Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, designates April 18, 2018, as the date by which the Commission shall either approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule change [File No. SR–CboeBZX–2018–001].

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

Robert W. Errett, Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


On January 5, 2018, Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (“BZX”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) 1 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, 2 a proposed rule change to list and trade the shares of the GraniteShares Bitcoin ETF and the GraniteShares Short Bitcoin ETF under BZX Rule 14.11(f)(4). The proposed rule change was published for comment in the Federal Register on January 18, 2018. 3 The Commission has received no comments on the proposed rule change. Section 19(b)(2) of the Act provides that within 45 days of the publication of notice of the filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up to 90 days as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission shall either approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved. The Commission is extending this 45-day time period. The Commission finds that it is appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider the proposed rule change.


SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change To List and Trade, Under Nasdaq Rule 5705, the Shares of the Horizons Russell 2000 Covered Call ETF


Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”), 1 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, 2 notice is hereby given that on February 9, 2018, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II, 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

The Exchange proposes to list and trade, under Nasdaq Rule 5705, the shares (“Index Fund Shares” or “Shares”) of the Horizons Russell 2000 Covered Call ETF (the “Fund”), a series of the Horizons ETF Trust I (the “Trust”).

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 the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to list and trade the Shares of the Fund under Rule 5705, which rule governs the listing and trading of Index Fund Shares 3 on the Exchange. 4 The Shares will be offered by the Fund, which will be a passively managed exchange-traded fund (“ETF”) that seeks to track the performance of the CBOE Russell 2000 30-Delta BuyWrite V2 Index (the “Benchmark Index”). 5 The Fund is a series of the Trust. The Trust was established as a Delaware statutory trust on May 17, 2011.

2. Rule 5705(b)(1)(A) provides that an “Index Fund Share” is a security (i) that is issued by an open-end management investment company based on a portfolio of stocks or fixed income securities or a combination thereof, that seeks to provide investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance or total return performance of a specified foreign or domestic stock index, fixed income securities index or combination thereof; (ii) that is issued by such an open-end management investment company in a specified aggregate minimum number in return for a deposit of specified numbers of shares of stock and/or a cash amount, a specified portfolio of fixed income securities and/or a cash amount and/or a combination thereof, with a value equal to the next determined net asset value; and (iii) that, when aggregated in the same specified minimum number, may be redeemed at a holder’s request by such open-end investment company which will pay to the redeeming holder the stock and/or cash, fixed income securities and/or a cash amount, a specified portfolio of fixed income securities and/or a cash amount and/or a combination thereof, with a value equal to the next determined net asset value. In contrast, an open-end investment company that issues Managed Fund Shares, listed and traded on the Exchange under Nasdaq Rule 5735, seeks to provide investment results from a portfolio of securities selected by its investment adviser consistent with its investment objective and policies.


4. The Exchange notes that its proposal to list shares of the Fund which tracks the performance of an index of U.S. exchange-listed options is similar to the proposal and resultant order issued to the NYSE ARCA to list and trade under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 5.2(i)(3) [which is similar to Nasdaq Rule 5705(b)(i)]. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 68708 (January 23, 2013) (SR-NYSEArca–2012–131) (order approving listing and trading of shares of the Horizons S&P 500 Covered Call ETF, Horizons S&P Financial Select Sector Covered Call ETF and Horizons S&P Energy Select Sector Covered Call ETF). The Exchange believes the proposed rule change does not raise any significant issues not previously addressed in this or prior Commission orders.