

limited. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule changes reflect this competitive environment because they modify the Exchange's fees and rebates in a manner that encourages market participants to continue to provide liquidity and to send order flow to the Exchange.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,²⁹ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)³⁰ thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of such 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 should be approved or 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 (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-PEARL-2026-36 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-PEARL-2026-36. 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 (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the filing will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-PEARL-2026-36 and should be submitted on or before September 8, 2026.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.³¹

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Its Fees Schedule

August 12, 2026.

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 August 3, 2026, Cboe Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "Cboe Options") 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 Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "Cboe Options") proposes to amend its Fees Schedule to amend certain transaction fees for Cboe Magnificent 10 Index options ("MGTN options"), amend certain LMM Incentive Programs, and eliminate certain other LMM Incentive Programs. The text of

the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.

The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Commission's website (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>), the Exchange's website (https://www.cboe.com/us/options/regulation/rule_filings/cone/), and at the principal office of the Exchange.

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

The Exchange proposes to amend its Fees Schedule, effective August 3, 2026. MGTN Option Transaction Fee Changes

The Exchange proposes to amend certain fees for transactions in options on the Cboe Magnificent 10 Index ("MGTN options") as follows:

- Fee code GO, appended to all Customer orders in MGTN options, assess a fee of \$0.16 per contract. The Exchange proposes to decrease this fee to \$0.10 per contract to these orders.
- Fee code GW, appended to all Market-Maker orders in MGTN options contra Customer that add liquidity and that are executed electronically, currently assesses no fee per contract. The Exchange proposes to assess a fee of \$0.10 per contract to these orders.

Amend GTH VIX/VIXW LMM Incentive Program

The Exchange proposes to amend its Fees Schedule in connection with the GTH VIX/VIXW LMM Incentive Program by generally decreasing the quote width requirements. By way of background, the GTH VIX/VIXW LMM Incentive Program provides a rebate to Trading Permit Holders with an LMM appointment to the incentive program that meet certain quoting standards in a month. The Exchange notes that meeting or exceeding the quoting standards (both current and as proposed) in VIX and VIXW series to

²⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

³⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

³¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

receive the applicable rebate is optional for LMMs appointed to the program. Particularly, an LMM appointed to the incentive program is eligible to receive the corresponding rebate if it satisfies the applicable quoting standards, which the Exchange believes encourages appointed LMMs to provide liquidity in VIX and VIXW during GTHs. The Exchange may consider other exceptions to the program's quoting standards based on demonstrated legal or regulatory requirements or other mitigating circumstances. In calculating whether an LMM appointed to the incentive program meets the program's quoting standards each month, the Exchange excludes from the calculation in that month the business day in which the LMM missed meeting or exceeding the quoting standards in the highest number of series.

The current GTH VIX/VIXW LMM Incentive Program provides that, if the appointed LMM provides continuous electronic quotes during GTH (*i.e.*, from 7:15 p.m. CST to 8:25 a.m. CST the next day) that meet or exceed the VIX and VIXW quoting standards³ in at least 95% of each of the VIX and VIXW series, 90% of the time in a given month, the LMM will receive a rebate for that month in the amount of \$30,000 for VIX and \$5,000 for VIXW (or pro-rated amount if an appointment begins after the first trading day of the month or ends prior to the last trading day of the month) for that month. The Exchange proposes to amend the minimum percentage of series in which an appointed LMM must provide continuous electronic quotes during

GTH that meet or exceed the basic quoting standards in a given month to receive a rebate for that month, from 95% to 90%.

Amend GTH SPX LMM Incentive Programs

The Exchange proposes to amend the GTH1 and GTH2 SPX/SPXW LMM Incentive Programs. By way of background, each of the GTH1 and GTH2 SPX/SPXW LMM Incentive Program provides a rebate to Trading Permit Holders with an LMM appointment to the incentive program that meet certain quoting standards in a month. The Exchange notes that meeting or exceeding the quoting standards (both current and as proposed) in each program to receive the applicable rebate is optional for LMMs appointed to the program. Particularly, an LMM appointed to each incentive program is eligible to receive the corresponding rebate if it satisfies the applicable quoting standards, which the Exchange believes encourages appointed LMMs to provide liquidity in SPX and SPXW during GTH. The Exchange may consider other exceptions to the program's quoting standards based on demonstrated legal or regulatory requirements or other mitigating circumstances. In calculating whether an LMM appointed to the incentive program meets the program's quoting standards each month, the Exchange excludes from the calculation in that month the business day in which the LMM missed meeting or exceeding the quoting standards in the highest number of series.

The GTH1 SPX/SPXW LMM Incentive Program provides that if the appointed LMM provides continuous electronic quotes during GTH from 7:15 p.m. CST to 2:00 a.m. CST ("GTH1") that meet or exceed the program's quoting standards⁴ in at least 85% of the SPX and SPXW series 90% of the time in a given month, the LMM will receive a rebate for that month in the amount of \$25,000 (or pro-rated amount if an appointment begins after the first trading day of the month or ends prior to the last trading day of the month). Separately, an LMM may earn an additional \$15,000 compensation for satisfying the Mid Term (23 days to 37 days to expiry) quoting requirements.

Similarly, the GTH2 SPX/SPXW LMM Incentive Program provides that if the appointed LMM provides continuous electronic quotes during GTH from 2:00 a.m. CST to 8:25 a.m. CST ("GTH2") that meet or exceed the program's quoting standards⁵ in at least 85% of the SPX and SPXW series 90% of the time in a given month, the LMM will receive a rebate for that month in the amount of \$25,000 (or pro-rated amount if an appointment begins after the first trading day of the month or ends prior to the last trading day of the month). Separately, an LMM may earn an additional \$15,000 compensation for satisfying the Mid Term (23 days to 37 days to expiry) quoting requirements

The Exchange proposes to adopt a new set of quoting standards for the GTH1 SPX/SPXW LMM Incentive Program as follows (new proposed widths are denoted with an asterisk).

Premium level	Expiring		Near Term		Mid Term		Mid-Long Term		Long Term	
	7 days or less		8 days to 22 days		23 days to 37 days		38 to 180 days		181 to 500 days	
	Width	Size	Width	Size	Width	Size	Width	Size	Width	Size
VIX Value at Prior Close < 20										
\$0.00—\$5.00	*\$0.30	15	\$0.40	15	*\$0.30	10	*\$0.50	5	*\$1.00	5
\$5.01—\$15.00	*0.50	15	0.70	15	*0.45	10	*1.00	5	*2.00	5
\$15.01—\$50.00	*1.00	10	*1.20	15	*1.00	10	*1.50	5	*3.00	5
\$50.01—\$100.00	*5.00	5	*2.50	10	*2.00	5	*2.50	5	*3.50	5
\$100.01—\$200.00	*12.00	1	6.00	5	3.00	5	*3.00	5	*5.00	5
Greater than \$200.00	*18.00	1	10.00	1	10.00	1	12.00	1	*30.00	1
VIX Value at Prior Close ≥ 20 and < 30										
\$0.00—\$5.00	*0.40	10	*0.50	10	*0.50	5	*0.60	5	*1.50	5
\$5.01—\$15.00	*0.60	10	*0.80	10	*0.80	5	*1.20	5	*3.00	5
\$15.01—\$50.00	*2.00	10	*2.00	10	*2.00	5	*2.00	5	*4.00	5
\$50.01—\$100.00	*5.00	5	*3.00	5	*3.00	5	*3.00	5	*6.00	5
\$100.01—\$200.00	*10.00	1	*8.00	1	*4.00	1	*5.00	5	*10.00	5
Greater than \$200.00	*20.00	1	12.00	1	12.00	1	*15.00	1	*40.00	1
VIX Value at Prior Close ≥ 30										
\$0.00—\$5.00	2.000 [sic]	5	1.20	5	1.00	5	1.00	5	3.00	5
\$5.01—\$15.00	3.00	5	2.70	5	2.20	5	3.00	5	5.00	5
\$15.01—\$50.00	5.00	5	5.50	5	4.00	5	4.00	5	8.00	5
\$50.01—\$100.00	*8.00	5	12.00	5	8.00	5	5.00	3	10.00	1
\$100.01—\$200.00	20.00	1	15.00	5	10.00	5	15.00	1	18.00	1
Greater than \$200.00	*25.00	1	*25.00	1	20.00	1	30.00	1	*50.00	1

³ Located in the "GTH VIX/LMM Incentive Program" table in the Exchange's Fees Schedule.

⁴ Located in the "GTH1 SPX/SPXW LMM Incentive Program" table in the Fees Schedule.

⁵ Located in the "GTH2 SPX/SPXW LMM Incentive Program" table in the Fees Schedule.

The Exchange also proposes to adopt a new set of quoting standards for the GTH2 SPX/SPXW LMM Incentive

Program as follows (new proposed widths are denoted with an asterisk):

Premium level	Expiring		Near Term		Mid Term		Mid-Long Term		Long Term	
	7 days or less		8 days to 22 days		23 days to 37 days		38 to 180 days		181 to 500 days	
	Width	Size	Width	Size	Width	Size	Width	Size	Width	Size
VIX Value at Prior Close < 20										
\$0.00—\$5.00	*\$0.25	25	\$0.40	15	\$0.25	15	*\$0.40	5	\$1.00	5
5.01—15.00	*0.50	20	*0.50	20	0.40	15	*1.00	10	1.50	5
15.01—50.00	*1.00	15	*1.00	15	*0.80	10	*1.50	10	2.00	5
50.01—100.00	*5.00	10	*2.00	10	*1.50	5	*2.00	10	3.00	5
100.01—200.00	*10.00	1	5.00	5	3.00	5	*2.50	5	5.00	5
Greater than 200.00	*15.00	1	8.00	1	8.00	1	*10.00	1	30.00	1
VIX Value at Prior Close ≥ 20 and < 30										
0.00—5.00	*0.40	15	*0.50	10	*0.50	10	*0.60	5	*1.50	5
5.01—15.00	*0.60	15	*0.80	15	0.80	10	*1.20	5	3.00	5
15.01—50.00	*2.00	10	*2.00	10	*2.00	5	*2.00	5	*4.00	5
50.01—100.00	*5.00	10	*3.00	10	*3.00	5	*3.00	5	*6.00	5
100.01—200.00	*10.00	1	8.00	5	*4.00	1	*5.00	5	10.00	5
Greater than 200.00	*18.00	1	*10.00	1	10.00	1	*15.00	1	*40.00	1
VIX Value at Prior Close ≥ 30										
0.00—5.00	0.90	10	1.00	10	0.80	5	1.00	5	3.00	5
5.01—15.00	2.50	10	2.50	10	2.00	5	3.00	5	4.00	5
15.01—50.00	4.00	10	5.00	10	3.50	5	4.00	5	8.00	5
50.01—100.00	*8.00	5	10.00	5	8.00	5	4.50	3	10.00	1
100.01—200.00	*12.00	1	12.00	5	10.00	5	15.00	1	18.00	1
Greater than 200.00	25.00	1	25.00	1	20.00	1	30.00	1	*50.00	1

The Exchange also proposes to increase the rebate offered by each of the GTH1 and GTH2 SPX/SPXW LMM Incentive Program for meeting the heightened quoting standards in a given month from \$25,000 to \$35,000.

Eliminate Certain LMM Incentive Programs

The Exchange proposes to eliminate the RTH XSP LMM Incentive Program, the GTH1 XSP LMM Incentive Program, and the GTH2 XSP LMM Incentive Program (the “XSP LMM Incentive Programs”) from the Fees Schedule. By way of background, each XSP LMM Incentive Program provides a rebate to TPHs with LMM appointments to the respective incentive program that meet certain quoting standards in the applicable series in a month. Meeting or exceeding the quoting standards in an XSP LMM Incentive Program to receive the applicable rebate is optional for an LMM appointed to a program. An LMM appointed to an incentive program is eligible to receive the corresponding rebate if it satisfies the applicable quoting standards. The Exchange is not required to offer the XSP LMM Incentive Programs and no longer desires to do so, as of August 3, 2026. As such, the Exchange proposes deleting each of the XSP LMM Incentive Program details set forth in the Fees Schedule.

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.⁶ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)⁷ 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)⁸ requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

MGTN Option Transaction Fee Changes

The Exchange believes the proposed changes to certain transaction fees for MGTN options are reasonable, equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory. The proposed fees are within the range of amounts assessed for the Exchange’s other index products. Additionally, the Exchange believes it is reasonable to charge different fee

amounts to different user types in the manner proposed because the proposed fees are consistent with the price differentiation that exists today for MGTN options and other index products. The proposed fees are also less than fees for these user types of index options listed for trading on other exchanges.⁹

Amend GTH VIX/VIXW LMM Incentive Program

The Exchange believes the proposed change to the percentage of series in which an appointed LMM must provide continuous electronic quotes of VIX and VIXW series during GTH that meet or exceed the quoting standards for at least 90% of the time in a given month is reasonable. The proposed quoting standards are overall reasonably designed to continue to encourage LMMs appointed to the incentive programs to provide significant liquidity in these options, which benefits investors overall by providing more trading opportunities, tighter spreads, and added market transparency and price discovery. The proposed reduced percentage of series required to meet or exceed the quoting standards does not represent a significant departure from the current percentage threshold. The Exchange believes the slight easing of the standard for appointed LMMs to satisfy the requirements to receive the

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ See, e.g., Nasdaq ISE, LLC (“ISE”) Options 7, Section 5 (which imposes a transaction fee of \$0.75 for Market-Maker orders and \$0.50 or \$0.75 for Market-Maker orders).

rebate continues to incentivize quoting activity in VIX/VIXW during GTH and may possible incentive increased quoting activity. Particularly, by slightly reducing the percentage of series in which LMMs must meet or exceed the quoting standards, the Exchange believe the proposed change will encourage appointed LMMs to post more aggressive quotes in VIX/VIXW options in order to meet the quoting standards and receive the rebate offered under the incentive program, resulting in tighter spreads and increased liquidity to the benefit of investors. The Exchange believes the proposed reduced percentage of series requirement remains generally aligned with that of other LMM Incentive Programs, as the required series percentage is only marginally changed to incentive an increase in quoting activity.

The Exchange believes that the proposed change to the GTH VIX/VIX LMM Incentive Program is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory. Specifically, the proposed changes will apply equally to any TPHs with LMM appointments to the GTH VIX/VIXW LMM Incentive Program that seek to meet the program's quoting standards in order to receive the rebates offered under each respective program. The Exchange notes that meeting or exceeding the quoting standards (both current and as proposed) in VIX and VIXW series to receive the applicable rebate is optional for LMMs appointed to the program. The Exchange additionally notes that, if an LMM appointed to the GTH VIX/VIXW LMM Incentive Program does not satisfy the corresponding heightened quoting standard for any given month, then it simply will not receive the rebate offered by the respective program for that month.

Regarding the GTH VIX/VIXW LMM Incentive Program, generally, the Exchange believes it is reasonable, equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory to continue to offer these financial incentives, including as amended, to LMMs appointed to the program, because it benefits all market participants trading in the corresponding products during GTH. This incentive program encourages the LMMs appointed to the program to satisfy the quoting standards, which may increase liquidity and provide more trading opportunities and tighter spreads. Indeed, the Exchange notes that these LMMs serve a crucial role in providing quotes and the opportunity for market participants to trade VIX/VIXW options during GTH, which can lead to increased volume, providing for robust markets. The Exchange

ultimately offers the LMM Incentive Program, as amended, to sufficiently incentivize the appointed LMMs to provide key liquidity and active markets in VIX/VIXW during the GTH session. The Exchange further believes this incentive program, as amended, will continue to encourage increased quoting to add liquidity in VIX/VIXW, thereby protecting investors and the public interest. The Exchange also notes that an LMM appointed to an incentive program may undertake added costs each month to satisfy that heightened quoting standards, such as having to purchase additional logical connectivity.

Amend GTH SPX LMM Incentive Programs

The Exchange believes it is reasonable to amend the quoting standards for each of the GTH SPX LMM Incentive Programs. The proposed quoting standards are overall reasonably designed to continue to encourage LMMs appointed to the incentive programs to provide significant liquidity in these options, which benefits investors overall by providing more trading opportunities, tighter spreads, and added market transparency and price discovery. The proposed changes adopt generally tighter width standards for each program. The Exchange believes that by adopting tighter width standards, the proposed rule change offers LMMs appointed to the programs a more challenging opportunity, thus further incentive, to strive to meet the quoting standards to receive the rebate on their SPX/SPXW options orders. As noted above, the proposed quoting standards are overall reasonably designed to continue to encourage LMMs appointed to the incentive programs to provide significant liquidity in these options, which benefits investors overall by providing more trading opportunities, tighter spreads, and added market transparency and price discovery. The Exchange also notes that the proposed amended quoting standards do not represent a significant departure from each program's current quote width and size standards and remain generally aligned with the current heightened standards in the programs.

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change to increase the amount of the rebate paid to an appointed LMM in each of the GTH SPX LMM Incentive Programs if the LMM satisfies the quoting standards is reasonable. The Exchange notes that LMMs appointed to the respective programs will continue to receive a monthly rebate. The Exchange believes the proposed rebate amounts

are reasonably designed to continue to incentivize an LMM appointed to the respective program to meet the applicable quoting standards for SPX and SPXW options during the applicable GTH session, thereby providing liquid and active markets, which facilitates tighter spreads, increased trading opportunities, and overall enhanced market quality to the benefit of all market participants. The Exchange further believes the proposed increase rebate is reasonable and equitable because the amount continues to be in-line with the amounts of other rebates the Exchange offers through other LMM Incentive Programs. Additionally, the Exchange believes the increased rebate amount is reasonable and equitable given the proposed changes described above to generally tighten the widths for SPX and SPXW will make it more challenging for an LMM to meet the quoting standards to receive the rebate. The Exchange believes the proposed increase in the rebate amount may provide LMMs appointed to the programs with further incentive to strive to meet the narrower quote widths to receive the rebate, which benefits investors overall by providing more trading opportunities, tighter spreads, and added market transparency and price discovery.

The Exchange believes that the proposed changes to the GTH SPX LMM Incentive Programs are equitable and not unfairly discriminatory. Specifically, the proposed changes will apply equally to any TPHs with LMM appointments to the GTH SPX LMM Incentive Programs, as applicable, that seek to meet the programs' quoting standards to receive the rebates offered under each respective program. The Exchange additionally notes that, if an LMM appointed to either of the GTH SPX LMM Incentive Programs does not satisfy the corresponding quoting standard for any given month, then it simply will not receive the rebate offered by the respective program for that month.

Regarding the GTH SPX LMM Incentive Programs, generally, the Exchange believes it is reasonable, equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory to continue to offer these financial incentives, including as amended, to LMMs appointed to the programs, because it benefits all market participants trading in the corresponding products during GTH1 and GTH2. These incentive programs encourage the LMMs appointed to such programs to satisfy the applicable quoting standards, which may increase liquidity and provide more trading opportunities and tighter spreads.

Indeed, the Exchange notes that these LMMs serve a crucial role in providing quotes and the opportunity for market participants to trade SPX/SPXW options during GTH, which can lead to increased volume, providing for robust markets. The Exchange ultimately offers the GTH SPX LMM Incentive Programs, as amended, to sufficiently incentivize the appointed LMMs to provide key liquidity and active markets in SPX/SPXW during the applicable GTH session. The Exchange further believes these incentive programs, as amended, will continue to encourage increased quoting to add liquidity in SPX/SPXW, thereby protecting investors and the public interest. The Exchange also notes that an LMM appointed to an incentive program may undertake added costs each month to satisfy that heightened quoting standards, such as having to purchase additional logical connectivity.

Eliminate Certain LMM Incentive Programs

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change to eliminate the XSP LMM Incentive Programs is reasonable, equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory. As noted above, the Exchange is not required to offer the XSP LMM Incentive Programs and no longer desires to do so. The proposed change is reasonable, as the Exchange wishes to reallocate resources to its other pricing programs and potentially develop other pricing programs that may benefit market participants. The Exchange also believes the proposed change is equitable and is not unfairly discriminatory because it applies to all Market-Makers equally. While no Market-Maker will be or continue to be eligible for the eliminated XSP LMM Incentive Programs, all Market-Makers remain eligible to participate in the Exchange's other pricing programs, including other LMM Incentive Programs offered by the Exchange.

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.

MGTN Option Transaction Fee Changes

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed changes to certain MGTN option transaction fees will impose any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because the proposed MGTN transaction fees for the separate types of market

participants will be assessed automatically and uniformly to all such market participants, as applicable. As discussed above, while different fees are assessed to different market participants in some circumstances, these different market participants have different obligations and different circumstances as discussed above. For example, preferential pricing to Customers is a long-standing options industry practice which serves to enhance Customer order flow, thereby attracting Market-Makers to facilitate tighter spreads and trading opportunities to the benefit of all market participants. The Exchange does not believe the proposed changes to certain MGTN option transaction fees will impose any burden on intermarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because the proposed changes apply to products exclusively listed on the Exchange. As noted above, the proposed fees are within the range of amounts assessed for the Exchange's other index products, excluding Underlying Symbol List A and are also less than fees for these user types of index options listed for trading on other exchanges.¹⁰

Amend GTH LMM Incentive Programs

The Exchange does not believe the proposed changes to the GTH LMM Incentive Programs will impose any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because these changes will apply to all LMMs appointed to the applicable program in a uniform manner. The Exchange notes that meeting or exceeding the quoting standards (both current and as proposed) in a GTH LMM Incentive Program to receive the applicable rebate is optional for LMMs appointed to the program. If an LMM appointed to a GTH LMM Incentive Program does not satisfy the corresponding quoting standard for any given month, then the LMM simply will not receive the rebate offered by the respective program for that month. As noted above, to the extent the LMMs appointed to an incentive program receive a benefit that other market participants do not, these LMMs in their role as Market-Makers on the Exchange have different obligations and are held to different standards. For example, Market-Makers play a crucial role in providing active and liquid markets in their appointed products, thereby

providing a robust market which benefits all market participants. Such Market-Makers also have obligations and regulatory requirements that other participants do not have. The Exchange also notes that an LMM appointed to a GTH LMM Incentive Program may undertake added costs each month to satisfy that heightened quoting standards, such as having to purchase additional logical connectivity. The Exchange also notes that the LMM Incentive Programs are designed to attract additional order flow to the Exchange, wherein greater liquidity benefits all market participants by providing more trading opportunities, tighter spreads, and added market transparency and price discovery, and signals to other market participants to direct their order flow to those markets, thereby contributing to robust levels of liquidity. As a result, the Exchange believes that the proposed change furthers the Commission's goal in adopting Regulation NMS of fostering competition among orders, which promotes "more efficient pricing of individual stocks for all types of orders, large and small."¹¹

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule changes to the GTH LMM Incentive Programs will impose any burden on intermarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because the proposed rule change applies only to products exclusively listed on the Exchange. As noted above, the incentive programs are designed to attract additional order flow to the Exchange, wherein greater liquidity benefits all market participants by providing more trading opportunities, tighter spreads, and added market transparency and price discovery, and signals to other market participants to direct their order flow to those markets, thereby contributing to robust levels of liquidity. To the extent that the proposed changes make the Exchange a more attractive marketplace for market participants at other exchanges, such market participants are welcome to become Exchange market participants. Other exchanges are welcome to offer similar programs with respect to products exclusively listed on their markets.

Eliminate Certain LMM Incentive Programs

Finally, the Exchange does not believe the proposed rule change to eliminate the LMM Incentive Programs will

¹⁰ See, e.g., Nasdaq ISE, LLC ("ISE") Options 7, Section 5 (which imposes a transaction fee of \$0.75 for Market-Maker orders and \$0.50 or \$0.75 for Market-Maker orders).

¹¹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51808, 70 FR 37495, 37498-99 (June 29, 2005) (S7-10-04) (Final Rule).

impose any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act proposed rule change because it applies to all Market-Makers equally. While no Market-Maker will be or continue to be eligible for the eliminated LMM Incentive Programs, all Market-Makers remain eligible to participate in the Exchange's other pricing programs, including other LMM Incentive Programs offered by the Exchange. The Exchange does not believe the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intermarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as it applies only to fees and programs applicable to transactions in products that are exclusively listed on the Exchange.

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 written comments on the proposed rule change.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹² and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4¹³ thereunder.

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 will institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or 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 (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or

- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-CBOE-2026-068 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-CBOE-2026-068. 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 (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the filing will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-CBOE-2026-068 and should be submitted on or before September 8, 2026.

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

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Form N-2 (17 CFR 239.14 and 274.11a-1) is the form used by closed-end management investment companies ("registered closed-end funds") to

register under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-1 *et seq.*) ("Investment Company Act"), and to register their securities under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*) ("Securities Act"). Form N-2 is also used by business development companies ("BDCs"), which are closed-end management investment companies that do not register under the Investment Company Act (but instead elect to be subject to certain provisions of the Investment Company Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-2(a)(48)) to register and offer their securities under the Securities Act.

Section 5 of the Securities Act (15 U.S.C. 77e) requires the filing of a registration statement prior to the offer of securities to the public and that the statement be effective before any securities are sold. The primary purpose of the registration process is to provide disclosure of financial and other information to current and potential investors for the purpose of evaluating an investment in a security. Section 5(b) of the Securities Act requires that investors be provided with a prospectus containing the information required in a registration statement prior to the sale, or at the time of confirmation or delivery, of the securities. A closed-end management investment company (that is not a BDC) is required to register as an investment company under Section 8(a) of the Investment Company Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-8(a)). Form N-2 permits a registered closed end fund and a BDC to provide investors with a prospectus covering essential information about the fund when the fund makes an initial or additional offering of its securities. More-detailed information is available to interested investors in the Statement of Additional Information, which is provided to investors upon request and without charge.

The purpose of Form N-2 is to meet the filing and disclosure requirements of the Securities Act and the Investment Company Act and to enable funds to provide investors with information necessary to evaluate an investment in a registered closed-end fund or BDC. The information filed with the Commission permits the verification of compliance with securities law requirements and assures the public availability and dissemination of the information. A registered closed-end fund or BDC must file a registration statement on Form N-2 only when making initial or additional offerings of securities under the Securities Act, or when amending its registration statement. Compliance with the disclosure requirements of Form N-2 is mandatory. Responses to the disclosure

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).

¹⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).