

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-CBOE-2019-016 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-2019-016. 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. 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-CBOE-2019-016, and should be submitted on or before April 16, 2019.

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

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-85422; File No. SR-NYSEArca-2018-43]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Withdrawal of a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1, Regarding Investments of the First Trust TCW Unconstrained Plus Bond ETF

March 26, 2019.

On July 11, 2018, NYSE Arca, Inc. ("Exchange") 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 seeking to modify certain investments of the First Trust TCW Unconstrained Plus Bond ETF, the shares of which are currently listed and traded on the Exchange pursuant to NYSE Arca Rule 8.600-E.

The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on August 1, 2018.³ On September 14, 2018, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁴ 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 disapprove the proposed rule change.⁵ On October 30, 2018, the Commission instituted proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change.⁶ On January 25, 2019, the Commission designated a longer period for Commission action on the proposed rule

¹⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 83720 (July 26, 2018), 83 FR 37560.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 84123, 83 FR 47654 (September 20, 2018).

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 84504, 83 FR 55439 (November 5, 2018).

change.⁷ On January 29, 2019, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.

On March 22, 2019, the Exchange withdrew the proposed rule change (SR-NYSEArca-2018-43), as modified by Amendment No. 1.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁸

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2019.

PLACE: The meeting will be held at the Commission's headquarters, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters also may be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (6), (7), (8), 9(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (a)(5), (a)(6), (a)(7), (a)(8), (a)(9)(ii) and (a)(10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

Commissioner Jackson, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the closed meeting in closed session.

The subject matters of the closed meeting will be:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions; Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings; and Other matters relating to enforcement proceedings.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed; please contact Vanessa A. Countryman from the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

⁷ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 84990, 84 FR 868 (January 31, 2019).

⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Dated: March 27, 2019.

Eduardo A. Aleman,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-85413; File No. SR-FINRA-2019-006]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Capital Acquisition Broker (“CAB”) Rules Governing Qualification, Registration and Continuing Education of Associated Persons of CABs

March 26, 2019.

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 March 12, 2019, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) 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 FINRA. FINRA has designated the proposed rule change as constituting a “non-controversial” rule change under paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 under the Act,³ which renders the proposal effective upon receipt of this filing by the Commission. 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

FINRA is proposing to amend the Capital Acquisition Broker (“CAB”) Rules governing qualification, registration and continuing education of associated persons of CABs (CAB Rules 119–125) to reflect new consolidated FINRA qualification and registration rules and changes to its continuing education requirements which took effect on October 1, 2018 (collectively, the “Consolidated Rules”). Specifically, the proposed rule change would amend CAB Rules 119 (Foreign Members and Associates), 121 (Registration Requirements), 123 (Categories of Registration), 124 (Persons Exempt from Registration) and 125 (Continuing Education Requirements) to cross-

reference the new FINRA rules governing these areas, and would delete CAB Rule 122 (Qualification Examinations) since this area is covered by other Consolidated Rules.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on FINRA’s website at <http://www.finra.org>, at the principal office of FINRA 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, FINRA 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. FINRA 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

A. Background

FINRA Capital Acquisition Broker Rules

On August 18, 2016, the SEC approved⁴ a separate set of FINRA rules for firms that meet the definition of a “capital acquisition broker” and that elect to be governed under this rule set. CABs are member firms that engage in a limited range of activities, essentially advising companies and private equity funds on capital raising and corporate restructuring, and acting as placement agents for sales of unregistered securities to institutional investors under limited conditions. Member firms that elect to be governed under the CAB rule set are not permitted, among other things, to carry or maintain customer accounts, handle customers’ funds or securities, accept customers’ trading orders, or engage in proprietary trading or market-making.

The CAB Rules became effective on April 14, 2017.⁵ In order to provide new CAB applicants with lead time to apply for FINRA membership and obtain the necessary qualifications and registrations, CAB Rules 101–125 became effective on January 3, 2017.⁶

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 78617 (August 18, 2016), 81 FR 57948 (August 24, 2016) (Order Approving File No. SR-FINRA-2015-054).

⁵ See *Regulatory Notice* 16-37 (October 2016).

⁶ On September 29, 2017 the SEC approved CAB Rule 203 (Engaging in Distribution and Solicitation

FINRA Qualification, Registration and Continuing Education Rules

In July 2017 the SEC approved a proposed rule change to: (1) Adopt consolidated FINRA registration rules; (2) restructure the representative-level qualification examinations by creating an examination called the Securities Industry Essentials (SIE) to test knowledge regarding fundamental securities-related topics and transforming the representative-level examinations into specialized knowledge examinations; and (3) amend the Continuing Education (CE) requirements.⁷

The proposed rule change consolidated the NASD and Incorporated NYSE registration rules as FINRA Rules, which streamlined and brought consistency and uniformity to FINRA’s qualification and registration requirements. The Consolidated Rules, among other things, allow a member to permissively register, or maintain the registration(s) as a representative or principal of, any associated person of the firm, establish a waiver program for individuals working for a financial services industry affiliate of a member, and require firms to designate a Principal Financial Officer and a Principal Operations Officer. The rule change also establishes new registration categories. These new requirements are discussed in more detail below.

In conjunction with these changes, FINRA also restructured the representative-level qualification examination program into a more efficient format whereby all representative-level applicants take the SIE examination, and a tailored, specialized knowledge examination (a revised representative-level qualification examination) for their particular registered role. Individuals who are not associated persons of firms,

(Activities with Government Entities) and CAB Rule 458 (Books and Records Requirements for Government Distribution and Solicitation Activities), which applied established “pay-to-play” and related recordkeeping rules to the activities of CABs. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 81781 (September 29, 2017), 82 FR 46559 (October 5, 2017) (Order Approving File No. SR-FINRA-2017-027). CAB Rules 203 and 458 became effective on December 6, 2017. On September 20, 2018 FINRA filed for immediate effectiveness changes to CAB Rule 331 (Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Program) to reflect the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network’s adoption of a final rule on Customer Due Diligence Requirements for Financial Institutions. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 84363 (October 4, 2018), 83 FR 51532 (October 11, 2018) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of File No. SR-FINRA-2018-035).

⁷ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 81098 (July 7, 2017), 82 FR 32419 (July 13, 2017) (Order Approving File No. SR-FINRA-2017-007) (“Consolidated Rule Filing”).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).