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Notice of proposed change pursuant to the Payment, Clearing, and Settlement Act of 2010
Section 806(e)(1) *

Section 806(e)(2) *

Security-Based Swap Submission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
Section 3C(b)(2) *

Exhibit 2 Sent As Paper Document

Exhibit 3 Sent As Paper Document

Description

Provide a brief description of the action (limit 250 characters, required when Initial is checked *).

Amends Position and Exercise Limits

Contact Information

Provide the name, telephone number, and e-mail address of the person on the staff of the self-regulatory organization prepared to respond to questions and comments on the action.

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Title * Principal Associate General Counsel

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Telephone * (215) 496-5692 Fax

Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange of 1934, NASDAQ BX, Inc. has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date 11/06/2024


(Title *)

By John Zecca

EVP and Chief Legal Officer

(Name *)

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The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act.

Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change *

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The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO]-xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3)

Exhibit 1A - Notice of Proposed Rule Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, or Advanced Notice by Clearing Agencies *

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Exhibit 2- Notices, Written Comments, Transcripts, Other Communications

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Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G.

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Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire

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Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change.

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Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies

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The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working.

Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text

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The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change

Partial Amendment

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If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) Nasdaq BX, Inc. (“BX” or “Exchange”), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) a proposal to amend Options 9, Section 13, Position Limits, and Section 15, Exercise Limits.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register is attached as Exhibit 1.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

The proposed rule change was approved by senior management of the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors (the “Board”). Exchange staff will advise the Board of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be directed to:

Angela Saccomandi Dunn
Principal Associate General Counsel
Nasdaq, Inc.
(215) 496-5692

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

3. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

a. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend Options 9, Section 13, Position Limits, and Options 9, Section 15, Exercise Limits, to limit the position and exercise limits for options on iShares Bitcoin Trust ETF (“IBIT”) to 25,000 contracts.³

Recently, Nasdaq ISE, LLC (“ISE”) received approval to list options on IBIT.⁴ BX’s Options 4 Rules were amended as those Rules are incorporated by reference to ISE’s Options 4 Rules, so BX has the ability to list IBIT options. ISE’s IBIT Approval Order⁵ stated that the position and exercise limits for IBIT options shall be 25,000 contracts. At this time, the Exchange proposes to amend BX Option 9, Sections 13 and 15 to similarly note that IBIT options position and exercise limits shall be 25,000 contracts to mirror ISE’s position and exercise limits for IBIT options.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁶ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁷ in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove

³ In the absence of this proposal, position and exercise limits would be governed by BX Options 9, Section 13(a).

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 101128 (September 20, 2024), 89 FR 78942 (September 26, 2024) (SR-ISE-2024-03) (Notice of Filing of Amendment Nos. 4 and 5 and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment Nos. 1, 4, and 5, To Permit the Listing and Trading of Options on the iShares Bitcoin Trust) (“IBIT Approval Order”).

⁵ See IBIT Approval Order.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general to protect investors and the public interest.

The Exchange's proposal to amend Options 9, Section 13, Position Limits, and Options 9, Section 15, Exercise Limits, to provide that the position and exercise limits for IBIT options shall be 25,000 contracts is consistent with the Act as it will conform BX's IBIT options position and exercise limits with ISE's IBIT options position and exercise limits in order that IBIT options have the same position and exercise limits on BX and ISE.⁸

4. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The proposed rule change does not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Amending Options 9, Sections 13 and 15 to provide that the position and exercise limits for IBIT options shall be 25,000 contracts does not impose an undue burden on competition as the position and exercise limits will apply to all trading for IBIT options on the Exchange as well as other exchanges that file a similar proposal.⁹

5. 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.

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

Not applicable.

⁸ The Exchange believes that other exchanges will adopt position and exercise limits of 25,000 contracts for IBIT Option ETPs. All Nasdaq affiliated markets have filed to adopt a 25,000 contract position and exercise limit for IBIT options.

⁹ All Nasdaq affiliated markets have filed to adopt a 25,000 contract position and exercise limit for IBIT options.

7. Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii)¹⁰ of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder¹¹ in that it effects a change that: (i) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) by its terms, does not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

The Exchange's proposal does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest, rather the proposal will conform BX's position and exercise limits in IBIT options to ISE Options 9, Sections 13 and 15.

The Exchange's proposal does not impose an undue burden on competition because the position and exercise limits for IBIT options will apply to all trading for IBIT options on the Exchange as well as other exchanges that file a similar proposal.¹²

Furthermore, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)¹³ requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file a proposed rule change under that subsection at least five business days prior to the date of filing, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has provided such notice.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹² All Nasdaq affiliated markets have filed to adopt a 25,000 contract position and exercise limit for IBIT options.

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of filing. Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii), however, permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay contained in Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) so that it may immediately set BX's position and exercise limits for IBIT options at 25,000 contracts similar to ISE¹⁴ so that IBIT options are subject to the same position and exercise limits on each of these exchanges.

8. Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission

ISE's Options 9, Section 13 states that the position limit for IBIT options shall be 25,000 contracts. ISE's Options 9, Section 15 states that the exercise limits for IBIT options shall be 25,000 contracts.

9. Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act

Not Applicable.

10. Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not Applicable.

11. Exhibits

1. Notice of Proposed Rule Change for publication in the Federal Register.

5. Rule text of proposed rules.

¹⁴ See ISE Options 9, Sections 13 and 15.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
(Release No. _____ ; File No. SR-BX-2024-045)

November __, 2024

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq BX, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend Options 9, Sections 13 and 15

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on November 6, 2024, Nasdaq BX, Inc. (“BX” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “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 Options 9, Section 13, Position Limits, and Section 15, Exercise Limits.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Website at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/nasdaq/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

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

The Exchange proposes to amend Options 9, Section 13, Position Limits, and Options 9, Section 15, Exercise Limits, to limit the position and exercise limits for options on iShares Bitcoin Trust ETF (“IBIT”) to 25,000 contracts.³

Recently, Nasdaq ISE, LLC (“ISE”) received approval to list options on IBIT.⁴ BX’s Options 4 Rules were amended as those Rules are incorporated by reference to ISE’s Options 4 Rules, so BX has the ability to list IBIT options. ISE’s IBIT Approval Order⁵ stated that the position and exercise limits for IBIT options shall be 25,000 contracts. At this time, the Exchange proposes to amend BX Option 9, Sections 13 and 15 to similarly note that IBIT options position and exercise limits shall be 25,000 contracts to mirror ISE’s position and exercise limits for IBIT options.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the

³ In the absence of this proposal, position and exercise limits would be governed by BX Options 9, Section 13(a).

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 101128 (September 20, 2024), 89 FR 78942 (September 26, 2024) (SR-ISE-2024-03) (Notice of Filing of Amendment Nos. 4 and 5 and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment Nos. 1, 4, and 5, To Permit the Listing and Trading of Options on the iShares Bitcoin Trust) (“IBIT Approval Order”).

⁵ See IBIT Approval Order.

Act,⁶ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁷ in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general to protect investors and the public interest.

The Exchange's proposal to amend Options 9, Section 13, Position Limits, and Options 9, Section 15, Exercise Limits, to provide that the position and exercise limits for IBIT options shall be 25,000 contracts is consistent with the Act as it will conform BX's IBIT options position and exercise limits with ISE's IBIT options position and exercise limits in order that IBIT options have the same position and exercise limits on BX and ISE.⁸

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The proposed rule change does not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Amending Options 9, Sections 13 and 15 to provide that the position and exercise limits for IBIT options shall be 25,000 contracts does not impose an undue burden on competition as the position and exercise limits will apply to all trading for IBIT options on the Exchange as well as other exchanges that file a similar proposal.⁹

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⁹ All Nasdaq affiliated markets have filed to adopt a 25,000 contract position and exercise limit for IBIT options.

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act¹⁰ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.¹¹

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission 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:

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

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-BX-2024-045 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-BX-2024-045. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or

subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-BX-2024-045 and should be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 21 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹²

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Exhibit 5

New text is underlined; deleted text is in brackets.

Nasdaq BX, Inc.

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Options Rules

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Options 9 Business Conduct

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Section 13. Position Limits

(a) No Options Participant shall make, for any account in which it has an interest or for the account of any customer, an opening transaction on any exchange if the Options Participant has reason to believe that as a result of such transaction the Options Participant or its customer would, acting alone or in concert with others, directly or indirectly:

(1) exceed the applicable position limit fixed from time to time by the Cboe Exchange, Inc. (“Cboe”) for any options contract traded on BX Options and Cboe, notwithstanding the foregoing options contracts overlying SPDR® S&P 500® ETF Trust (SPY) shall have a position limit of 3,600,000 contracts on the same side of the market; and contracts overlying iShares Bitcoin Trust ETF (“IBIT”) shall have a position limit of 25,000 contracts on the same side of the market;

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Section 15. Exercise Limits

(a) No Options Participant shall exercise, for any account in which it has an interest or for the account of any customer, a long position in any options contract where such Options Participant or customer, acting alone or in concert with others, directly or indirectly, has or will have:

(1) exceeded the applicable exercise limit fixed from time-to-time by Cboe Exchange, Inc. (“Cboe”) for any options contract traded on BX Options and Cboe, notwithstanding the foregoing options contracts overlying SPDR® S&P 500® ETF Trust (SPY) shall have an exercise limit of 3,600,000 contracts on the same side of the market; and contracts overlying iShares Bitcoin Trust ETF (“IBIT”) shall have a position limit of 25,000 contracts on the same side of the market;

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