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For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁷

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Extension: Rule 18a–3

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 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) this request for extension of the proposed collection of information provided for in Rule 18a–3 (17 CFR 240.18a–3), under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) (“Exchange Act”).

Rule 18a–3 establishes minimum margin requirements for nonbank security-based swap dealers (“SBSDs”) and nonbank major security-based swap participants (“MSBSPs”) for non-cleared security-based swaps. Under Rule 18a–3(e), nonbank SBSDs are required to monitor the risk of each account that holds non-cleared security based swaps for a counterparty and to establish, maintain, and document procedures and guidelines for monitoring the risk of accounts as part of its risk management control system required under Exchange Act Rule 15c3–4. In addition, Rule 18a–3(d)(2) provides that a nonbank SBSD seeking approval to use a model to calculate initial margin will be subject to an application process consistent with Exchange Act Rule 15c3–1e and

paragraph (d) of Exchange Act Rule 18a–1, as applicable, governing the use of internal models to compute net capital.¹

The total annual hour burden associated with Rule 18a–3 is approximately 1,030 hours calculated as follows:

The Commission staff estimates that there are 13 nonbank SBSDs that are subject to Rule 18a–3(e). The staff further estimates that each nonbank SBSD would spend an average of approximately 60 hours per year reviewing risks associated with its counterparties pursuant to the procedures and guidelines implemented by each nonbank SBSD, for an annual industry-wide ongoing burden of approximately 780 recordkeeping hours.²

With respect to Rule 18a–3(d)(2), the Commission estimates that one nonbank SBSD uses a model to calculate initial margin and that this nonbank SBSD will spend approximately 250 hours per year reviewing, updating, and back testing its initial margin model, resulting in a total industry-wide ongoing annual hour burden of approximately 250 recordkeeping hours.³

The total annual hour burden associated with Rule 18a–3 is thus approximately 1,030 hours (780 hours + 250 hours).

The Commission estimates that there is no annual cost burden associated with Rule 18a–3 as the previously estimated start-up costs have already been incurred.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission’s estimate of the burden imposed by the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and the assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated, electronic collection

techniques or other forms of information technology.

The public may view and comment on this information collection request at: https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=202505-3235-002 or email comment to MBX.OMB.OIRA.SEC_desk_officer@omb.eop.gov within 30 days of the day after publication of this notice, by August 29, 2025.

Dated: July 25, 2025.

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–103543; File No. SR–NASDAQ–2025–032]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Order Instituting Proceedings To Determine Whether To Approve or Disapprove a Proposed Rule Change To List and Trade Shares of the VanEck Avalanche ETF Under Nasdaq Rule 5711(d) (Commodity-Based Trust Shares)

July 24, 2025.

I. Introduction

On April 9, 2025, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“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 to list and trade shares (“Shares”) of the VanEck Avalanche ETF (“Trust”) under Nasdaq Rule 5711(d) (Commodity-Based Trust Shares). The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on April 29, 2025.³

On June 12, 2025, 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 This order institutes

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 102917 (Apr. 23, 2025), 90 FR 17846 (“Notice”). Comments received on the proposed rule change are available at: <https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-nasdaq-2025-032/srnasdaq2025032.htm>.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 103239, 90 FR 25707 (June 17, 2025). The Commission designated July 28, 2025, as the date by which the Commission shall approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule change.

¹ While Rule 18a–3 contains requirements that apply to both nonbank SBSDs and MSBSPs, the particular requirements that constitute a collection of information relate only to nonbank SBSDs.

² 13 nonbank SBSDs × 60 hours = 780 hours.

³ 1 nonbank SBSD × 250 hours = 250 hours.

²⁷ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act⁶ to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change.

II. Summary of the Proposal

As described in more detail in the Notice,⁷ the Exchange proposes to list and trade the Shares of the Trust under Nasdaq Rule 5711(d), which governs the listing and trading of Commodity-Based Trust Shares on the Exchange.

According to the Exchange, the investment objective of the Trust is for the Shares to reflect the performance of the price of AVAX,⁸ less the expenses of the Trust's operations.⁹ In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Trust will hold AVAX and will value its Shares daily based on the reported MarketVector Avalanche Benchmark Rate ("Index").¹⁰ When the Trust sells or redeems its Shares, it will do so in cash and in-kind transactions with authorized participants in blocks of 25,000 Shares.¹¹ The Sponsor may, from time to time, stake a portion of the Trust's assets through one or more trusted staking providers, which may include an affiliate of the Sponsor, and, in consideration for any staking activity in which the Trust may engage, the Trust would receive certain staking rewards of AVAX tokens.¹²

III. Proceedings To Determine Whether To Approve or Disapprove SR–NASDAQ–2025–032 and Grounds for Disapproval Under Consideration

The Commission is instituting proceedings pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act¹³ to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved. Institution of proceedings is appropriate at this time in view of the legal and policy issues raised by the proposed

rule change. Institution of proceedings does not indicate that the Commission has reached any conclusions with respect to any of the issues involved. Rather, the Commission seeks and encourages interested persons to provide comments on the proposed rule change.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act,¹⁴ the Commission is providing notice of the grounds for disapproval under consideration. The Commission is instituting proceedings to allow for additional analysis of the proposed rule change's consistency with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act, which requires, among other things, that the rules of a national securities exchange be "designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices" and "to protect investors and the public interest."¹⁵

The Commission asks that commenters address the sufficiency of the Exchange's statements in support of the proposal, which are set forth in the Notice, in addition to any other comments they may wish to submit about the proposed rule change. In particular, the Commission seeks comment on whether the proposal to list and trade Shares of the Trust, which would hold AVAX, is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices or raises any new or novel concerns not previously contemplated by the Commission.

IV. Procedure: Request for Written Comments

The Commission requests that interested persons provide written submissions of their views, data, and arguments with respect to the issues identified above, as well as any other concerns they may have with the proposal. In particular, the Commission invites the written views of interested persons concerning whether the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) or any other provision of the Act, and the rules and regulations thereunder. Although there do not appear to be any issues relevant to approval or disapproval that would be facilitated by an oral presentation of views, data, and arguments, the Commission will consider, pursuant to Rule 19b–4, any request for an opportunity to make an oral presentation.¹⁶

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments regarding whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved by August 19, 2025. Any person who wishes to file a rebuttal to any other person's submission must file that rebuttal by September 2, 2025.

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–NASDAQ–2025–032 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–NASDAQ–2025–032. 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 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–NASDAQ–2025–032 and should be submitted on or before August 19, 2025. Rebuttal comments should be submitted by September 2, 2025.

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comments—is appropriate for consideration of a particular proposal by a self-regulatory organization. See Securities Acts Amendments of 1975, Senate Comm. on Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs, S. Rep. No. 75, 94th Cong., 1st Sess. 30 (1975).

¹⁷ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(5)(7).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

⁷ See Notice, *supra* note 3.

⁸ The Exchange states that AVAX is the native token of the Avalanche network and is a digital asset that is created and transmitted through the operations of the peer-to-peer Avalanche network, a dispersed network of computers that operates on cryptographic software protocols based on open source code. See *id.* at 17846.

⁹ See *id.* at 17847. VanEck Digital Assets, LLC is the sponsor of the Trust and Delaware Trust Company is the trustee of the Trust. A third party custodian will be responsible for the custody of the Trust's AVAX. See *id.* at 17846.

¹⁰ See *id.* at 17846. The Exchange states that the Index is calculated based on prices contributed by trading platforms that the Sponsor's affiliate, MarketVector Indexes GmbH, believes represent the top five AVAX trading platforms based on the industry leading CCData Centralized Exchange Benchmark review report. See *id.*

¹¹ See *id.*

¹² See *id.*

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

¹⁴ *Id.*

¹⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹⁶ Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, as amended by the Securities Acts Amendments of 1975, Public Law 94–29 (June 4, 1975), grants the Commission flexibility to determine what type of proceeding—either oral or notice and opportunity for written