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BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE FUNDS

The WisdomTree 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." WisdomTree Asset Management, Inc. (the "Adviser") is the investment adviser to the Funds.

WisdomTree Fundamental U.S. Short-Term High Yield Corporate Bond Fund

The WisdomTree Fundamental U.S. Short-Term High Yield Corporate Bond Fund ("SFHY") seeks to track the price and yield performance, before fees and expenses, of the WisdomTree Fundamental U.S. Short-term High Yield Corporate Bond Index (the "SFHY Index").

SFHY employs a "passive management" – or indexing – investment approach designed to track the performance of the SFHY Index. The Fund generally uses a representative sampling strategy to achieve its investment objective, meaning it generally will invest in a sample of the securities in the SFHY Index whose risk, return and other characteristics resemble the risk, return and other characteristics of the SFHY Index as a whole. Under normal circumstances, at least 80% of the SFHY's total assets (exclusive of collateral held from securities lending) will be invested in component securities of the Index and investments that have economic characteristics that are substantially identical to the economic characteristics of such component securities.

The SFHY Index is designed to capture the performance of selected issuers in the short-term U.S. non-investment-grade corporate bond ("junk bonds") market that are deemed to have favorable

fundamental and income characteristics. The SFHY Index employs a multi-step process, which screens based on fundamentals to identify bonds with favorable characteristics and then tilts to those individual securities which offer favorable income characteristics. The goal is to improve the risk-adjusted performance of traditional market capitalization-weighted approaches of high-yield corporate bond indices.

The SFHY Index is comprised of corporate bonds of public issuers domiciled in the United States. To be eligible for inclusion in the Index, bonds must meet the following criteria: (i) pay fixed-rate coupons; (ii) have at least \$350 million in par amount outstanding; (iii) have a remaining maturity of at least one year and at most five years; (iv) rated non-investment grade by Moody's or Standard & Poor's. In addition, the issuer cannot have defaulted or be in distress. For the purposes of the Index, bonds issued under Regulation S are excluded from eligibility. All bonds are denominated in U.S. dollars.

The SFHY Index utilizes a "screen and tilt" rules-based approach to isolate bonds that have favorable fundamentals and tilts to those bonds with favorable income and valuation characteristics. Once the SFHY Index universe is defined from the eligibility criteria, individual bonds are assigned a factor score against their industry sector peers (industrials, financials, utilities, consumer and energy) based on rules-based fundamental metrics distinguishing cash flow characteristics and discard the securities with poor cash flow performance. Remaining bonds are ranked within each sector based on liquidity scores, and are then screened so that the lowest 5% liquidity scores in each sector are removed from the SFHY Index. The remaining bonds are then assigned an income tilt score based on the probability of default. The income tilt score is then applied within each sector to determine a bond's weight in the SFHY Index, with bonds receiving higher income tilt scores within each sector more heavily weighted. Issuer exposure is capped at 3%, with excess exposure distributed to the remaining bonds on a pro-rata basis. The SFHY Index is rebalanced semi-annually.

SFHY may invest up to 20% of its assets in other securities and/or derivatives. Derivative investments may include interest rate futures, swaps, forward contracts and repurchase agreements. SFHY's use of derivatives will be underpinned by investments in cash or other liquid assets.

To the extent the SFHY Index concentrates (i.e., holds 25% or more of its total assets) in the securities of a particular industry or group of industries, the Fund will concentrate its investments to approximately the same extent as the SFHY Index.

WisdomTree Fundamental U.S. Short-Term Corporate Bond Fund

The WisdomTree Fundamental U.S. Short-Term Corporate Bond Fund ("SFIG") seeks to track the price and yield performance, before fees and expenses, of the WisdomTree Fundamental U.S. Short-term Corporate Bond Index (the "SFIG Index").

SFIG employs a "passive management"— or indexing — investment approach designed to track the performance of the Index. SFIG generally uses a representative sampling strategy to achieve its investment objective, meaning it generally will invest in a sample of the securities in the SFIG Index whose risk, return and other characteristics resemble the risk, return and other characteristics of the Index as a whole. Under normal circumstances, at least 80% of the SFIG's total assets (exclusive of collateral held from securities lending) will be invested in component securities of the SFIG Index and

investments that have economic characteristics that are substantially identical to the economic characteristics of such component securities.

The SFIG Index is designed to capture the performance of selected issuers in the short-term U.S. investment grade corporate bond market that are deemed to have favorable fundamental and income characteristics. The SFIG Index employs a multi-step process, which screens based on fundamentals to identify bonds with favorable characteristics and then tilts to those which offer favorable income characteristics. The goal is to improve the risk-adjusted performance of traditional market capitalization-weighted approaches of corporate bond indices.

The SFIG Index is comprised of corporate bonds of public issuers domiciled in the United States. To be eligible for inclusion in the SFIG Index, bonds must meet the following criteria: (i) pay fixed-rate coupons; (ii) have at least \$350 million in par amount outstanding; (iii) have a remaining maturity of at least one year and at most five years; and (iv) rated investment grade (at least BBB- or Baa3) by Standard & Poor's or Moody's. All bonds are denominated in U.S. dollars.

The SFIG Index utilizes a "screen and tilt" rules-based approach to isolate bonds that have favorable fundamentals and tilts to those bonds with favorable income and valuation characteristics. Once the SFIG Index universe is defined from the eligibility criteria, individual bonds are assigned a factor score against their industry sector peers (industrials, financials and utilities) based on rules-based fundamental metrics distinguishing cash flow, profitability and leverage. Bonds are ranked within each sector based on factor score, and are then screened so that the lowest 20% factor scores in each sector are removed from the SFIG Index. The remaining bonds are then assigned an income tilt score based on the probability of default and duration. The income tilt score is then applied within each sector to determine a bond's weight in the SFIG Index, with bonds receiving higher income tilt scores within each sector more heavily weighted. Issuer exposure is capped at 5%, with excess exposure distributed to the remaining bonds on a pro-rata basis. The SFIG Index is rebalanced quarterly.

SFIG may invest up to 20% of its assets in other securities and/or derivatives. Derivative investments may include interest rate futures, swaps, forward contracts and repurchase agreements. SFIG's use of derivatives will be underpinned by investments in cash or other liquid assets.

To the extent the SFIG Index concentrates (i.e., holds 25% or more of its total assets) in the securities of a particular industry or group of industries, SFIG will concentrate its investments to approximately the same extent as the SFIG Index.

WisdomTree Fundamental U.S. High Yield Corporate Bond Fund

The WisdomTree Fundamental U.S. High Yield Corporate Bond Fund ("WFHY") seeks to track the price and yield performance, before fees and expenses, of the WisdomTree Fundamental U.S. High Yield Corporate Bond Index (the "WFHY Index").

WFHY employs a "passive management" – or indexing – investment approach designed to track the performance of the Index. The WFHY generally uses a representative sampling strategy to achieve its investment objective, meaning it generally will invest in a sample of the securities in the WFHY Index whose risk, return and other characteristics resemble the risk, return and other characteristics of the WFHY Index as a whole. Under normal circumstances, at least 80% of the WFHY's total assets

(exclusive of collateral held from securities lending) will be invested in component securities of the WFHY Index and investments that have economic characteristics that are substantially identical to the economic characteristics of such component securities.

The WFHY Index is designed to capture the performance of selected issuers in the U.S. noninvestment-grade corporate bond ("junk bonds") market that are deemed to have favorable fundamental and income characteristics. The WFHY Index employs a multi-step process, which screens based on fundamentals to identify bonds with favorable characteristics and then tilts to those individual securities which offer favorable income characteristics. The goal is to improve the risk-adjusted performance of traditional market capitalization-weighted approaches of high-yield corporate bond indices.

The WFHY Index is comprised of corporate bonds of public issuers domiciled in the United States. To be eligible for inclusion in the Index, bonds must meet the following criteria: (i) pay fixed-rate coupons; (ii) have at least \$500 million in par amount outstanding; (iii) have a remaining maturity of at least one year; (iv) rated non-investment grade by Moody's or Standard & Poor's. In addition, the issuer cannot have defaulted or be in distress. For the purposes of the Index, bonds issued under Regulation S are excluded from eligibility. All bonds are denominated in U.S. dollars.

The WFHY Index utilizes a "screen and tilt" rules-based approach to isolate bonds that have favorable fundamentals and tilts to those bonds with favorable income and valuation characteristics. Once the Index universe is defined from the eligibility criteria, individual bonds are assigned a factor score against their industry sector peers (industrials, financials, utilities, consumer and energy) based on rules-based fundamental metrics distinguishing cash flow characteristics and discards the securities with poor cash flow performance. Remaining bonds are ranked within each sector based on liquidity scores, and are then screened so that the lowest 5% liquidity scores in each sector are removed from the WFHY Index. The remaining bonds are then assigned an income tilt score based on the probability of default. The income tilt score is then applied within each sector to determine a bond's weight in the WFHY Index, with bonds receiving higher income tilt scores within each sector more heavily weighted. Issuer exposure is capped at 2%, with excess exposure distributed to the remaining bonds on a pro-rata basis. The WFHY Index is rebalanced semi-annually.

WFHY may invest up to 20% of its assets in other securities and/or derivatives. Derivative investments may include interest rate futures, swaps, forward contracts and repurchase agreements. WFHY's use of derivatives will be underpinned by investments in cash or other liquid assets.

To the extent the WFHY Index concentrates (i.e., holds 25% or more of its total assets) in the securities of a particular industry or group of industries, WFHY will concentrate its investments to approximately the same extent as the WFHY Index.

WisdomTree Fundamental U.S. Corporate Bond Fund

The WisdomTree Fundamental U.S. Corporate Bond Fund ("WFIG") seeks to track the price and yield performance, before fees and expenses, of the WisdomTree Fundamental U.S. Corporate Bond Index (the "WFIG Index").

WFIG employs a "passive management" – or indexing – investment approach designed to track the performance of the WFIG Index. The WFIG generally uses a representative sampling strategy to

achieve its investment objective, meaning it generally will invest in a sample of the securities in the Index whose risk, return and other characteristics resemble the risk, return and other characteristics of the WFIG Index as a whole. Under normal circumstances, at least 80% of the WFIG's total assets (exclusive of collateral held from securities lending) will be invested in component securities of the WFIG Index and investments that have economic characteristics that are substantially identical to the economic characteristics of such component securities.

The WFIG Index is designed to capture the performance of selected issuers in the U.S. investment grade corporate bond market that are deemed to have favorable fundamental and income characteristics. The WFIG Index employs a multi-step process, which screens based on fundamentals to identify bonds with favorable characteristics and then tilts to those which offer favorable income characteristics. The goal is to improve the risk-adjusted performance of traditional market capitalization-weighted approaches of corporate bond indices.

The WFIG Index is comprised of corporate bonds of public issuers domiciled in the United States. To be eligible for inclusion in the WFIG Index, bonds must meet the following criteria: (i) pay fixed-rate coupons; (ii) have at least \$350 million in par amount outstanding; (iii) have a remaining maturity of at least one year; and (iv) rated investment grade (at least BBB- or Baa3) by Standard & Poor's or Moody's. All bonds are denominated in U.S. dollars.

The WFIG Index utilizes a "screen and tilt" rules-based approach to isolate bonds that have favorable fundamentals and tilts to those bonds with favorable income and valuation characteristics. Once the WFIG Index universe is defined from the eligibility criteria, individual bonds are assigned a factor score against their industry sector peers (industrials, financials and utilities) based on rules-based fundamental metrics distinguishing cash flow, profitability and leverage. Bonds are ranked within each sector based on factor score, and are then screened so that the lowest 20% factor scores in each sector are removed from the WFIG Index. The remaining bonds are then assigned an income tilt score based on the probability of default and duration. The income tilt score is then applied within each sector to determine a bond's weight in the WFIG Index, with bonds receiving higher income tilt scores within each sector more heavily weighted. Issuer exposure is capped at 5%, with excess exposure distributed to the remaining bonds on a pro-rata basis. The WFIG Index is rebalanced quarterly.

WFIG may invest up to 20% of its assets in other securities and/or derivatives. Derivative investments may include interest rate futures, swaps, forward contracts and repurchase agreements. WFIG's use of derivatives will be underpinned by investments in cash or other liquid assets.

To the extent the WFIG Index concentrates (i.e., holds 25% or more of its total assets) in the securities of a particular industry or group of industries, WFIG will concentrate its investments to approximately the same extent as the WFIG Index.

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 to 100,000 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.wisdomtree.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), investment risk, risk that shares of the fund may trade at prices other than NAV, cash redemption risk, derivatives risk, interest rate risk, investment style risk, issuer credit risk, non-correlation risk, and non-diversification 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
WisdomTree Fundamental U.S. Short- Term High Yield Corporate Bond Fund	BATS	SPHY	SPHY.IV	SPHY.NV
WisdomTree Fundamental U.S. Short- Term Corporate Bond Fund	BATS	SFIG	SFIG.IV	SFIG.NV
WisdomTree Fundamental U.S. High Yield Corporate Bond Fund	BATS	WFHY	WFHY.IV	WFHY.NV
WisdomTree Fundamental U.S. Corporate Bond Fund	BATS	WFIG	WFIG.IV	WFIG.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.

Inquiries regarding this Information Circular should be directed to:

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