

offers. Moreover, market participants that purchase 10 Gb physical ports utilize the most bandwidth and therefore consume the most resources from the network. The Exchange also anticipates that firms that utilize 10 Gb ports will benefit the most from the Exchange's investment in offering NY6 as the Exchange anticipates there will be much higher quantities of 10 Gb physical ports connecting from NY6 as compared to 1 Gb ports. Indeed, the Exchange notes that 10 Gb physical ports account for approximately 90% of physical ports across the NY4, NY5, and NY6 data centers, and to date, 80% of new port connections in NY6 are 10 Gb ports. As such, the Exchange believes the proposed fee change for 10 Gb physical ports is reasonably and appropriately allocated.

#### *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. The proposed fee change will not impact intramarket competition because it will apply to all similarly situated Members equally (*i.e.*, all market participants that choose to purchase the 10 Gb physical port). Additionally, the Exchange does not believe its proposed pricing will impose a barrier to entry to smaller participants and notes that its proposed connectivity pricing is associated with relative usage of the various market participants. For example, market participants with modest capacity needs can continue to buy the less expensive 1 Gb physical port (which cost is not changing) or may choose to obtain access via a third-party re-seller. While pricing may be increased for the larger capacity physical ports, such options provide far more capacity and are purchased by those that consume more resources from the network. Accordingly, the proposed connectivity fees do not favor certain categories of market participants in a manner that would impose a burden on competition; rather, the allocation reflects the network resources consumed by the various size of market participants—lowest bandwidth consuming members pay the least, and highest bandwidth consuming members pay the most.

The proposed fee change also does not impose a burden on competition or on other Self-Regulatory Organizations that is not necessary or appropriate. As described above, the Exchange evaluated its proposed fee change using objective and stable metric with limited volatility. Utilizing Data Processing PPI

over a specified period of time is a reasonable means of recouping a portion of the Exchange's investment in maintaining and enhancing the connectivity service identified above. The Exchange believes utilizing Data Processing PPI, a tailored measure of inflation, to increase certain connectivity fees to recoup the Exchange's investment in maintaining and enhancing its services and products would not impose a burden on competition.

#### *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 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 Act<sup>27</sup> and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4<sup>28</sup> 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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include file number SR-CboeEDGA-2025-007 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.

<sup>27</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>28</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).

All submissions should refer to file number SR-CboeEDGA-2025-007. 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 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 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also 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-CboeEDGA-2025-007 and should be submitted on or before April 17, 2025.

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

**J. Matthew DeLesDernier,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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### **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

[Release No. 34-102708; File No. SR-LCH SA-2025-002]

#### **Self-Regulatory Organizations; LCH SA; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Cash Spreads and Fees on Securities Collateral**

March 21, 2025.

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>

<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.

notice is hereby given that on March 18, 2025, Banque Centrale de Compensation, which conducts business under the name LCH SA (“LCH SA”), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change (“Proposed Rule Change”) described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been primarily prepared by LCH SA. LCH SA has designated this proposal for immediate effectiveness pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f) thereunder.<sup>4</sup> The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the Proposed Rule Change from interested persons.

### **I. Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change**

LCH SA is proposing to amend the fees it charges clearing members for cash and securities collateral posted as initial margin for its clearing services including CDSClear (the “Proposed Rule Change”).

The text of the Proposed Rule Change has been annexed [SIC] as Exhibit 5 to File No. SR-LCH SA–2025–002.<sup>5</sup> The implementation of the Proposed Rule Change is expected on April 1st, 2025 but will be contingent on LCH SA’s

receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals.

### **II. Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change**

In its filing with the Commission, LCH SA 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. LCH SA has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

#### *A. Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change*

##### **1. Purpose**

LCH SA currently applies a spread for clearing member cash collateral and charges fees on securities collateral posted to cover initial margin requirements for its CDSClear business. Cash collateral spreads are primarily based on underlying market conditions for a given currency and are subtracted from a reference index to determine a total rate to be applied to CDSClear

house and client accounts. Securities collateral fees are primarily based on a combination of factors, including, but not limited to operational costs to manage a specific non-cash collateral type, the liquidation profile and subsequent impact on LCH SA’s liquidity coverage ratio of the securities collateral and commercial considerations such as competitive landscape. The securities collateral fees charged to clearing members varies based on the instrument type (e.g., government securities), whether the securities collateral is posted on behalf of the CDSClear house account or on behalf of CDSClear clients and the method of posting the collateral (i.e., full title transfer, pledge or tri-party). The purpose of the Proposed Rule Change is for LCH SA to amend the cash spreads and securities collateral fees for margin collateral posted by clearing members.

##### **i. Cash Collateral Fees**

LCH SA currently accepts EUR, GBP and USD cash to satisfy initial margin requirements for its CDSClear business and applies the following cash collateral spreads for CDSClear house and client accounts:

Currency	Unsecured overnight index	Cash collateral fee/spread (bps)		
		All markets	CDSClear clients	Default funds
EUR .....	€STR .....	19.5	6.5	11.5
GBP .....	SONIA .....	33	20	
USD .....	FEDFUND .....	28	15	

In order to ensure the continuation of dynamic collateral pricing and to incentivize an appropriate collateral mix, LCH SA is proposing to decrease the cash collateral spread for EUR by 2bps from 19.5 to 17.5. An increased proportion of cash collateral on deposit would be expected to marginally enhance LCH SA’s Liquidity Coverage Ratio (“LCR”) and further enhance its liquidity risk profile by incentivizing clearing members to increase the

amount of cash to satisfy margin requirements. The additional cash corresponding to the haircut amount applied to non-cash securities will add to LCH SA’s total liquid resources, which can be used for the settlement of daily payment obligations, including with respect to the default of the participant family generating the largest aggregate payment obligation for LCH SA.

##### **ii. Securities Collateral Fees**

In order to ensure the continuation of dynamic collateral pricing and to incentivize an appropriate collateral mix, LCH SA is also proposing to amend the fees it charges clearing members for securities collateral posted as initial margin. LCH SA currently applies the following fees for securities collateral for CDSClear house and client accounts:

Securities	House			Client
	Full title transfer	Pledge	Triparty	CDSClear clients
Government Securities:				
Australia .....	14	NA	NA	10
Austria .....	12	25	10.5	10
Belgium .....	12	25	10.5	10
Canada .....	14	NA	NA	10

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

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

<sup>5</sup> All capitalized terms not defined herein have the same definition as in the CDS Clearing Rule

Book available at [https://www.lch.com/system/files/media\\_root/CDSClear\\_Rule\\_Book\\_01.02.2024.pdf](https://www.lch.com/system/files/media_root/CDSClear_Rule_Book_01.02.2024.pdf).

Securities	House			Client
	Full title transfer	Pledge	Triparty	CDSClear clients
Denmark .....	14	NA	NA	10
Finland .....	12	25	10.5	10
France .....	12	25	10.5	10
Germany .....	12	25	10.5	10
Italy .....	12	25	10.5	10
Japan .....	14	NA	NA	10
Netherlands .....	12	25	10.5	10
Norway .....	14	NA	NA	10
Portugal .....	12	NA	10.5	10
Spain .....	12	25	10.5	10
Sweden .....	14	NA	NA	10
Switzerland .....	14	NA	NA	10
UK .....	12	25	NA	10
USA .....	12	25	NA	10
Supranationals:				
European Financial Stability Facility .....	14	25	12.5	10
European Stability Mechanism .....	14	25	12.5	10
European Investment Bank .....	14	25	12.5	10
European Union .....	14	25	12.5	10
Investment Bank for Reconstruction and Development .....	14	25	12.5	10
Agencies:				
Rentenbank .....	14	25	12.5	10
Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau .....	14	25	12.5	10
CADES .....	14	25	NA	10
Equities:				
All (as listed in Haircut Schedule) .....	14	NA	NA	NA

LCH SA is proposing to decrease the fees charged for USD treasuries to CDSClear clients only, from 10 to 5bps which will support the expansion of the client clearing activities in the U.S. and also promote competition on this market. Indeed, LCH SA currently receives a small proportion of collateral as USD Treasuries. The proposed fee charged on USD treasuries has been fixed at a competitive level based on clearing members feedback and competitive market considerations.

LCH SA is also proposing to increase by 2bps the fees charged on each securities collateral type (excluding any change to Pledge, CBGs and other CDSClear clients' spreads).

The previous wording "Effective from 1st November 2024" which is not relevant anymore will be removed.

## 2. Statutory Basis

LCH SA believes that the Proposed Rule Change is consistent with the requirements of Section 17A of the Exchange Act<sup>6</sup> and the regulations thereunder applicable to LCH SA. Section 17A(b)(3)(D) of the Act<sup>7</sup> requires that the rules of a clearing agency provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its participants.

Considering the current competitive market conditions with the assessment that there won't be any significant

impact on the expected CDSClear revenues, LCH SA believes the proposed amendments to the fees applied to cash collateral and securities collateral for the CDSClear business are reasonable.

In addition, LCH SA believes the Proposed Rule Change is equitable for all participants as all CDSClear members will continue to have the choice to post either securities collateral or cash collateral to satisfy initial margin requirements. Clearing members wishing to post securities collateral via FTT will continue to face a lower fee than posting via a pledge arrangement. Likewise, clearing members may continue to post securities collateral via the tri-party option at a lower fee rate than FTT or via pledge. LCH SA believes the change in securities collateral fees are equitable for all clearing members and enables LCH SA to strengthen its liquidity risk profile.

LCH SA also believes the amendments to the spreads applied to cash collateral and fees applied to securities collateral for the CDSClear business are consistent with the requirements set forth in Exchange Act Rule 17Ad-22(e)(7)(i).<sup>8</sup> Exchange Act Rule 17Ad-22(e)(7)(i) requires clearing agencies to, *inter alia*, establish, implement, maintain and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to . . . maintain sufficient liquid resources at the

minimum in all relevant currencies to effect same-day and, where appropriate, intraday and multiday settlement of payment obligations with a high degree of confidence under a wide range of foreseeable stress scenarios that includes, but is not limited to, the default of the participant family that would generate the largest aggregate payment obligation for the covered clearing agency in extreme but plausible market conditions.<sup>9</sup> As mentioned, LCH SA is proposing to increase the fees charged on each securities collateral type posted as initial margin which may create an additional incentive for clearing members to post EUR cash collateral to satisfy initial margin requirements. This will benefit to LCR, improve the LCH SA's liquidity risk profile and meet the requirements of Exchange Act Rule 17Ad-22(e)(7)(i).<sup>10</sup>

For all these reasons, LCH SA believes the Proposed Rule Change is consistent with the requirements of Section 17A(b)(3)(D) of the Act<sup>11</sup> in that the amendments to the cash spreads and securities fees are reasonable and equitable among its participants. In addition, LCH SA believes that the Proposed Rule Change is consistent with the requirements of Exchange Act

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

<sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(7)(i).

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(D).

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(D).

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

Rule 17Ad-22(e)(7)(i)<sup>12</sup> by enhancing LCH SA's liquidity risk profile.

#### *B. Clearing Agency's Statement on Burden on Competition*

Section 17A(b)(3)(I) of the Act<sup>13</sup> requires that the rules of a clearing agency not impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. LCH SA does not believe that the Proposed Rule Change would impose any burden on competition.

The Proposed Rule Change will apply equally to all participants that will continue to have access to the clearing services with the option of posting securities collateral as initial margin or instead post cash collateral. The fee decrease on USD treasuries for CDS Clear clients will promote the competition on US client clearing activity.

Therefore, LCH SA does not believe that the Proposed Rule Change would impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

#### *C. Clearing Agency's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others*

Written comments relating to the Proposed Rule Change have not been solicited or received. LCH SA will notify the Commission of any written comments received by LCH SA.

### **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 Act and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4 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.

### **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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include file number SR-LCH SA-2025-002 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-LCH SA-2025-002. 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 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such filings will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of LCH SA and on LCH SA's website at <http://www.lch.com/resources/rules-and-regulations/proposed-rule-changes-0>. 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-LCH SA-2025-002 and should be submitted on or before April 17, 2025.

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

**J. Matthew DeLesDernier,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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### **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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#### **Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension: Rules 300-304 of Regulation Crowdfunding (Intermediaries)**

*Upon Written Request, Copies Available From:* Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-2736

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 ("PRA") (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information provided for Rule 17Ab2-1 (17 CFR 240.17Ab2-1) and Form CA-1: Registration of Clearing Agencies (17 CFR 249b.200) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*). The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

Rules 300-304 of Regulation Crowdfunding enumerate the requirements with which intermediaries must comply to participate in the offer and sale of securities in reliance on Section 4(a)(6) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Section 4(a)(6)"). Rule 300 requires an intermediary to be registered with the Commission as a broker or as a funding portal and be a member of a registered national securities association.<sup>1</sup>

Rule 301 requires intermediaries to have a reasonable basis for believing that an issuer seeking to offer and sell securities in reliance on Section 4(a)(6) through the intermediary's platform complies with the requirements in Section 4A(b) of the Securities Act and the related requirements in Regulation Crowdfunding. Rule 302 provides that no intermediary or associated person of an intermediary may accept an investment commitment in a transaction involving the offer or sale of securities made in reliance on Section 4(a)(6) until the investor has opened an account with the intermediary and the intermediary has obtained from the investor consent to electronic delivery of materials. Rule 303 requires an intermediary to make publicly available on its platform the information that an issuer of crowdfunding securities is required to provide to potential investors, in a manner that reasonably permits a

<sup>12</sup> 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(7)(i).

<sup>13</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(I).

<sup>14</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>1</sup> Currently, FINRA is the only registered national securities association.