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 Exchange believes that harmonizing the Existing Connectivity Rules with the colocation, connectivity, and direct connectivity rules of Nasdaq will improve efficiency and reduce the burden on firms as they only will need to be familiar with a single set of rules going forward governing colocation, connectivity, and direct connectivity. Because the text of the Existing Connectivity Rules and Nasdaq General 8 are already the same, the proposed change will have no substantive impact on firms that colocate with or connect to 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 not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change does not make any substantive change to Exchange General 8 and will not impact competition.

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

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 ¹³ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b–4 thereunder. ¹⁴

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. Please include File Number SR–BX–2018–064 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-BX-2018-064. 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 the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-BX-2018-064 and should be submitted on or before January 22, 2019.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. 15

Brent J. Fields,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–84944; File No. SR– CboeBZX–2018–077]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on a Proposed Rule Change To List and Trade Shares of the JPMorgan Inflation Managed Bond ETF of the J.P. Morgan Exchange-Traded Fund Trust Under Rule 14.11(i), Managed Fund Shares

December 21, 2018.

On November 2, 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 shares of the JPMorgan Inflation Managed Bond ETF of the J.P. Morgan Exchange-Traded Fund Trust under Rule 14.11(i) ("Managed Fund Shares"). The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal** Register on November 21, 2018.3 The Commission has received no comment letters on the proposed rule change.

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act 4 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 45th day after publication of the notice for this proposed rule change is January 5, 2019. The Commission is extending this 45day time period.

The Commission finds that it is appropriate to designate a longer period

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

¹⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b–4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file 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 Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

^{15 17} CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

 $^{^3\,}See$ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 84604 (November 15, 2018), 83 FR 58789.

^{4 15} U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

within which to take action on the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider the proposed rule change. Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁵ designates February 19, 2019, 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 Number SR–CboeBZX–2018–077).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

Brent J. Fields,

Secretary.

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[Release No. 34-84930; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2018-105]

Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Entry Fee for Listing on the Exchange's Global and Global Select Market Tiers

December 21, 2018.

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 December 17, 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, 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

The Exchange proposes to amend the entry fee for listing on the Exchange's Global and Global Select Market tiers.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at http://nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com/, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant 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 the proposed rule change is to increase the Exchange's entry fees for companies listing on the Nasdaq Global and Global Select Markets.

Nasdaq currently charges entry fees for the Nasdaq Global and Global Select Market based on the number of shares outstanding according to the following tiers: ³

Up to 30 million shares, \$125,000 30+ to 50 million shares, \$150,000 50+ to 100 million shares, \$200,000 Over 100 million shares, \$225,000

These fees are based on the aggregate of all classes of equity securities to be listed on the Nasdaq Global and Global Select Market, as shown in the company's most recent periodic report or in more recent information held by Nasdaq or, in the case of new issues, as shown in the offering circular or registration statement. In the case of foreign companies, total shares outstanding includes only those shares issued and outstanding in the United States.

The entry fees for companies listing on the Nasdaq Global and Global Select Markets were last modified in 2010.⁴ Nasdaq now proposes to increase the entry fees to the following:

Up to 30 million shares, \$150,000 30+ to 40 million shares, \$170,000 40+ to 50 million shares, \$210,000 50+ to 60 million shares, \$250,000 60+ to 70 million shares, \$290,000 Over 70 million shares, \$295,000

As a result, the minimum entry fee for the Nasdaq Global and Global Select Markets would increase from \$125,000 to \$150,000 for companies with up to 30 million shares. The maximum entry fee for the Nasdaq Global and Global Select Markets, which would be applicable to companies with over 70 million shares outstanding, would increase from \$225,000 to \$295,000. The revised schedule would also increase the number of fee tiers so that each tier range between the minimum of 30 million shares and the maximum of 70 million shares has 10 million shares in the tier.

Nasdaq is proposing these changes to better align its fees with the value of a listing to issuers.

Any company that submits its application to Nasdaq before January 1, 2019, and lists before July 1, 2019, would be subject to fees under the existing fee schedule. Nasdaq believes that it is appropriate to continue the existing fee schedule for these companies because they will be substantially far along in the process of going public at the time of this filing and may have made decisions based on the existing fee schedule.

2. Statutory Basis

Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,⁵ in general, and with Section 6(b)(4) and (5) of the Act,6 in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members, issuers and other persons using its facilities and does not unfairly discriminate between customers, issuers, brokers or dealers. Further, the proposed rule change is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to a free and open market and national market system, and in general to protect investors and the public interest.

Nasdaq believes that the proposed fee increase is not unfairly discriminatory and represents an equitable allocation of reasonable fees because it reflects the Exchange's increased costs since fees were last increased in 2010.7 In addition, the proposed fee increase reflects enhancements to the listing process, such as Nasdaq's online Listing Center, which simplifies the process of applying to Nasdaq; the Governance Clearinghouse, which provides insights into issues facing public companies and companies that are preparing to go

⁵ *Id*.

^{6 17} CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³Companies must also submit a \$25,000 initial application fee, which is credited towards the entry fee upon listing. *See* Rule 5910(a)(11).

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34–61669 (March 5, 2010), 75 FR 11958 (March 12, 2010) (approving SR–NASDAQ–2009–081).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

⁷ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34–61669 (March 5, 2010), 75 FR 11958 (March 12, 2010) (approving SR–NASDAQ–2009–081).