

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change would impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. To the contrary, the Exchange understands that FINRA and other national securities exchanges have or will also file similar proposals to extend their respective clearly erroneous execution pilot programs. Thus, the proposed rule change will help to ensure consistency across market centers without implicating any competitive issues.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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

The Exchange has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act<sup>22</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>23</sup> 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)(iii) of the Act<sup>24</sup> and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>25</sup>

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>26</sup> normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),<sup>27</sup> the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange asked that the Commission waive the 30 day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing.

<sup>22</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>23</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>24</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>25</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and 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. The Commission has waived the five-day pre-filing requirement in this case.

<sup>26</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>27</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

Waiver of the 30-day operative delay would extend the protections provided by the current pilot program, without any changes, while the Exchange and other self-regulatory organizations consider whether further amendments to these rules are appropriate. Therefore, the Commission hereby waives the 30-day operative delay and designates the proposed rule change as operative upon filing.<sup>28</sup>

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 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 (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-CboeBZX-2022-028 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-2022-028. 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

<sup>28</sup> 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).

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, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CboeBZX-2022-028 and should be submitted on or May 16, 2022.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>29</sup>

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## **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

[Release No. 34-94748; File No. SR-CboeEDGA-2022-009]

### **Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Extend the Current Pilot Program Related to EDGA Rule 11.15, Clearly Erroneous Executions, to the Close of Business on July 20, 2022**

April 19, 2022.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on April 18, 2022, Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "EDGA") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange filed the proposal as a "non-controversial" proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>4</sup> The

<sup>29</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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 EDGA Exchange, Inc. ("EDGA" or the "Exchange") is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a proposed rule change to extend the current pilot program related to EDGA Rule 11.15, Clearly Erroneous Executions, to the close of business on July 20, 2022. 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/edga/](http://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/regulation/rule_filings/edga/)), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary, 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 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 purpose of this filing is to extend the effectiveness of the Exchange's current rule applicable to Clearly Erroneous Executions to the close of business on July 20, 2022. Portions of Rule 11.15, explained in further detail below, are currently operating as a pilot program set to expire on April 20, 2022.<sup>5</sup>

On September 10, 2010, the Commission approved, on a pilot basis, changes to EDGA Rule 11.15 that, among other things: (i) Provided for uniform treatment of clearly erroneous execution reviews in multi-stock events involving twenty or more securities; and (ii) reduced the ability of the Exchange to deviate from the

objective standards set forth in the rule.<sup>6</sup> In 2013, the Exchange adopted a provision designed to address the operation of the Plan.<sup>7</sup> Finally, in 2014, the Exchange adopted two additional provisions providing that: (i) A series of transactions in a particular security on one or more trading days may be viewed as one event if all such transactions were effected based on the same fundamentally incorrect or grossly misinterpreted issuance information resulting in a severe valuation error for all such transactions; and (ii) in the event of any disruption or malfunction in the operation of the electronic communications and trading facilities of an Exchange, another SRO, or responsible single plan processor in connection with the transmittal or receipt of a trading halt, an Officer, acting on his or her own motion, shall nullify any transaction that occurs after a trading halt has been declared by the primary listing market for a security and before such trading halt has officially ended according to the primary listing market.<sup>8</sup>

On December 26, 2018, the Commission published the proposed Eighteenth Amendment<sup>9</sup> to the Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility Pursuant to Rule 608 of Regulation NMS under the Act (the "Limit Up-Limit Down Plan" or the "Plan")<sup>10</sup> to allow the Plan to operate on a permanent, rather than pilot, basis. On April 8, 2019, the Exchange amended EDGA Rule 11.15 to untie the pilot program's effectiveness from that of the Plan and to extend the pilot's effectiveness to the close of business on October 18, 2019 in order allow the Exchange and other national securities exchanges additional time to consider further amendments, if any, to the clearly erroneous execution rules in light of the proposed Eighteenth Amendment to the Plan.<sup>11</sup> On April 17, 2019, the Commission published an approval of the Eighteenth Amendment to allow the Plan to operate on a

permanent, rather than pilot, basis.<sup>12</sup> On October 21, 2019, the Exchange amended EDGA Rule 11.15 to extend the pilot's effectiveness to the close of business on April 20, 2020.<sup>13</sup> On March 18, 2020, the Exchange amended EDGA Rule 11.15 to extend the pilot's effectiveness to the close of business on October 20, 2020.<sup>14</sup> On October 20, 2020, the Exchange amended EDGA Rule 11.15 to extend the pilot's effectiveness to the close of business on April 20, 2021.<sup>15</sup> On April 14, 2021 the Exchange amended EDGA Rule 11.15 to extend the pilot's effectiveness to the close of business on October 20, 2021.<sup>16</sup> Finally, on October 15, 2021 the Exchange amended EDGA Rule 11.15 to extend the pilot's effectiveness to the close of business on April 20, 2022.<sup>17</sup>

Other self-regulatory organizations ("SROs"), including the Exchange, have worked on a proposed rule change to make the pilot rules permanent. Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc., ("BZX") filed such a proposed rule change on March 7, 2022.<sup>18</sup> The Exchange now proposes to amend EDGA Rule 11.15 to extend the pilot's effectiveness an additional three months to the close of business on July 20, 2022 while the Commission considers the BZX proposal. The Exchange understands that the other national securities exchanges and Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") have filed or plan to file similar proposals to extend their respective clearly erroneous execution pilot programs, the substance of which are identical to EDGA Rule 11.15. The Exchange does not propose any additional changes to EDGA Rule 11.15. The Exchange believes the benefits to market participants from the more objective clearly erroneous executions rule should continue on a limited three month pilot basis.

##### **2. Statutory Basis**

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the

<sup>12</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 85623 (Apr. 11, 2019), 84 FR 16086 (Apr. 17, 2019) (File No. 4-631).

<sup>13</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 87366 (October 21, 2019), 84 FR 57538 (October 25, 2019) (SR-CboeEDGA-2019-017).

<sup>14</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 88499 (March 27, 2020), 85 FR 18604 (April 2, 2020) (SR-CboeEDGA-2020-009).

<sup>15</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 90235 (October 21, 2021), 85 FR 68097 (October 27, 2020) (SR-CboeEDGA-2020-027).

<sup>16</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 91556 (April 14, 2021), 86 FR 20550 (April 20, 2021) (SR-CboeEDGA-2021-008).

<sup>17</sup> *Supra* note 5.

<sup>18</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 94374 (March 7, 2022), 87 FR 14062 (March 11, 2022) (SR-CboeBZX-2022-017).

<sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 93344 (October 15, 2021), 86 FR 58352 (October 21, 2021) (SR-CboeEDGA-2021-022).

<sup>6</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 62886 (September 10, 2010), 75 FR 56613 (September 16, 2010) (SR-EDGA-2010-03).

<sup>7</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 68806 (February 1, 2013), 78 FR 8670 (February 6, 2013) (SR-EDGA-2013-05).

<sup>8</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 72434 (June 19, 2014), 79 FR 36110 (June 25, 2014) (SR-EDGA-2014-11).

<sup>9</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 84843 (December 18, 2018), 83 FR 66464 (December 26, 2018) (File No. 4-631) ("Eighteenth Amendment").

<sup>10</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 67091 (May 31, 2012), 77 FR 33498 (June 6, 2012) (the "Limit Up-Limit Down Release").

<sup>11</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 85544 (April 8, 2019), 84 FR 15011 (April 12, 2019) (SR-CboeEDGA-2019-005).

“Act”) and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.<sup>19</sup> Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)<sup>20</sup> 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)<sup>21</sup> requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

In particular, the Exchange believes that extending the clearly erroneous execution pilot under EDGA Rule 11.15 for an additional three months would help assure that the determination of whether a clearly erroneous trade has occurred will be based on clear and objective criteria, and that the resolution of the incident will occur promptly through a transparent process. The proposed rule change would also help assure consistent results in handling erroneous trades across the U.S. equities markets, thus furthering fair and orderly markets, the protection of investors and the public interest. Based on the foregoing, the Exchange believes the amended clearly erroneous executions rule should continue to be in effect on a pilot basis while the Exchange and the other national securities exchanges consider and develop a permanent proposal for clearly erroneous execution reviews.

#### *B. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Burden on Competition*

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change would impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. To the contrary, the Exchange understands that FINRA and other national securities exchanges have or will also file similar proposals to extend their respective clearly erroneous execution pilot programs. Thus, the proposed rule change will help to ensure consistency

across market centers without implicating any competitive issues.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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

The Exchange has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act<sup>22</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>23</sup> 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)(iii) of the Act<sup>24</sup> and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>25</sup>

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>26</sup> normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),<sup>27</sup> the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange asked that the Commission waive the 30 day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing. Waiver of the 30-day operative delay would extend the protections provided by the current pilot program, without any changes, while the Exchange and other self-regulatory organizations consider whether further amendments to these rules are appropriate. Therefore, the Commission hereby waives the 30-day operative delay and designates the proposed rule change as operative upon filing.<sup>28</sup>

<sup>22</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>23</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>24</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>25</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and 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. The Commission has waived the five-day pre-filing requirement in this case.

<sup>26</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>27</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

<sup>28</sup> For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has also considered the proposed rule’s impact on

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 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 (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-CboeEDGA-2022-009 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-CboeEDGA-2022-009. 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 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, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal

efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

<sup>19</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>20</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>21</sup> *Id.*

office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–CboeEDGA–2022–009 and should be submitted on or May 16, 2022.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>29</sup>

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–94746; File No. SR–NYSEArca–2021–73]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Amendment No. 1 and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1, To List and Trade Shares of the Franklin Responsibly Sourced Gold ETF Under NYSE Arca Rule 8.201–E (Commodity-Based Trust Shares)

April 19, 2022.

#### I. Introduction

On August 23, 2021, NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> a proposed rule change to list and trade shares of the Franklin Responsibly Sourced Gold ETF under NYSE Arca Rule 8.201–E (Commodity-Based Trust Shares). The proposed rule change was published for comment in the *Federal Register* on September 8, 2021.<sup>3</sup> On September 29, 2021, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>4</sup> the Commission designated a longer period within which to approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed

rule change.<sup>5</sup> On December 6, 2021, the Commission instituted proceedings pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act<sup>6</sup> to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change.<sup>7</sup> On February 23, 2022, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>8</sup> the Commission designated a longer period within which to issue an order approving or disapproving the proposed rule change.<sup>9</sup> On March 25, 2022, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.<sup>10</sup> This Amendment No. 1, set forth in Item II below, replaces SR–NYSE Arca–2021–73 as originally filed and supersedes such filing in its entirety. The Commission has received no comment letters on the proposal. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1, from interested persons, and is approving the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1, on an accelerated basis.

#### 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 self-regulatory organization 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 those 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,

<sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 93179, 86 FR 55033 (October 5, 2021).

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

<sup>7</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 93720, 86 FR 70555 (December 10, 2021).

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>9</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 94302, 87 FR 11761 (March 2, 2022). The Commission designated May 6, 2022, as the date by which the Commission shall either approve or disapprove the proposed rule change.

<sup>10</sup> Amendment No. 1 is available on the Commission’s website at <https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-nysearca-2021-73/srnysearca202173.htm>. Among other things, Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change provided greater detail with respect to the operation of the Trust (as defined herein) and the Fund (as defined herein), including the assets held by the Fund, the LBMA Responsible Sourcing Programme (as described herein), the Responsible Gold Guidance (as described herein), creations and redemptions of the Fund’s Shares (as defined herein), determination of net asset value of the Fund’s Shares, and availability of information for the Fund’s Shares. Amendment No. 1 also made additional and revised representations, including that all gold held by the Fund will be London Good Delivery bars and the information related to the Shares that will be provided on the Fund’s website. Finally, Amendment No. 1 provided clarifications and technical edits to the proposed rule change.

of the most significant parts 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 shares (“Shares”) of the Franklin Responsibly Sourced Gold ETF (the “Fund”), under NYSE Arca Rule 8.201–E.<sup>11</sup> The Fund is a series of the Franklin Templeton Holdings Trust, a Delaware statutory trust (the “Trust”). Under NYSE Arca Rule 8.201–E, the Exchange may propose to list and/or trade Commodity-Based Trust Shares pursuant to unlisted trading privileges (“UTP”).<sup>12</sup>

The Fund will not be registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended,<sup>13</sup> and is not required to register under such act. The Fund is not a commodity pool for purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended.<sup>14</sup>

The sponsor of the Fund is Franklin Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“Sponsor”). BNY Mellon Asset Servicing, a division of The Bank of New York Mellon (“BNYM”), serves as the Fund’s administrator (the “Administrator”) and transfer agent (the “Transfer Agent”).

<sup>11</sup> On April 22, 2021, the Trust submitted to the Commission its confidential draft registration statement on Form S–1 (the “Registration Statement”) under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a) (the “Securities Act”). The Registrant confidentially submitted amendments to the Registration Statement on September 7, 2021, October 5, 2021, January 14, 2022 and February 22, 2022. The Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act, enacted on April 5, 2012, added Section 6(e) to the Securities Act. Section 6(e) of the Securities Act provides that an “emerging growth company” may confidentially submit to the Commission a draft registration statement for confidential, non-public review by the Commission staff prior to public filing, provided that the initial confidential submission and all amendments thereto shall be publicly filed not later than 21 days before the date on which the issuer conducts a road show, as such term is defined in Securities Act Rule 433(h)(4), or 15 days prior to anticipated effectiveness in the case of an issuer who will not conduct a road show. An emerging growth company is defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Securities Act as an issuer with less than \$1,070,000,000 total annual gross revenues during its most recently completed fiscal year. The Fund meets the definition of an emerging growth company and consequently has submitted its Form S–1 Registration Statement on a confidential basis with the Commission. The Registration Statement in [sic] not yet effective and the Shares will not trade on the Exchange until such time that the Registration Statement is effective.

<sup>12</sup> Commodity-Based Trust Shares are securities issued by a trust that represent investors’ discrete identifiable and undivided beneficial ownership interest in the commodities deposited into the trust.

<sup>13</sup> 15 U.S.C. 80a–1.

<sup>14</sup> 17 U.S.C. 1.

<sup>29</sup> 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

<sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 92840 (September 1, 2021), 86 FR 50385.

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).