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## **INFORMATION CIRCULAR: EXCHANGE TRADED CONCEPTS TRUST**

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#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE FUNDS**

The Exchange Traded Concepts Trust (the "Trust") is a management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), consisting of several investment portfolios. This circular relates only to the Funds listed above (each, a "Fund" and together, the "Funds"). The shares of the Fund are referred to herein as "Shares." Exchange Traded Concepts, LLC (the "Adviser") is the investment adviser to the Funds.

## **REX Gold Hedged FTSE Emerging Markets ETF**

The REX Gold Hedged FTSE Emerging Markets ETF (GHE) seeks to outperform the total return performance of the FTSE Emerging Gold Overlay Index by actively hedging a portfolio of emerging markets securities using gold futures.

The Fund is an actively managed exchange-traded fund ("ETF") that seeks to achieve its investment objective of outperforming the FTSE Emerging Gold Overlay Index (the "Benchmark") by providing exposure to a gold-hedged emerging markets portfolio using a quantitative, rules-based strategy. The Fund will invest primarily in (i) equity securities of emerging markets companies of any market capitalization ("Emerging Markets Securities"); (ii) gold futures, (iii) ETFs and exchange-traded closed-end funds ("Underlying Funds"), American Depository Receipts ("ADRs"), and Global Depository Receipts ("GDRs") that provide exposure to Emerging Markets Securities, (iv) ETFs or exchange-traded notes ("ETNs") that provide exposure to gold, and (v) futures that provide exposure to Emerging Markets Securities and other high-quality, short duration fixed income instruments, money market instruments, cash and cash equivalents to provide liquidity and collateralize its futures contracts. Under normal circumstances, the Fund seeks to achieve a similar level of volatility as that of the Benchmark, although there is no assurance it will do so.

The Benchmark measures the total return performance of a hypothetical portfolio consisting of Emerging Markets Securities and a long position in gold futures contracts, the notional value of which is comparable to the value of the Benchmark's equity component. As of the date of this Prospectus, Chinese securities comprised a significant portion of the Benchmark.

Because the Fund is actively managed, it is not obligated to invest in the instruments included in the Benchmark or to track the performance of the Benchmark or of any index. For example, the Fund may access its exposure to gold through futures contracts or other instruments that are not included in the Benchmark, if such exposure would be more advantageous to the Fund than exposure to instruments included in the Benchmark. While the Fund seeks to outperform the Benchmark, there can be no assurance that it will do so. The Sub-Adviser continuously monitors the Fund's holdings of equity securities, equities futures contracts, gold futures contracts or other commodity-linked instruments and fixed income instruments in order to enhance performance while still providing approximately equal exposure to equity securities and gold futures contracts.

Futures contracts, by their terms, have stated expirations and, at a specified point in time prior to expiration, trading in a futures contract for the current delivery month will cease. Therefore, in order to maintain exposure to gold futures contracts, the Benchmark must periodically migrate out of gold futures contracts nearing expiration and into gold futures contracts that have longer remaining until expiration — a process referred to as "rolling." The impact from this continuous process of selling expiring contracts and buying longer-dated contracts is called roll yield. The Benchmark rolls these futures contracts according to a predefined schedule, regardless of the liquidity or roll yield of the futures contract selected.

The Fund will look to minimize the impact of rolling futures contracts in a number of ways. For example, the Fund may roll positions in gold futures contracts before or after the scheduled roll dates for the Benchmark to the extent of favorable market prices and available liquidity. Additionally, the Fund may attempt to minimize roll costs (and maximize yields) by rolling into the gold futures contract with the largest positive or smallest negative roll yield. This strategy for taking long positions in and unwinding exposure to gold futures contracts may cause the Fund to have more or less exposure to gold futures contracts than the Benchmark. Additionally, the Fund is not obligated to rebalance its exposures at the same time that the Benchmark rebalances its exposures, and the Fund may rebalance more or less frequently than the Benchmark to ensure that the Fund's exposure to equities remains comparable to the Fund's exposure to the price of gold.

Under normal market conditions, at least 80% of the Fund's net assets (plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) will be invested in Emerging Markets Securities, as such companies are classified by the Benchmark, or in instruments that have economic characteristics similar to equity securities of emerging markets companies. The Benchmark classifies a market as an emerging market based on a number of considerations related to the strength of the economy and the strength of capital market systems. The Benchmark classifies a company as being an emerging markets company based on a number of factors related to incorporation, listing, governance and operations of the company.

The Fund may hold futures contracts directly, but the Fund expects to gain exposure to futures contracts and commodity-linked instruments principally by investing up to 25% of its total assets, as measured at the end of every quarter of the Fund's taxable year, in a wholly-owned and controlled

Cayman Islands subsidiary (the "Subsidiary") advised by the Adviser. The Fund's investment in the Subsidiary is intended to provide the Fund with exposure to the price of gold. The Fund's investment in the Subsidiary is expected to provide the Fund with an effective means of obtaining exposure to the commodities markets in a manner consistent with U.S. federal tax law requirements applicable to registered investment companies.

The Fund will concentrate its investments (i.e., hold 25% or more of its total assets) in a particular industry or group of industries to approximately the same extent that the Benchmark concentrates in an industry or group of industries. As of the date of this Prospectus, the Benchmark was concentrated in the financial sector.

## **REX Gold Hedged S&P 500 ETF**

The REX Gold Hedged S&P 500 ETF (GHS) seeks to outperform the total return performance of the S&P 500 Dynamic Gold Hedged Index by actively hedging the returns of the S&P 500 Index using gold futures.

The Fund is an actively managed exchange-traded fund ("ETF") that seeks to achieve its investment objective of outperforming the S&P 500 Dynamic Gold Hedged Index (the "Benchmark") by providing exposure to a gold-hedged U.S. large-cap portfolio using a quantitative, rules-based strategy. The Fund will invest primarily in (i) large-cap U.S. stocks; (ii) gold futures, (iii) ETFs and exchange-traded closed-end funds ("Underlying Funds") that provide exposure to large-cap U.S. stocks, (iv) ETFs or exchange-traded notes ("ETNs") that provide exposure to gold, and (v) futures that provide exposure to the S&P 500 Index. The Fund will also invest in fixed income instruments such as Treasury securities and other high-quality, short duration fixed income instruments, money market instruments, cash and cash equivalents to provide liquidity and collateralize its futures contracts. Under normal circumstances, the Fund seeks to achieve a similar level of volatility as that of the Benchmark, although there is no assurance it will do so.

The Benchmark measures the total return performance of a hypothetical portfolio consisting of securities that compose the S&P 500 Index, which measures the performance of the large-capitalization sector of the U.S. equity market, and a long position in gold futures contracts, the notional value of which is comparable to the value of the Benchmark's equity component.

Because the Fund is actively managed, it is not obligated to invest in the instruments included in the Benchmark or to track the performance of the Benchmark or of any index. For example, the Fund may access its exposure to gold through futures contracts or other instruments that are not included in the Benchmark, if such exposure would be more advantageous to the Fund than exposure to instruments included in the Benchmark. While the Fund seeks to outperform the Benchmark, there can be no assurance that it will do so. The Sub-Adviser continuously monitors the Fund's holdings of equity securities, equities futures contracts, gold futures contracts or other commodity-linked instruments, and fixed income instruments in order to enhance performance while still providing approximately equal exposure to equity securities and gold futures contracts.

Futures contracts, by their terms, have stated expirations and, at a specified point in time prior to expiration, trading in a futures contract for the current delivery month will cease. Therefore, in order to maintain exposure to gold futures contracts, the Benchmark must periodically migrate out of gold futures contracts nearing expiration and into gold futures contracts that have longer remaining until

expiration — a process referred to as "rolling." The impact from this continuous process of selling expiring contracts and buying longer-dated contracts is called roll yield. The Benchmark rolls these futures contracts according to a predefined schedule, regardless of the liquidity or roll yield of the futures contract selected.

The Fund will look to minimize the impact of rolling futures contracts in a number of ways. For example, the Fund may roll positions in gold futures contracts before or after the scheduled roll dates for the Benchmark to the extent of favorable market prices and available liquidity. Additionally, the Fund may attempt to minimize roll costs (and maximize yields) by rolling into the gold futures contract with the largest positive or smallest negative roll yield. This strategy for taking long positions in and unwinding exposure to gold futures contracts may cause the Fund to have more or less exposure to gold futures contracts than the Benchmark. Additionally, the Fund is not obligated to rebalance its exposures at the same time that the Benchmark rebalances its exposures, and the Fund may rebalance more or less frequently than the Benchmark to ensure that the Fund's exposure to equities remains comparable to the Fund's exposure to the price of gold.

Under normal market conditions, at least 80% of the Fund's net assets (plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) will be invested in equity securities of companies included in the S&P 500 Index or in instruments that have economic characteristics similar to those equity securities on the S&P 500 Index.

The Fund may hold futures contracts directly, but the Fund expects to gain exposure to futures contracts and commodity-linked instruments principally by investing up to 25% of its total assets, as measured at the end of every quarter of the Fund's taxable year, in a wholly-owned and controlled Cayman Islands subsidiary (the "Subsidiary") advised by the Adviser. The Fund's investment in the Subsidiary is primarily intended to provide the Fund with exposure to the price of gold. The Fund's investment in the Subsidiary is expected to provide the Fund with an effective means of obtaining exposure to the commodities markets in a manner consistent with U.S. federal tax law requirements applicable to registered investment companies.

The Fund will concentrate its investments (i.e., hold 25% or more of its total assets) in a particular industry or group of industries to approximately the same extent that the Benchmark concentrates in an industry or group of industries. As of the date of this Prospectus, the Benchmark was not concentrated in any industry or group of industries.

For more information regarding each Fund's investment strategy, please read the prospectus for the Funds.

As described more fully in the Trust's prospectus and Statement of Additional Information ("SAI"), the Funds issue and redeem Shares at net asset value ("NAV") only in large blocks of 50,000 Shares (each block of Shares called a "Creation Unit"). As a practical matter, only broker-dealers or large institutional investors with creation and redemption agreements (called Authorized Participants) can purchase or redeem these Creation Units. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, the Shares may not be redeemed with the Funds.

Shares are held in book-entry form, which means that no Share certificates are issued. The Depository Trust Company or its nominee is the record owner of all outstanding Shares of the Funds and is recognized as the owner of all Shares for all purposes.

The NAV per Share for each Fund is computed by dividing the value of the net assets of the Fund (i.e., the value of its total assets less total liabilities) by the total number of Shares outstanding. Expenses and fees are accrued daily and taken into account for purposes of determining NAV. The NAV of each Fund is determined each business day after the close of trading (ordinarily 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time or "ET") of the New York Stock Exchange. Any assets or liabilities denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar are converted into U.S. dollars at the current market rates on the date of valuation as quoted by one or more sources.

The registration statement for the Funds describes the various fees and expenses for the Funds' Shares. For a more complete description of the Funds and the underlying indexes, visit the Funds' website at <u>www.rexetf.com</u>.

#### PURCHASES AND REDEMPTIONS IN CREATION UNIT SIZE

NASDAQ members, BX members and PHLX members and member organizations are hereby informed that procedures for purchases and redemptions of Shares in Creation Unit Size are described in the Trust's prospectus and Statement of Additional Information and that Shares are not individually redeemable but are redeemable only in Creation Unit Size aggregations or multiples thereof.

#### **PRINCIPAL RISKS**

Interested persons are referred to the discussion in the prospectus for the Funds of the principal risks of an investment in the Funds. These include tracking error risk (factors causing a Fund's performance to not match the performance of its underlying index), market trading risk (for example, trading halts, trading above or below net asset value), active management risk, ADR/GDR risk, commodity-linked investment risk, derivatives risk, futures contracts risk, early closing risk, emerging markets securities risk, equity risk, ETN risk, foreign securities risk, geographic investment risk, gold risk, sector concentration risk, and U.S. government securities risk.

## **EXCHANGE RULES APPLICABLE TO TRADING IN THE SHARES**

Trading in the Shares on NASDAQ is on a UTP basis and is subject to NASDAQ equity trading rules. Trading of the Shares on BX is on a UTP basis and is subject to BX equity trading rules. Trading of the Shares on PHLX's PSX system is on a UTP basis and is subject to PHLX rules.

#### **TRADING HOURS**

The values of each index underlying the Shares are disseminated to data vendors every 15 seconds. The Shares will trade on NASDAQ between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. ET. The Shares will trade on BX between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. ET. The Shares will trade on PSX between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET. For trading during each market's pre-market and post-market sessions, market participants should note that additional risks may exist with respect to trading the Funds during these sessions, when the underlying index's values, intraday indicative value, or similar value may not be disseminated or calculated.

## **DISSEMINATION OF FUND DATA**

The Consolidated Tape Association will disseminate real time trade and quote information for the Funds to Tape B.

Fund Name	Listing Market	Trading Symbol	IOPV Symbol	NAV Symbol
REX Gold Hedged FTSE Emerging Markets ETF	NYSE Arca	GHE	GHE.IV	GHE.NV
REX Gold Hedged S&P 500 ETF	NYSE Arca	GHS	GHS.IV	GHS.NV

## **SUITABILITY**

Trading in the Shares on NASDAQ will be subject to the provisions of NASDAQ Rule 2310. Trading in the Shares on BX will be subject to the provisions of BX Equity Rule 2310. Shares trading on PSX will be subject to the provisions of PHLX Rule 763. Members and member organizations recommending transactions in the Shares to customers should make a determination that the recommendation is suitable for the customer. In addition, members must possess sufficient information to satisfy the "know your customer" obligation that is embedded in both the NASDAQ Conduct Rules and the BX Conduct Rules.

NASDAQ members, BX members and PHLX members and member organizations should also review NASD Notice to Members 03-71 for guidance on trading these products. The Notice reminds members of their obligations to: (1) conduct adequate due diligence to understand the features of the product; (2) perform a reasonable-basis suitability analysis; (3) perform customer-specific suitability analysis in connection with any recommended transactions; (4) provide a balanced disclosure of both the risks and rewards associated with the particular product, especially when selling to retail investors; (5) implement appropriate internal controls; and (6) train registered persons regarding the features, risk and suitability of these products.

## **TRADING HALTS**

NASDAQ will halt trading in the Shares of a Fund in accordance with NASDAQ Rule 4120. BX will halt trading in the Shares of a Fund in accordance with BX Equity Rule 4120. PHLX will halt trading in the Shares of a Fund in accordance with PHLX Rule 3100. The grounds for a halt under these rules include a halt by the primary market because the intraday indicative value of the Fund, the value of its underlying index, or a similar value are not being disseminated as required, or a halt for other regulatory reasons. In addition, NASDAQ, BX and PHLX will also stop trading the Shares of a Fund if the primary market delists the Fund.

#### **DELIVERY OF A PROSPECTUS**

NASDAQ members, BX members and PHLX members and member organizations should be mindful of applicable prospectus delivery requirements under the federal securities laws with respect to transactions in the Funds.

Prospectuses may be obtained through the Funds' website. The prospectus for the Funds does not contain all of the information set forth in the Funds' registration statement (including the exhibits to the registration statement), parts of which have been omitted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). For further information about the Funds, please refer to the registration statement.

In the event that the Funds rely upon an order by the SEC exempting the Shares from certain prospectus delivery requirements under Section 24(d) of the 1940 Act and in the future make available a written product description, NASDAQ Rules 5705 and 5740, BX Equity Rules 4420 and 4421, and PHLX Rule 803 require that members and member organizations, respectively, provide to all purchasers of Shares a written description of the terms and characteristics of such securities, in a form prepared by the Trust for the Funds, no later than the time a confirmation of the first transaction in the Shares is delivered to such purchaser. In addition, members and member organizations shall include such a written description with any sales material relating to the Shares that is provided to customers or the public. Any other written materials provided by members or member organizations to customers or the public making specific reference to the Shares as an investment vehicle must include a statement in substantially the following form: "A circular describing the terms and characteristics of the Shares of the Fund has been prepared by the Trust and is available from your broker. It is recommended that you obtain and review such circular before purchasing Shares of the Fund. In addition, upon request you may obtain from your broker a prospectus for Shares of the Fund."

Any NASDAQ, BX or PHLX member or member organization carrying an omnibus account for a nonmember broker-dealer is required to inform such non-member that execution of an order to purchase Shares for such omnibus account will be deemed to constitute agreement by the nonmember to make such written description available to its customers on the same terms as are directly applicable to NASDAQ members, BX members and PHLX members or member organizations under this rule.

Upon request of a customer, NASDAQ members, BX members and PHLX members or member organizations shall provide a copy of the prospectus.

#### **EXEMPTIVE, INTERPRETIVE AND NO-ACTION RELIEF UNDER FEDERAL SECURITIES REGULATIONS**

The SEC has issued exemptive, interpretive or no-action relief from certain provisions of rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") regarding trading in the above mentioned exchange-traded Funds.

#### **REGULATION M EXEMPTIONS**

Generally, Rules 101 and 102 of Regulation M prohibit any "distribution participant" and its "affiliated purchasers" from bidding for, purchasing, or attempting to induce any person to bid for or

purchase any security which is the subject of a distribution until after the applicable restricted period, except as specifically permitted in Regulation M. The provisions of the Rules apply to underwriters, prospective underwriters, brokers, dealers, and other persons who have agreed to participate or are participating in a distribution of securities.

The SEC has granted an exemption from Rule 101 under Regulation M to permit persons participating in a distribution of shares of the above-mentioned Funds to engage in secondary market transactions in such shares during their participation in such a distribution. In addition, the SEC has granted relief under Regulation M to permit persons who may be deemed to be participating in the distribution of Shares of the above-mentioned Funds (i) to purchase securities for the purpose of purchasing Creation Unit Aggregations of Fund Shares and (ii) to tender securities for redemption in Creation Unit Aggregations. Further, the SEC has clarified that the tender of Fund Shares to the Funds for redemption does not constitute a bid for or purchase of any of the Funds' securities during the restricted period of Rule 101. The SEC has also granted an exemption pursuant to paragraph (e) of Rule 102 under Regulation M to allow the redemption of Fund Shares in Creation Unit Aggregations during the continuous offering of Shares.

## CUSTOMER CONFIRMATIONS FOR CREATION OR REDEMPTION OF FUND SHARES (SEC RULE 10B-10)

Broker-dealers who handle purchases or redemptions of Fund Shares in Creation Unit size for customers will be permitted to provide such customers with a statement of the number of Creation Unit Aggregations created or redeemed without providing a statement of the identity, number and price of shares of the individual securities tendered to a Fund for purposes of purchasing Creation Unit Aggregations ("Deposit Securities") or the identity, number and price of shares to be delivered by the Trust for the Fund to the redeeming holder ("Redemption Securities"). The composition of the securities required to be tendered to the Fund for creation purposes and of the securities to be delivered on redemption will be disseminated each business day and will be applicable to requests for creations or redemption, as the case may be, on that day. This exemptive relief under Rule 10b-10 with respect to creations and redemptions is subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Confirmations to customers engaging in creations or redemptions must state that all information required by Rule 10b-10 will be provided upon request;
- 2) Any such request by a customer for information required by Rule 10b-10 will be filed in a timely manner, in accordance with Rule 10b-10(c);
- 3) Except for the identity, number and price of shares of the component securities of the Deposit Securities and Redemption Securities, as described above, confirmations to customers must disclose all other information required by Rule 10b-10(a).

## SEC RULE 14E-5

An exemption from Rule 14e-5 has been granted to permit any person acting as a dealer-manager of a tender offer for a component security of a Fund (1) to redeem Fund Shares in Creation Unit Aggregations from the issuer that may include a security subject to such tender offer and (2) to purchase Fund Shares during such tender offer. In addition, a no-action position has been taken under Rule 14e-5 if a broker-dealer acting as a dealer-manager of a tender offer for a security of a

Fund purchases or arranges to purchase such securities in the secondary market for the purpose of tendering such securities to purchase one or more Creation Unit Aggregations of Shares, if made in conformance with the following:

- such bids or purchases are effected in the ordinary course of business, in connection with a basket of 20 or more securities in which any security that is the subject of a distribution, or any reference security, does not comprise more than 5% of the value of the basket purchased; or
- 2) purchases are effected as adjustments to such basket in the ordinary course of business as a result of a change in the composition of the underlying index; and
- 3) such bids or purchases are not effected for the purpose of facilitating such tender offer.

## Section 11(d)(1); SEC Rules 11d1-1 and 11d1-2

Section 11(d)(1) of the Act generally prohibits a person who is both a broker and a dealer from effecting any transaction in which the broker-dealer extends credit to a customer on any security which was part of a new issue in the distribution of which he participated as a member of a selling syndicate or group within thirty days prior to such transaction. The SEC has clarified that Section 11(d)(1) does not apply to broker-dealers that are not Authorized Participants (and, therefore, do not create Creation Unit Aggregations) that engage in both proprietary and customer transactions in Shares of the Fund in the secondary market, and for broker-dealer Authorized Participants that engage in creations of Creation Unit Aggregations. This relief is subject to specific conditions, including the condition that such broker-dealer (whether or not an Authorized Participant) does not, directly or indirectly, receive from the fund complex any payment, compensation or other economic incentive to promote or sell the Shares of a Fund to persons outside the fund complex, other than non-cash compensation permitted under NASD Rule 2830(I)(5)(A), (B) or (C). (See letter from Catherine McGuire, Chief Counsel, SEC Division of Market Regulation, to Securities Industry Association, Derivative Products Committee, dated November 21, 2005.) The SEC also has taken a noaction position under Section 11(d)(1) of the Act that broker-dealers may treat Shares of a Fund, for purposes of Rule 11d1-2, as "securities issued by a registered open-end investment company as defined in the Investment Company Act" and thereby extend credit or maintain or arrange for the extension or maintenance of credit on Shares that have been owned by the persons to whom credit is provided for more than 30 days, in reliance on the exemption contained in the rule.

## SEC RULE 15C1-5 AND 15C1-6

The SEC has taken a no-action position with respect to Rule 15c1-5 and Rule 15c1-6 as to the required disclosure of control by a broker or dealer with respect to creations and redemptions of Fund Shares and secondary market transactions therein. (See <u>letter</u> from Catherine McGuire, Chief Counsel, SEC Division of Market Regulation, to Securities Industry Association, Derivative Products Committee, dated November 21, 2005.)

This Information Circular is not a statutory prospectus. NASDAQ members, BX members and PHLX members and member organizations should consult the Funds' prospectus and/or the Funds' website for relevant information.

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