3)(B)) is disseminated; and (l) made other non-substantive, technical, and clarifying corrections to the proposal. Because Amendment No. 3 clarifies the derivatives in which the Funds may invest, adds specificity to certain requirements, makes additional representations, and otherwise does not materially alter the substance of the proposed rule change or raise unique or novel regulatory issues under the Act, Amendment No. 3 is not subject to notice and comment. Amendment No. 3 to the proposed rule change is available at: https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-cboebxz-2018-019/cboebxz2018019-4290642-171390.pdf.
10 Additional information regarding the ADRPLUS Funds, the Trust, and the Shares can be found in Amendment No. 3 and the Registration Statement. See supra note 9 and infra note 11.
11 The Trust is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (“1940 Act”). See the Registration Statement on Form N-1A for the Trust, and the Shares can be found in Amendment No. 3 and the Registration Statement. See supra note 9 and infra note 11.
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fluctuations in the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and the local currency of the foreign security underlying the American Depositary Receipt (“Local Currency”). For example, the Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV ADRPLUS Fund seeks to provide investment results that correspond generally, before fees and expenses, to the price and yield performance of Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV (ADR), hedged against fluctuations in the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and the euro. The following chart includes the underlying company and the Local Currency for each of the Funds.

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The Trust is required to comply with Rule 10A–3 under the Act for the initial and continued listing of the Shares of each Fund. In addition, the Exchange represents that the Shares of each Fund will meet and be subject to all other requirements of the Exchange Rule 14.11(i), such as the listing requirements regarding the Disclosed Portfolio (including the requirement that the Disclosed Portfolio and the net asset value (“NAV”) will be made available to all market participants at the same time); and the requirements regarding intraday indicative values, suspension of trading or removal, trading halts, disclosure, firewalls, and surveillance. Further, at least 100,000 Shares of each Fund will be outstanding upon the commencement of trading.

B. The Exchange’s Policy Discussion

According to the Exchange, the Funds will provide investors with the opportunity to easily eliminate currency exposure that they may not even realize exists with Unhedged ADRs without having to transact in the currency derivatives market. The Exchange believes that this would confer a significant benefit to investors and the broader marketplace by adding transparency and simplifying the process of eliminating risk from an investor’s portfolio.

The Exchange believes that while the Funds will not meet the generic listing standards for Managed Fund Shares (“Generic Listing Standards”), in particular Exchange Rules 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(a)(3)–(4) and 14.11(i)(4)(C)(v), the policy issues that those rules are intended to address are otherwise mitigated by the structure, holdings, and purpose of the Funds. According to the Exchange, Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(a)(3) is intended to ensure that no single equity security constitutes too concentrated of a position in a series of Managed Fund Shares, and Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(a)(4) is similarly intended to diversify the holdings of a series of Managed Fund Shares. The Exchange believes that these policy concerns are mitigated as they relate to the Funds because: (i) The Unhedged ADR will not meet the market cap and liquidity requirements of Exchange Rules 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(a)(1) and (2); and (iii) the Funds will not meet the Generic Listing Standards.

The Exchange represents that the Funds will not meet: (i) The requirement under Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(a)(3) that the most heavily weighted component stock shall not exceed 30% of the equity weight of the portfolio; and (ii) the requirement under Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(a)(4) that the equity portion of the portfolio shall include a minimum of 13 component stocks.

The Exchange represents that the Funds may not meet the requirement under Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(a)(4) that the aggregate gross notional value of OTC derivatives shall not exceed 20% of the weight of the portfolio (including gross notional exposures).

The Exchange represents that each Fund expects to invest in excess of 95% of its net assets in the Unhedged ADRs. Each Fund expects that the gross notional value of the Currency Hedge would be equal to the value of the Unhedged ADRs, which would be approximately 50% of the weight of the portfolio (including gross notional exposures).
the intended function of the Funds is to eliminate currency exposure risk for a single security, which means that the Funds are necessarily concentrated. The Exchange also believes that the creation and redemption mechanism will provide a near frictionless arbitrage opportunity that would minimize the risk of manipulation of either the Unhedged ADR or the applicable Fund and, thus, mitigate the manipulation concerns that Exchange Rules 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(a)(3) and (4) were intended to address. According to the Exchange, the policy issues that Exchange Rule 14.11(i)(4)(C)(v) is intended to address are also mitigated by the way that the Funds would use OTC currency swaps. The Exchange states that the rule is intended to mitigate concerns regarding the manipulability of a particular underlying reference asset or derivatives contract and to minimize counterparty risk. While the Currency Hedge positions taken by the Funds would not meet the Generic Listing Standards related to OTC derivatives holdings, the Exchange believes that the policy concerns about limiting exposure to potentially manipulable underlying reference assets that the Generic Listing Standards are intended to address are otherwise mitigated by the liquidity in the underlying spot currency market. The Exchange represents that the Funds will attempt to limit counterparty risk in OTC currency swaps by: (i) Entering into such contracts only with counterparties the Advisor believes are creditworthy; (ii) limiting a Fund’s exposure to each counterparty; and (iii) monitoring the creditworthiness of each counterparty and the Fund’s exposure to each counterparty on an ongoing basis. The Exchange believes that counterparty risk associated with OTC currency swaps is further mitigated because the currency swaps are settled on a daily basis and, thus, the counterparty risk for any particular swap is limited in two ways—first, counterparty credit exposure is always limited to a 24 hour period and, second, the exposure of the swap is only to the movement in the currencies over that same 24 hour period. III. Discussion and Commission Findings

After careful review, the Commission finds that the Exchange’s proposal to list and trade the Shares, as modified by Amendment No. 3, is consistent with the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange. In particular, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act, which requires, among other things, that the Exchange’s rules be 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. The Commission also finds that the proposal to list and trade the Shares on the Exchange is consistent with Section 11A(a)(1)(C)(iii) of the Act which sets forth Congress’ finding that it is in the public interest and appropriate for the protection of investors and the maintenance of fair and orderly markets to assure the availability to brokers, dealers and investors of information with respect to quotations for and transactions in securities. As noted above, each Fund will comply with the requirements for Managed Fund Shares under Exchange Rule 14.11(i) related to Disclosed Portfolio, NAV (including the requirement that the Disclosed Portfolio and NAV will be made available to all market participants at the same time), and the intraday indicative value. The intraday, closing and settlement prices of exchange-traded portfolio assets, which include only Unhedged ADRs, will be readily available from the securities exchanges on which such Unhedged ADRs are traded, automated quotation systems, published or other public sources, or online information services such as Bloomberg or Reuters. Intraday price quotations on OTC currency swaps are available from major broker-dealer firms and from third-parties, which may provide prices free with a time delay or in real-time for a paid fee. Price information for cash equivalents will be available from major market data vendors. Each Fund’s Disclosed Portfolio will be available on the issuer’s website (www.precidian.com) free of charge. Information regarding market price and trading volume of the Shares will be continuously available throughout the day on brokers’ computer screens and other electronic services. Information regarding the previous day’s closing price and trading volume for the Shares will be published daily in the financial section of newspapers. Each Fund’s website will include the prospectus for the applicable Fund and additional information related to NAV and other applicable quantitative information.

The Commission further believes that the proposal to list and trade the Shares is reasonably designed to promote fair disclosure of information that may be necessary to price the Shares appropriately and to prevent trading when a reasonable degree of transparency cannot be assured. Trading in the Shares may be halted for market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading inadvisable. The Exchange will also halt trading in a Fund where a market-wide trading halt is declared in the associated Unhedged ADR, and trading in the Fund will remain halted until trading in the Unhedged ADR resumes. In addition, the Exchange represents that the Adviser is not a registered broker-dealer and is not affiliated with a broker-dealer.

Trading in the Shares will be subject to the Exchange’s surveillance procedures, which are adequate to properly monitor the trading of the Shares on the Exchange during all trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws. The Exchange represents that trading in the Shares will be subject to the Exchange’s existing rules governing the trading of equity securities. All Unhedged ADRs will be listed on a U.S. national securities exchange, all of which are members of the Intermarket Surveillance Group (“ISG”) or are exchanges with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance system.

See supra note 12. The Commission also notes that that an investment adviser to an open-end fund is required to be registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (“Advisers Act”). As a result, the Adviser and its related personnel are subject to the provisions of Rule 204A-1 under the Advisers Act relating to codes of ethics. This Rule requires investment advisers to adopt a code of ethics that reflects the fiduciary nature of the relationship to clients as well as compliance with other applicable securities laws. Accordingly, procedures designed to prevent the communication and misuse of non-public information by an investment adviser must be consistent with Rule 204A-1 under the Advisers Act. In addition, Rule 206(4)-7 under the Advisers Act makes it unlawful for an investment adviser to provide investment advice to clients unless such investment adviser has (i) adopted and implemented written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent violation, by the investment adviser and its supervised persons, of the Advisers Act and the Commission rules adopted thereunder; (ii) implemented, at a minimum, an annual review regarding the adequacy of the policies and procedures established pursuant to subparagraph (i) above and the effectiveness of their implementation; and (iii) designated an individual (who is a supervised person) responsible for administering the policies and procedures adopted under subparagraph (i) above.
The Exchange represents that it deems the Shares to be equity securities, thus rendering trading in the Shares subject to the Exchange’s existing rules governing the trading of equity securities. In support of this proposal, the Exchange has made the following representations:

1. The Exchange has appropriate rules to facilitate transactions in the Shares during all trading sessions.
2. Trading of the Shares through the Exchange will be subject to the Exchange’s surveillance procedures for derivative products, including Managed Fund Shares, and these procedures are adequate to properly monitor the trading of the Shares on the Exchange during all trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange rules and the applicable federal securities laws.

Each of the Funds will hold only:
1. Shares of an Unhedged ADR listed on a U.S. national securities exchange;
2. OTC currency swaps that hedge against fluctuations in the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and the Local Currency; and
3. Cash and cash equivalents.

The U.S. national securities exchanges on which the Unhedged ADRs will be listed are members of ISG or are exchanges with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement. Additionally, the Exchange or FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, are able to access, as needed, trade information for certain fixed income instruments reported to TRACE.

For a list of the current members and affiliate members of ISG, see www.isgportal.com. The Exchange notes that not all components of the Disclosed Portfolio for a Fund may trade on markets that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement.

The Funds will attempt to limit counterparty risk in OTC currency swaps by:
1. Entering into such contracts only with counterparties the Advisor believes are creditworthy;
2. Limiting a Fund’s exposure to each counterparty; and
3. Monitoring the creditworthiness of each counterparty and the Fund’s exposure to each counterparty on an ongoing basis.

Other than Exchange Rules 14.11(i)(4)(C)(i)(a)(3)–(4) and 14.11(i)(4)(C)(v), the Shares of each Fund will meet and be subject to all requirements of the Generic Listing Standards and other applicable continued listing requirements for Managed Fund Shares under Exchange Rule 14.11(i), such as the listing requirements regarding the Disclosed Portfolio (including the requirement that the Disclosed Portfolio and NAV will be made available to all market participants at the same time); and the requirements regarding intraday indicative value, suspension of trading or removal, trading halts, disclosure, firewalls, and surveillance.

Prior to the commencement of trading, the Exchange will inform its members in an Information Circular of the special characteristics and risks associated with trading the Shares. Specifically, the Information Circular will discuss the following:

1. The procedures for purchases and redemptions of Shares in Creation Units (and that Shares are not individually redeemable);
2. Exchange Rule 3.7, which imposes suitability obligations on Exchange members with respect to recommending transactions in the Shares to customers;
3. Information regarding the intraday indicative value and Disclosed Portfolio is disseminated; (iv) the risks involved in trading the Shares during the Pre-Opening and After Hours Trading Sessions when an updated intraday indicative value will not be calculated or publicly disseminated; (v) the requirement that members deliver a prospectus to investors purchasing newly issued Shares prior to or concurrently with the confirmation of a transaction; and (vi) trading information.

The Exchange will suspend trading and commence delisting proceedings pursuant to Exchange Rule 14.12 for a Fund if the Unhedged ADR held by a Fund has been suspended from trading or delisted by the Unhedged ADR’s listing exchange.

The Trust is required to comply with Rule 10A–3 under the Act 31 for the initial and continued listing of the Shares of each Fund.

A minimum of 100,000 Shares for each Fund will be outstanding at the commencement of trading on the Exchange.

In addition, the Exchange represents that all statements and representations made in this filing 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 this filing shall constitute continued listing requirements for the Funds. In addition, the Trust, on behalf of the Funds, has represented to the Exchange that it will advise the Exchange of any failure by a Fund or the Shares to comply with the continued listing requirements, and, pursuant to its obligations under Section 19(g)(1) of the Act, the Exchange will surveil for compliance with the continued listing requirements. If a Fund or the Shares are not in compliance with the applicable listing requirements, the Exchange will commence delisting procedures under Exchange Rule 14.12.

This approval order is based on all of the Exchange’s representations, including those set forth above and in Amendment No. 3. For the foregoing reasons, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 3, is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act 32 and Section 11A(a)(1)(C)(iii) of the Act 33 and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange. 34

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, 35 that the proposed rule change (SR–CboeBZX–2018–019), as modified by Amendment No. 3, be, and it hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. 36

Eduardo A. Aleman, Assistant Secretary.

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34 As noted above, on June 19, 2018, the Commission instituted proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change. No comments were received in connection with that order instituting proceedings. See supra note 7.