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1. <u>Text of Proposed Rule Change</u>

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ" or the "Exchange"), is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a proposed rule change relating to the First Trust Low Beta Income ETF (the "Fund") of First Trust Exchange-Traded Fund VI (the "Trust"), the shares of which have been approved by the Commission for listing and trading under NASDAQ Rule 5735 ("Managed Fund Shares"). The shares of the Fund are collectively referred to herein as the "Shares."

(b) and (c) Not applicable.

2. <u>Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization</u>

The proposed rule change was approved by senior management of the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors of the Exchange on July 16, 2014. Exchange staff will advise the Board of Directors of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action by the Exchange is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

Questions regarding this rule filing may be directed to Jonathan F. Cayne, Senior Associate General Counsel, The NASDAQ OMX Group at (301) 978-8493 (telephone).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

3. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

a. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange proposes to reflect changes to the means of achieving the Fund's investment objective. The Commission has approved the listing and trading of Shares under NASDAQ Rule 5735, which governs the listing and trading of Managed Fund Shares on the Exchange.³ The Exchange believes the proposed rule change reflects no significant issues not previously addressed in the Prior Release. The Fund is an actively managed exchange-traded fund ("ETF"). The Shares are offered by the Trust, which was organized as a Massachusetts business trust on June 4, 2012. The Trust, which is registered with the Commission as an investment company, has filed a registration statement on Form N-1A ("Registration Statement") relating to the Fund with the Commission.⁴ First Trust Advisors L.P. ("First Trust Advisors") is the investment adviser ("Adviser") to the Fund.

³ The Commission approved NASDAQ Rule 5735 (formerly NASDAQ Rule 4420(o)) in Securities Exchange Act Release No. 57962 (June 13, 2008), 73 FR 35175 (June 20, 2008) (SR-NASDAQ-2008-039). The Commission previously approved the listing and trading of the Shares of the Fund. <u>See</u> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 70828 (November 7, 2013), 78 FR 68490 (November 14, 2013) (SR-NASDAQ-2013-121) ("Prior Order"). <u>See also</u> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 70459 (September 20, 2013), 78 FR 59394 (September 26, 2013) (SR-NASDAQ-2013-121) ("Prior Notice," and together with the Prior Order, the "Prior Release"). The Fund and the Shares are currently in compliance with the requirements set forth in the Prior Release.

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The Prior Release provided that the Fund's investment objective would be to provide current income and that the Fund would pursue its objective by investing in large-cap U.S. exchange-traded equity securities and by utilizing an "option strategy" consisting of buying U.S. exchange-traded put options on the Standard & Poor's 500 Index (the "Index") and writing (selling) U.S. exchange-traded covered call options on the Index.

The Exchange now proposes three modifications to the description of the measures utilized by the Adviser to implement the Fund's investment objective. As described in further detail below, these pertain to the following: (1) the Fund's investment primarily in large-cap U.S. exchange-traded equity securities; (2) the permissible terms to expiration for the U.S. exchange-traded covered call options written (sold) by the Fund; and (3) the permissible terms to expiration for the U.S. exchangetraded put options purchased by the Fund. These modifications are being proposed to enhance the Adviser's flexibility in pursuing the Fund's investment objective. However, the equity securities in which the Fund would invest and the options which the Fund would buy and write would continue to be limited to U.S. exchange-traded securities and options, respectively. The Adviser represents that there would be no change to the Fund's investment objective. Except as provided herein, all other facts presented and representations made in the Prior Release would remain unchanged. The Fund and the Shares would continue to comply with all initial and continued listing requirements under NASDAQ Rule 5735.

The Fund's Investments Primarily in Large-Cap U.S. Exchange-Traded Equity Securities

The Prior Release stated that in pursuing its investment objective, under normal market conditions,⁵ the Fund would invest primarily in large-cap U.S. exchange-traded equity securities. The Exchange proposes to amend this statement in the Prior Release by deleting the term "large-cap."⁶ Therefore, going forward, in pursuing its investment objective, under normal market conditions, while the Fund would continue to invest primarily in U.S. exchange-traded equity securities, it would not be required to invest primarily in "large-cap" U.S. exchange-traded equity securities. The Adviser believes that the ability to invest primarily in U.S. exchange-traded equity securities of any market capitalization would, by expanding the range of potential investments, provide it with additional flexibility to pursue, and enhance its ability to achieve, the Fund's investment objective.

Permissible Terms to Expiration for Call Options

As provided in the Prior Release, a component of the option portion of the Fund's portfolio consists of U.S. exchange-traded covered calls or covered call spreads on the

⁵ According to the Prior Release, the term "under normal market conditions" as used therein included, but was not limited to, the absence of adverse market, economic, political or other conditions, including extreme volatility or trading halts in the securities markets or the financial markets generally; operational issues causing dissemination of inaccurate market information; or <u>force majeure</u> type events such as systems failure, natural or man-made disaster, act of God, armed conflict, act of terrorism, riot or labor disruption or any similar intervening circumstance. The Prior Release also provided that in periods of extreme market disturbance, the Fund may take temporary defensive positions, by overweighting its portfolio in cash/cash-like instruments; however, to the extent possible, the Adviser would continue to seek to achieve the Fund's investment objective.

⁶ To the extent necessary to make them consistent, additional statements and representations included in the Prior Release would also be deemed to be similarly modified.

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Index that are written by the Fund. The Prior Release provided that the call options written by the Fund would typically be a laddered portfolio of one-week, one-month, two-month and three-month call options written at-the-money to slightly out-of-the-money. The Exchange is now proposing a change that would increase flexibility with respect to the permissible term for call option expirations. In this regard, the Exchange proposes to modify the foregoing to provide that, going forward, the call options written by the Fund would be a laddered portfolio of call options with expirations of less than one year, written at-the-money to slightly out-of-the-money.

Permissible Terms to Expiration for Put Options

As provided in the Prior Release, a component of the Fund's option strategy consists of U.S. exchange-traded puts on the Index that are bought by the Fund. The Prior Release provided that the put positions held by the Fund would generally average two to three months to expiration (calculated at the time of purchase) and consist of outof-the-money Index put options. The Exchange is now proposing a change that would increase flexibility with respect to the permissible term for put option expirations. In this regard, the Exchange proposes to modify the foregoing to provide that, going forward, the put positions held by the Fund would be less than one year to expiration (calculated at the time of purchase) and would consist of out-of-the-money Index put options.

Surveillance

The Exchange represents that trading in the Shares would continue to be subject to the existing trading surveillances, administered by both NASDAQ and also the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") on behalf of the Exchange, which are designed to detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities

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laws.⁷ The Exchange represents that these procedures are adequate to properly monitor Exchange trading of the Shares in all trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws.

FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, will communicate as needed regarding trading in the Shares, in the U.S. exchange-traded equity securities in which the Fund invests, and in the U.S. exchange-traded options which the Fund buys and writes with other markets or other entities that are members of the Intermarket Surveillance Group ("ISG") or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement,⁸ and FINRA may obtain trading information regarding trading in the Shares and such equity securities and options from such markets and other entities. In addition, the Exchange may obtain information regarding trading in the Shares and in such equity securities and other entities that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement.

b. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁹ in general and Section 6(b)(5) of the Act¹⁰ in particular in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable

⁷ FINRA surveils trading on the Exchange pursuant to a regulatory services agreement. The Exchange is responsible for FINRA's performance under this regulatory services agreement.

⁸ For a list of the current members of ISG, <u>see www.isgportal.org</u>.

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices in that the Shares would continue to be listed and traded on the Exchange pursuant to the initial and continued listing criteria in NASDAQ Rule 5735. Consistent with the Prior Release, the Exchange represents that trading in the Shares would continue be subject to the existing trading surveillances, administered by both NASDAQ and also FINRA on behalf of the Exchange, which are designed to detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws and that these procedures are adequate to properly monitor Exchange trading of the Shares in all trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws. In addition, the equity securities in which the Fund would invest and the options which the Fund would buy and write would continue to be limited to U.S. exchange-traded securities and options, respectively, that trade in markets that are members of ISG or are parties to a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement with the Exchange. The Exchange would continue to be able to obtain information regarding trading in the Shares and in such equity securities and options from markets and other entities that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement.

The proposed rule change is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade and to protect investors and the public interest in that the Adviser represents that there is no change to the Fund's investment objective. The Adviser represents that the purpose of the proposed changes is to provide it with greater flexibility in meeting the

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Fund's investment objective by permitting: (1) the Fund to invest primarily in U.S. exchange-traded equity securities of any market capitalization; (2) the covered call options written by the Fund to be a laddered portfolio of call options with expirations of less than one year, written at-the-money to slightly out-of-the-money; and (3) the put positions held by the Fund to be less than one year to expiration (calculated at the time of purchase) and to consist of out-of-the-money Index put options. In addition, consistent with the Prior Release, net asset value ("NAV") per Share would continue to be calculated daily and the NAV and Disclosed Portfolio (as defined in the Prior Release) would continue to be made available to all market participants at the same time. Further, a large amount of information would continue to be publicly available regarding the Fund and the Shares, thereby promoting market transparency. The Intraday indicative Value (as defined in the Prior Release), available on NASDAQ OMX Information LLC proprietary index data service, would continue to be updated and widely disseminated and broadly displayed at least every 15 seconds during the Regular Market Session.¹¹ Moreover, on each business day, before commencement of trading on the Shares in the Regular Market Session on the Exchange, the Fund would continue to disclose on the Distributor's website the Disclosed Portfolio that will form the basis for the Fund's calculation of NAV at the end of the business day.

The proposed rule change is designed to perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. As noted above, the additional flexibility to be afforded to the Adviser under the proposed rule change is

¹¹ <u>See Nasdaq Rule 4120(b)(4) (describing the three trading sessions on the Exchange: (1) Pre-Market Session from 4 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. E.T.; (2) Regular Market Session from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. or 4:15 p.m. E.T.; and (3) Post-Market Session from 4 p.m. or 4:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. E.T.).</u>

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intended to enhance the Adviser's ability to meet the Fund's investment objective. Further, as noted above, the Exchange represents that trading in the Shares would continue to be subject to the existing trading surveillances, administered by both NASDAQ and also FINRA on behalf of the Exchange, which are designed to detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws. In addition, as indicated in the Prior Release, investors would continue to have ready access to information regarding the Fund's holdings, the Intraday Indicative Value, the Disclosed Portfolio, and quotation and last sale information for the Shares. The Adviser represents that the proposed rule change, as described above, is consistent with the Fund's investment objective, and would further assist the Adviser in achieving such investment objective.

For the above reasons, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act.

4. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange believes the proposed rule change will permit the Adviser additional flexibility, thereby helping the Fund to achieve its investment objective and enhancing competition among issues of Managed Fund Shares.

5. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule</u> <u>Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

<u>Extension of Time Period for Commission Action</u> Not applicable.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹² and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹³ thereunder 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 believes that this proposed rule change is properly designated as non-controversial because it reflects no significant issues not previously addressed in the Prior Release and there would be no change to the Fund's investment objectives. The Exchange has provided the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule.

The Exchange respectfully requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposed delay of the rule change implantation may become effective and operative upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁴ and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4¹⁵ thereunder. The Exchange believes that such waiver is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because it reflects no significant issues not previously addressed in the Prior Release and there

- ¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).
- ¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).
- ¹⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

would be no change to the Fund's investment objectives and that a large amount of

information would continue to be publicly available regarding the Fund and the Shares,

thereby promoting market transparency.

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

Not applicable.

- Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act Not applicable.
- 10. <u>Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and</u> <u>Settlement Supervision Act</u>

Not applicable.

- 11. <u>Exhibits</u>
 - 1. Notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2015-045)

April ___, 2015

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Listing and Trading of the Shares of the First Trust Low Beta Income ETF, a series of First Trust Exchange-Traded Fund VI

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 April 24, 2015, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by Nasdaq. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the</u> <u>Proposed Rule Change</u>

Nasdaq proposes a rule change with respect to the First Trust Low Beta Income

ETF (the "Fund") of First Trust Exchange-Traded Fund VI (the "Trust"), the shares of which have been approved by the Commission for listing and trading under NASDAQ Rule 5735 ("Managed Fund Shares"). The shares of the Fund are collectively referred to herein as the "Shares."

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at

http://nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com/, at Nasdaq's principal office, and at the Commission's

Public Reference Room.

II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, Nasdaq included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. Nasdaq has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory</u> <u>Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

1. <u>Purpose</u>

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organized as a Massachusetts business trust on June 4, 2012. The Trust, which is registered with the Commission as an investment company, has filed a registration statement on Form N-1A ("Registration Statement") relating to the Fund with the Commission.⁴ First Trust Advisors L.P. ("First Trust Advisors") is the investment adviser ("Adviser") to the Fund.

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<u>The Fund's Investments Primarily in Large-Cap U.S. Exchange-Traded Equity</u> <u>Securities</u>

The Prior Release stated that in pursuing its investment objective, under normal market conditions,⁵ the Fund would invest primarily in large-cap U.S. exchange-traded equity securities. The Exchange proposes to amend this statement in the Prior Release by deleting the term "large-cap."⁶ Therefore, going forward, in pursuing its investment objective, under normal market conditions, while the Fund would continue to invest primarily in U.S. exchange-traded equity securities, it would not be required to invest

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the put positions held by the Fund would be less than one year to expiration (calculated at the time of purchase) and would consist of out-of-the-money Index put options.

Surveillance

The Exchange represents that trading in the Shares would continue to be subject to the existing trading surveillances, administered by both NASDAQ and also the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") on behalf of the Exchange, which are designed to detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws.⁷ The Exchange represents that these procedures are adequate to properly monitor Exchange trading of the Shares in all trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws.

FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, will communicate as needed regarding trading in the Shares, in the U.S. exchange-traded equity securities in which the Fund invests, and in the U.S. exchange-traded options which the Fund buys and writes with other markets or other entities that are members of the Intermarket Surveillance Group ("ISG") or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement,⁸ and FINRA may obtain trading information regarding trading in the Shares and such equity securities and options from such markets and other entities. In addition, the Exchange may obtain information regarding trading in the Shares and in such equity securities and other entities that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement.

⁷ FINRA surveils trading on the Exchange pursuant to a regulatory services agreement. The Exchange is responsible for FINRA's performance under this regulatory services agreement.

⁸ For a list of the current members of ISG, <u>see www.isgportal.org</u>.

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2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁹ in general and Section 6(b)(5) of the Act¹⁰ in particular in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices in that the Shares would continue to be listed and traded on the Exchange pursuant to the initial and continued listing criteria in NASDAO Rule 5735. Consistent with the Prior Release, the Exchange represents that trading in the Shares would continue be subject to the existing trading surveillances, administered by both NASDAQ and also FINRA on behalf of the Exchange, which are designed to detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws and that these procedures are adequate to properly monitor Exchange trading of the Shares in all trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws. In addition, the equity securities in which the Fund would invest and the options which the Fund would buy and write would continue to be limited to U.S. exchange-traded securities and options, respectively, that trade in markets that are members of ISG or are parties to a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement with the Exchange. The Exchange would continue to be able to obtain information regarding trading in the Shares and in such equity securities and options from

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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markets and other entities that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement.

The proposed rule change is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade and to protect investors and the public interest in that the Adviser represents that there is no change to the Fund's investment objective. The Adviser represents that the purpose of the proposed changes is to provide it with greater flexibility in meeting the Fund's investment objective by permitting: (1) the Fund to invest primarily in U.S. exchange-traded equity securities of any market capitalization; (2) the covered call options written by the Fund to be a laddered portfolio of call options with expirations of less than one year, written at-the-money to slightly out-of-the-money; and (3) the put positions held by the Fund to be less than one year to expiration (calculated at the time of purchase) and to consist of out-of-the-money Index put options. In addition, consistent with the Prior Release, net asset value ("NAV") per Share would continue to be calculated daily and the NAV and Disclosed Portfolio (as defined in the Prior Release) would continue to be made available to all market participants at the same time. Further, a large amount of information would continue to be publicly available regarding the Fund and the Shares, thereby promoting market transparency. The Intraday indicative Value (as defined in the Prior Release), available on NASDAQ OMX Information LLC proprietary index data service, would continue to be updated and widely disseminated and broadly displayed at least every 15 seconds during the Regular Market Session.¹¹

¹¹ <u>See</u> Nasdaq Rule 4120(b)(4) (describing the three trading sessions on the Exchange: (1) Pre-Market Session from 4 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. E.T.; (2) Regular Market Session from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. or 4:15 p.m. E.T.; and (3) Post-Market Session from 4 p.m. or 4:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. E.T.).

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Moreover, on each business day, before commencement of trading on the Shares in the Regular Market Session on the Exchange, the Fund would continue to disclose on the Distributor's website the Disclosed Portfolio that will form the basis for the Fund's calculation of NAV at the end of the business day.

The proposed rule change is designed to perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. As noted above, the additional flexibility to be afforded to the Adviser under the proposed rule change is intended to enhance the Adviser's ability to meet the Fund's investment objective. Further, as noted above, the Exchange represents that trading in the Shares would continue to be subject to the existing trading surveillances, administered by both NASDAQ and also FINRA on behalf of the Exchange, which are designed to detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws. In addition, as indicated in the Prior Release, investors would continue to have ready access to information regarding the Fund's holdings, the Intraday Indicative Value, the Disclosed Portfolio, and quotation and last sale information for the Shares. The Adviser represents that the proposed rule change, as described above, is consistent with the Fund's investment objective, and would further assist the Adviser in achieving such investment objective.

For the above reasons, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act.

B. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange believes the proposed rule change will permit the Adviser additional flexibility, thereby helping the Fund to achieve its investment objective and enhancing competition among issues of Managed Fund Shares.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed</u> <u>Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others</u>

Written comments were neither solicited nor 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) of the Act¹² and Rule $19b-4(f)(6)^{13}$ thereunder 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.

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.

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹³ 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.

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 (<u>http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</u>); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-NASDAQ-2015-045 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Station Place, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-9303.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2015-045. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail 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, 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 Nasdaq. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2015-045 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁴

Kevin M. O'Neill Deputy Secretary

¹⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).