The retention period for the recordkeeping requirement under Rule 17Ad-13 is three years following the date of a report prepared pursuant to the rule. The recordkeeping requirement under this rule is mandatory to assist the Commission and other regulatory agencies with monitoring transfer agents and ensuring compliance with the rule. This rule does not involve the collection of confidential information.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information under the PRA unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The public may view background documentation for this information collection at the following website: www.reginfo.gov. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to (i) www.reginfo.gov/public/do/ PRAMain and (ii) David Bottom, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o John R. Pezzullo, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, or by sending an email to: PRA\_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: December 7, 2021.

#### J. Matthew DeLesDernier,

Assistant Secretary.

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#### **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE** COMMISSION

# **Sunshine Act Meetings**

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 16, 2021.

PLACE: The meeting will be held via remote means and or 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.

In the event that the time, date, or location of this meeting changes, an announcement of the change, along with the new time, date, and/or place of the meeting will be posted on the Commission's website at https:// www.sec.gov.

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.

The subject matter of the closed meeting will consist of the following topics:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings;

Resolution of litigation claims; and Other matters relating to examinations and enforcement proceedings.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting agenda items that may consist of adjudicatory, examination, litigation, or regulatory matters.

#### CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For further information; please contact Vanessa A. Countryman from the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated: December 9, 2021.

# Vanessa A. Countryman,

Secretary.

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#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-93729; File No. SR-Phlx-2021-71]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend the **Exchange's Affiliated Entity Program** and Relocate Certain Rules

December 7, 2021.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),2 and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,3 notice is hereby given that on December 1, 2021, Nasdaq PHLX LLC ("Phlx" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("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 Phlx's Pricing Schedule at Options 7, Section 1, General Provisions, and Section 2, Collection of Exchange Fees and Other Claims.

While the changes proposed herein are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated the amendments become operative on December 1, 2021.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/ rulebook/phlx/rules, 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

Phlx proposes to amend its Pricing Schedule at Options 7, Section 1, General Provisions. Specifically, Phlx proposes to amend the way it administers its Affiliated Entity

The Exchange also proposes to relocate rule text within Options 7, Section 1 and Section 2, Collection of Exchange Fees and Other Claims. As a result of these rule text relocations, the Exchange also proposes to update citations within Options 7, Section 3, Rebates and Fees for Adding and Removing Liquidity in SPY; Options 7, Section 4, Multiply Listed Options Fees (Includes options overlying equities, ETFs, ETNs and indexes which are Multiply Listed) (Excludes SPY); Options 7, Section 6, Other Transaction Fees; and Options 7, Section 7, Routing Fees. Each change will be described below.

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

<sup>215</sup> U.S.C. 78a

<sup>3 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4.

#### Affiliated Entity

The Exchange proposes to amend the way Exchange member organizations indicate their participation in the Affiliated Entity Program. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to amend the description of "Affiliated Entity" within Options 7, Section 1, General Provisions. Currently, the term "Affiliated Entity" is described as,

a relationship between an Appointed MM and an Appointed OFP for purposes of qualifying for certain pricing specified in the Pricing Schedule. Market Makers or Lead Market Makers, and OFPs are required to send an email to the Exchange to appoint their counterpart, at least 3 business days prior to the last day of the month to qualify for the next month. The Exchange will acknowledge receipt of the emails and specify the date the Affiliated Entity is eligible for applicable pricing, as specified in the Pricing Schedule. Each Affiliated Entity relationship will commence on the 1st of a month and may not be terminated prior to the end of any month. An Affiliated Entity relationship will terminate after a one (1) year period, unless either party terminates earlier in writing by sending an email to the Exchange at least 3 business days prior to the last day of the month to terminate for the next month. Affiliated Entity relationships must be renewed annually. Members and member organizations under Common Ownership may not qualify as a counterparty comprising an Affiliated Entity. Each member or member organization may qualify for only one (1) Affiliated Entity relationship at any given time.

Today, member organizations are required to annually renew their Affiliate Entity relationship at the end of one year if they desire to continue the relationship. The parties must both send an email to the Exchange to avoid termination of the relationship, provided the relationship was not terminated earlier in the year. The Exchange believes that this process is burdensome for member organizations that desire to remain in the program. The consequence of not renewing is termination. The Exchange desires to remove the administrative burden associated with the requirement to annually renew and instead provide that the Affiliated Entity relationship will automatically renew each month, unless otherwise terminated. The proposed new rule text would provide,

The term "Affiliated Entity" is a relationship between an Appointed MM and an Appointed OFP for purposes of qualifying for certain pricing specified in the Pricing Schedule. Market Makers or Lead Market Makers, and OFPs are required to send an email to the Exchange to appoint their counterpart, at least 3 business days prior to the last day of the month to qualify for the next month. The Exchange will acknowledge receipt of the emails and specify the date the

Affiliated Entity is eligible for applicable pricing, as specified in the Pricing Schedule. Each Affiliated Entity relationship will commence on the 1st of a month and may not be terminated prior to the end of any month. An Affiliated Entity relationship will automatically renew each month until or unless either party terminates earlier in writing by sending an email to the Exchange at least 3 business days prior to the last day of the month to terminate for the next month. Members and member organizations under Common Ownership may not qualify as a counterparty comprising an Affiliated Entity. Each member or member organization may qualify for only one (1) Affiliated Entity relationship at any given time.

As is the case today, parties to the Affiliated Entity relationship may decide to terminate the relationship during any month by sending an email to the Exchange at least 3 business days prior to the last day of the month to terminate for the next month. Cboe Exchange, Inc. ("Cboe") has a similar automatic renewal process for its Appointed OFP and Appointed Market-Maker Program.<sup>4</sup> The Exchange believes that this amendment will streamline the workflow for member organizations by not requiring member organizations to renew each year to continue the affiliated relationship.

#### **Rule Text Relocations**

The Exchange proposes to relocate rule text to reorganize the Options 7 rules. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to relocate rule text within current Options 7, Section 2, Collection of Exchange Fees and Other Claims, into Options 7, Section 1, General Provisions, without change. The Exchange proposes to add an "(e)" and the title "Collection of Fees and Other Claims" before the relocated rule text.

Also, the Exchange proposes to add a "(c)" before the descriptions of market participants and a "(d)" before the

Affiliate Entity program.<sup>5</sup> The new lettering will make it easier to reference a specific section within Options 7, Section 1. The Exchange believes that the policy for the collection of fees should be within Options 7, Section 1 which describes other billing practices.

The Exchange proposes to delete Section A of Options 7, Section 1, which is currently reserved.

The Exchange proposes to relocate Section B, Customer Rebate Program, to Options 7, Section 2 with the title, ''Ĉustomer Rebate Program,'' without change. The Exchange believes that the Customer Rebates should be relocated to their own section for easy reference. As a result of that relocation, the Exchange proposes to update references to the Customer Rebate Program from "Section B" to "Options 7, Section 2" within Options 7, Section 3, Rebates and Fees for Adding and Removing Liquidity in SPY; Options 7, Section 4, Multiply Listed Options Fees (Includes options overlying equities, ETFs, ETNs and indexes which are Multiply Listed) (Excludes SPY); Options 7, Section 6, Other Transaction Fees; and Options 7, Section 7, Routing Fees.

The amendments to relocate rule text are non-substantive amendments that are intended solely to reorganize the current rule text.

#### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>6</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>7</sup> in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

# Affiliated Entity

The Exchange's proposal to amend the way Exchange member organizations indicate their participation in the Affiliated Entity Program is reasonable. Today, member organizations are required to annually renew their Affiliated Entity relationship at the end of one year if they desire to continue the relationship. The parties must both send an email to the Exchange to avoid termination of the relationship, provided the relationship was not terminated earlier in the year. The Exchange believes that this process

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Choe's Fees Schedule at footnote 23 "A Market-Maker may designate an Order Flow Provider ("OFP") as its "Appointed OFP" and an OFP may designate a Market-Maker to be its "Appointed Market-Maker" for purposes of qualifying for credits under AVP. In order to effectuate the appointment, the parties would need to submit the Appointed Affiliate Form to the Exchange by  $3:\bar{00}$  p.m. CST on the first business day of the month in order to be eligible to qualify for credits under AVP for that month. The Exchange will recognize only one such designation for each party once every calendar month, which designation will automatically renew each month until or unless the Exchange receives an email from either party indicating that the appointment has been terminated. A Market-Maker that has both an Affiliate OFP and Appointed OFP will only qualify based upon the volume of its Appointed OFP. The volume of an OFP that has both an Affiliate Market-Maker and Appointed Market-Maker will only count towards qualifying the Appointed Market-Maker. Volume executed in open outcry is not eligible to receive a credit under AVP.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Exchange also proposes to re-letter and renumber the subparagraphs in new "(d)" to align with other lettering and numbering.

<sup>6 15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>7 15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

is burdensome for member organizations that desire to remain in the program. The consequence of not renewing is termination of their participation in the program. The Exchange desires to remove the administrative burden associated with the requirement to annually renew and instead provide that the Affiliated Entity relationship will automatically renew each month, unless otherwise terminated. As is the case today, parties to the Affiliated Entity relationship may decide to terminate the relationship during any month by sending an email to the Exchange at least 3 business days prior to the last day of the month to terminate for the next month. Also, Choe has a similar automatic renewal process for its Appointed OFP and Appointed Market-Maker Program.<sup>8</sup> The Exchange believes that this amendment will streamline the workflow for member organizations by not requiring member organizations to renew each year to continue the affiliated relationship.

The Exchange's proposal to amend the way Exchange member organizations indicate their participation in the Affiliated Entity Program is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory. Today, any member organization may participate in the Affiliated Entity Program. The proposed changes would impact all member organizations that voluntarily elect to participate in the Affiliated Entity Program in a uniform manner.

#### Rule Text Relocations

The Exchange's proposal to relocate rule text to reorganize the Options 7 rules is reasonable. The relocation of rule text within current Options 7, Section 2, Collection of Exchange Fees and Other Claims, into Options 7, Section 1, General Provisions, without

change, and the re-lettering of rule text does not substantively amend the current rules. Also, the proposal to delete Section A of Options 7, Section 1 is non-substantive as the section is currently reserved. Finally, the proposal to relocate Section B, Customer Rebate Program, to Options 7, Section 2, without change, does not substantively amend the current rules. These relocations and updates to citations will make the current rules easier to reference.

The Exchange's proposal to relocate rule text to reorganize the Options 7 rules is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory as the amendments are non-substantive and are intended solely to reorganize the current rule text for easy reference.

# 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.

# Inter-Market Competition

The proposal does not impose an undue burden on inter-market competition. Choe has a similar automatic renewal process for its Appointed OFP and Appointed Market-Maker Program <sup>9</sup> as proposed herein for the Affiliated Entity Program. Also, the rule relocation amendments are non-substantive.

#### Intra-Market Competition

The Exchange's proposal to amend the way Exchange member organizations indicate their participation in the Affiliated Entity Program does not impose an undue burden on competition. Today, any member organization may participate in an Affiliated Entity relationship. The proposed changes would impact all member organizations that voluntarily elect to participate in the Affiliated Entity Program in a uniform manner.

The Exchange's proposal to relocate rule text to reorganize the Options 7 rules does not impose an undue burden on competition as the amendments are non-substantive and are intended solely to reorganize the current rule text for easy reference.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act.<sup>10</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: (i) Necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) 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–Phlx–2021–71 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-Phlx-2021-71. 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,

<sup>8</sup> See Choe's Fees Schedule at footnote 23 "A Market-Maker may designate an Order Flow Provider ("OFP") as its "Appointed OFP" and an OFP may designate a Market-Maker to be its "Appointed Market-Maker" for purposes of qualifying for credits under AVP. In order to effectuate the appointment, the parties would need to submit the Appointed Affiliate Form to the Exchange by 3:00 p.m. CST on the first business day of the month in order to be eligible to qualify for credits under AVP for that month. The Exchange will recognize only one such designation for each party once every calendar month, which designation will automatically renew each month until or unless the Exchange receives an email from either party indicating that the appointment has been terminated. A Market-Maker that has both an Affiliate OFP and Appointed OFP will only qualify based upon the volume of its Appointed OFP. The volume of an OFP that has both an Affiliate Market-Maker and Appointed Market-Maker will only count towards qualifying the Appointed Market-Maker. Volume executed in open outcry is not eligible to receive a credit under AVP.

<sup>10 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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-Phlx-2021-71, and should be submitted on or before January 3,

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. 11

#### J. Matthew DeLesDernier,

Assistant Secretary.

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–93734; File Nos. SR–MIAX–2021–43, SR–EMERALD–2021–31]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Miami International Securities Exchange LLC, MIAX Emerald, LLC; Notice of Withdrawal of Proposed Rule Changes To Amend the Fee Schedules To Adopt a Tiered-Pricing Structure for Additional Limited Service MIAX and MIAX Emerald Express Interface Ports

December 7, 2021.

On September 28, 2021, Miami International Securities Exchange LLC, LLC ("MIAX") and MIAX Emerald, LLC ("MIAX Emerald") (collectively, the "Exchanges") each 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 (File Numbers SR–MIAX–2021–43 and SR–EMERALD–2021–31) to adopt a tiered-pricing structure for additional limited service express interface ports.

The proposed rule changes were immediately effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act.<sup>3</sup> The proposed

rule changes were published for comment in the **Federal Register** on October 5, 2021.4 On November 22, 2021, the Commission temporarily suspended the proposed rule changes and instituted proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act <sup>5</sup> to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule changes. On December 1, 2021, the Exchanges withdrew the proposed rule changes (SR–MIAX–2021–43 and SR–EMERALD–2021–31).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>7</sup>

#### J. Matthew DeLesDernier,

Assistant Secretary.

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-93731; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2021-066]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Order Instituting Proceedings To Determine Whether To Approve or Disapprove a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1, To List and Trade Shares of the Valkyrie XBTO Bitcoin Futures Fund Under Nasdaq Rule 5711(g)

December 7, 2021.

On August 23, 2021, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq" 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 ("Shares") of the Valkyrie XBTO Bitcoin Futures Fund ("Trust") under Nasdaq Rule 5711(g). On August 25, 2021, Nasdaq filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1, was

published for comment in the **Federal Register** on September 9, 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 disapprove the proposed rule change.<sup>5</sup> The Commission has received no comments on the proposed rule change. This order institutes proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act <sup>6</sup> to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1.

## I. Summary of the Proposal

As described in more detail in the Notice,<sup>7</sup> the Exchange proposes to list and trade the Shares of the Trust under Nasdaq Rule 5711(g), which governs the listing and trading of Commodity Futures Trust Shares on the Exchange.

The investment objective of the Trust is for the Shares to reflect the performance of bitcoin as represented by the CME CF Bitcoin Reference Rate ("CME CF BRR"), less the Trust's liabilities and expenses.8 The CME CF BRR aggregates the trade flow of major bitcoin spot platforms during a specific calculation window into a one-a-day reference rate of the U.S. dollar price of bitcoin.9 The Trust pursues its investment objective primarily by investing in bitcoin futures ("Bitcoin Futures") that are cash-settled and traded on commodity exchanges registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC").10 At

<sup>11 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A). A proposed rule change may take effect upon filing with the Commission if it is designated by the exchange as "establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the self-regulatory organization on any person, whether or not the person is a member of the self-regulatory organization." 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 93185 (September 29, 2021), 86 FR 55093 (SR-MIAX-2021-43); 93188 (September 29, 2021), 86 FR 55052 (SR-EMERALD-2021-31). Comments received on the proposed rule changes are available on the Commission's website at: https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-miax-2021-43/srmiax202143.htm (SR-MIAX-2021-43); https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-emerald-2021-31/sremerald202131.htm (SR-EMERALD-2021-31).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

 $<sup>^6</sup>$  See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 93640, 86 FR 67745 (November 29, 2021).

<sup>7 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 92865 (Sept. 2, 2021), 86 FR 50570 (Sept. 9, 2021) ("Notice").

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 93172, 86 FR 55071 (Oct. 5, 2021). The Commission designated December 8, 2021, as the date by which it should approve, disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove the proposed rule change.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See Notice, supra note 3.

<sup>\*</sup> See id. at 50574. Valkyrie Funds LLC ("Sponsor") serves as the Trust's sponsor and commodity pool operator; Vident Investment Advisory, LLC ("Sub-Advisor") serves as the Trust's sub-advisor and commodity trading advisor; and XBTO Trading, LLC is the research provider for the Sponsor and the Sub-Advisor. Delaware Trust Company serves as the trustee for the Trust. The Sponsor is currently considering third-party service providers for the roles of administrator, transfer agent, custodian, and marketing agent. See id. at 50571

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See id. at 50573 n.8. According to the Exchange, calculation rules are geared toward maximum transparency and real-time replicability in underlying spot markets, including Bitstamp, Coinbase, Gemini, itBit, and Kraken. See id.

 $<sup>^{10}</sup>$  See id. at 50574. The Exchange also represents that it will pursue its investment objective solely by