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 the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–NYSEArca–2019–92 and should be submitted on or before January 24, 2020.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.\(^{30}\)

J. Matthew DeLesDernier, Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Modify the Exchange’s All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fees for Exchange Traded Products

December 30, 2019.

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 December 23, 2019, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III, below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to modify the Exchange’s all-inclusive annual listing fees for exchange traded products under Nasdaq Rule 5940(b). While changes proposed herein are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated the proposed amendments to be operative on January 2, 2020. Therefore, any exchange traded product that lists on Nasdaq before January 2, 2020 will be subject to the rule as in effect before this amendment.\(^ {3}\)

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at http://nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

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

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

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

1. Purpose

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to modify the Exchange’s all-inclusive annual listing fees (“All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fee”) for exchange traded products (“ETPs”) under Nasdaq Rule 5940(b).\(^ {4}\) As stated in Nasdaq Rule 5940(b)(1), the issuer of a series of Portfolio Depository Receipts, Index Fund Shares, Managed Fund Shares or other security listed under the Nasdaq Rule 5700 Series where no other fee schedule is specifically applicable listed on The Nasdaq Global Market pays to Nasdaq an All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fee, calculated on total shares outstanding (“TSO”)\(^ {5}\) and as set forth in Nasdaq Rule 5940(b)(1).\(^ {6}\) The proposed rule changes are designed to incentivize issuers to list new products, transfer existing products to the Exchange, and retain listings on the Exchange, which the Exchange believes will enhance competition both among issuers and listing venues, to the benefit of investors. In addition, and as described below, the proposed fee changes will also allow for increased investment by the Exchange into its ETP business and allow for enhancements that will benefit issuers of Nasdaq-listed ETPs and their investors.

The fees in the current All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fee schedule have remained unchanged for more than 17 years since they were first adopted back in 2002.\(^ {7}\) The ETP world has evolved greatly since 2002 when ETPs in the U.S. numbered approximately 130 with total net assets of $102 billion. Compare this to 2018 when the number of ETPs in the U.S. had grown to over 2,300 with $3.37 trillion in total net assets.\(^ {8}\)

Under the current All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fees schedule, included below, there are 17 pricing tiers. The tiers begin with the lowest pricing tier of $6,500 for TSOs of up to 1 million to the top pricing tier of $14,500 for TSOs over 16 million.

As detailed in the charts below, the proposed new fee schedule reduces the number of pricing tiers from 17 to 10. The new proposed pricing tiers begin with the lowest pricing tier of up to 1 million TSO to the top pricing tier for over 250 million TSO. The proposed All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fees range from $6,000 to $50,000. In each case, the All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fee will be based on a sponsor’s\(^ {9}\) aggregate TSO.

As a result of the Exchange simplifying the pricing tiers for its All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fees, the Exchange believes will enhance competition both among issuers and listing venues, to the benefit of investors.

3 Nasdaq will maintain in its online rule book, until January 2, 2020, a link to the text of the rule as in effect before this amendment.

4 See Nasdaq Rule 5940(b).

5 In addition, proposed Nasdaq Rule 5940(b)(3) would calculate TSO as “the aggregate number of shares, issued by one or more Companies with the same sponsor, of Portfolio Depository Receipts, Index Fund Shares, Managed Fund Shares or other security listed under the Nasdaq Rule 5700 Series where no other fee schedule is specifically applicable listed on The Nasdaq Global Market pays to Nasdaq an All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fee, calculated on total shares outstanding (“TSO”) and as set forth in

6 See Nasdaq Rule 5940(b)(1).


9 As proposed, the term “sponsor” is defined as an investment adviser (or investment advisers who are “affiliated persons” as defined in Section 2(a)(3) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) to one or more Companies.


Inclusive Annual Fee for ETPs by reducing their number from 17 to 10, some sponsors may pay more while others may pay the same or less.

Specifically, the Exchange will charge an All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fee for ETPs with the fewest total shares outstanding (sponsors with up to 1 million TSO) of $500 less.\footnote{10} Sponsors in the next proposed pricing tier of 1 to 5 million shares TSO will pay from $1,000 less to $500 more. Sponsors in the next proposed pricing tier of 5 to 10 million shares TSO will pay from $1,000 less to $1,000 more. Put another way, sponsors with a TSO up to the current TSO tier of 10 million will see a minimal change to their All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fees ranging from $1,000 less to $1,000 more. Sponsors in the remaining proposed pricing tiers will pay more than in the current pricing schedule.

The current All-Inclusive Annual Fee for ETPs listed on The Nasdaq Global Market are as follows:

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As described below, Nasdaq believes that the aforementioned proposed fee changes better reflect the value provided by the Exchange to issuers of ETPs.

Nasdaq also proposes a change to Nasdaq Rule 5940(b)(3) as to how the Exchange calculates “total shares outstanding” by aggregating the number of shares of all Portfolio Depository Receipts, Index Fund Shares, Managed Fund Shares or other security listed under the Nasdaq Rule 5700 Series where no other fee schedule is specifically applicable, issued by one or more Companies \footnote{11} with the same sponsor, listed on The Nasdaq Global Market, and to ensure that the All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fees under Nasdaq Rule 5940(b)(1) are calculated correctly. \footnote{12} Additionally, Nasdaq proposes to amend Nasdaq Rule 5940(b)(3) to define the term “sponsor” for the purposes of assessing the fees in Nasdaq Rule 5940(b)(1). \footnote{13} Nasdaq believes the term “sponsor” is a frequently used term throughout the investment community to refer to the entity that oversees the issuers of ETPs and that the inclusion in the proposed rule language clarifies Nasdaq’s method for calculating the All-Inclusive Annual Fee.

Nasdaq proposes to amend Nasdaq Rule 5940(b)(5) to clarify the application of the rule for market participants.

Nasdaq also proposes to remove references to fees that are no longer applicable because they were superseded by new fee rates specified in the rule text.

Implementation Date

While these changes are effective upon filing, Nasdaq has designated the proposed amendments to be operative on January 2, 2020. \footnote{14}

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act, \footnote{15} in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act, \footnote{16} in particular, that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change is a reasonable, fair and equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory allocation of fees and other charges because the All-Inclusive Annual Fee for ETPs, as amended, provides sponsors with a fair and economical way to list multiple ETPs without incurring significant additional cost. Overall, Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change is a reasonable attempt to attract new issuers and sponsors, retain existing listings on the Exchange, and is reasonable and necessary to support the enhanced services provided by the Exchange to issuers of ETPs and as discussed below.

As discussed above, sponsors with an aggregate TSO up to the current TSO tier of 10 million will see a minimal change to their All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fees ranging from $1,000 less to $1,000 more, while sponsors in the remaining proposed pricing tiers will pay more than in the current pricing schedule. Nasdaq believes charging a lower or slightly modified All-Inclusive Annual Fee for sponsors with smaller aggregate TSOs will serve to continue to encourage sponsors of smaller and new to market ETPs to list on the Exchange. Although there will be some fluctuation as to the amount sponsors will pay within the proposed lower TSO pricing tiers as compared with what sponsors currently pay under the lower TSO pricing tiers (generally, a relatively small amount more or a small amount less), as previously stated, this is to some extent a result of reducing the current 17 pricing tiers down to 10 pricing tiers. The Exchange also believes that the reduction in the overall number of pricing tiers will serve to simplify, lessen confusion and increase the ease of use of the All-Inclusive Annual Fee schedule.

The Exchange also believes that it is a reasonable, fair and equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory allocation of fees and other charges to increase the All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fee for the other sponsors, as noted above and as set forth in the chart above, because of the increased value provided by the Exchange to issuers of ETPs since the Exchange first established the current rates over 17 years ago when the number of ETPs and the total net assets of exchange traded funds was much smaller. \footnote{17} Nasdaq also believes it is not unfairly discriminatory to charge a higher All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fee for sponsors with a higher TSO because these proposed fees will be provided on an equal basis to all sponsors within the same TSO pricing tier. Additionally, the Exchange believes it is reasonable, fair and equitable, and not unfairly

\footnote{10} The All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fee would drop from $6,500 to $6,000.

\footnote{11} Nasdaq Rule 5005(a)(6) defines “Company” as “the issuer of a security listed or applying to list on Nasdaq. For purposes of the Nasdaq Rule 5000 Series, the term “Company” includes an issuer that is not incorporated, such as, for example, a limited partnership.”

\footnote{12} This change will not result in any impact on sponsors because it reflects the Exchange’s current practice.

\footnote{13} See supra note 9.

\footnote{14} Nasdaq will maintain in its online rule book, until January 2, 2020, a link to the text of the rule as in effect before this amendment.

\footnote{15} 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

\footnote{16} 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

\footnote{17} See supra note 8.
The Exchange notes that its general costs have increased, including due to price inflation. In addition, the Exchange continues to improve the value it provides to issuers of Nasdaq-listed ETPs through enhanced services. These improvements include the continued development and enhancement of Nasdaq’s online tools, including the Nasdaq Listing Center and Reference Library, to the benefit of issuers of Nasdaq-listed ETPs and prospective investors. In addition, the proposed increase will help Nasdaq continue to invest in these initiatives and its regulatory programs. The proposed fee change will also allow for increased investment by the Exchange into its ETP business, including operational support, reporting resources and trading market enhancements, which will benefit issuers of Nasdaq-listed ETPs and their investors.

Nasdaq notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which issuers can readily switch exchanges for their ETPs if they deem its All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fees excessive. In such an environment, Nasdaq must continually review its fees to assure that they remain competitive. As stated above, Nasdaq believes its All-Inclusive Annual Fee for ETPs, as amended, is a reasonable, fair and equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory allocation of fees and other charges since, in totality, it results in issuer fees that are very competitive with its competition in this space. Nasdaq notes that changes to its issuer fees can have a direct effect on the ability of the Exchange to compete for new listings and retain existing listings and serves to constrain such fees.

The Exchange also believes that the proposed rule change to Nasdaq Rule 5940(b)(3) as to the term “sponsor” to define it as an investment adviser (or investment advisers who are “affiliated persons” as defined in Section 2(a)(3) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) to one or more Companies, is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act 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 because it will increase the transparency of the assessment of the All-Inclusive Annual Listing Fees.

In addition, the Exchange believes that the proposed change to Nasdaq Rule 5940(b)(3) as to the term “sponsor” to define it as an investment adviser (or investment advisers who are “affiliated persons” as defined in Section 2(a)(3) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) to one or more Companies, is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act 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 because it increases the clarity of the rule.

Additionally, Nasdaq believes the proposed change to Nasdaq Rule 5940(b)(5) is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act 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 because it clarifies the application of the rule for market participants.

The proposed removal of rule text relating to fees that are no longer applicable is ministerial in nature and has no substantive effect.

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

Nasdaq does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended. The market for listing ETPs is competitive and sponsors may freely choose alternative venues. The proposal is a competitive proposal designed to implement pricing that better reflects the value, revenue and expenses associated with listing ETPs on the Exchange. Nasdaq notes that changes to its issuer fees can have a direct effect on the ability of the Exchange to compete for new listings and retain existing listings and serves to constrain such fees. For these reasons, Nasdaq does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any undue burden on competition for listing ETPs.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were either solicited or received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act.**** At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is: (i) Necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments
- Use the Commission’s internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml);
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR–NASDAQ–2019–095 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–NASDAQ–2019–095. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission’s internet website [http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml]. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission’s Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE,

Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–NASDAQ–2019–095 and should be submitted on or before January 24, 2020.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.20

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,
Assistant Secretary.

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change To Adopt NYSE Arca Rule 8.602–E To Permit the Listing and Trading of Actively Managed Solution Shares and To List and Trade Two Series of Actively Managed Solution Shares Issued by the American Century ETF Trust Under Proposed NYSE Arca Rule 8.602–E

December 30, 2019.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)2 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,3 notice is hereby given that, on December 23, 2019, NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca” or the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to adopt a new NYSE Arca Rule 8.602–E to permit it to list and trade Actively Managed Solution Shares, which are shares of actively managed exchange-traded funds for which the portfolio is disclosed in accordance with standard mutual fund disclosure rules. In addition, the Exchange proposes to list and trade shares of the following under proposed NYSE Arca Rule 8.602–E: American Century Mid Cap Growth Impact ETF and American Century Sustainable Equity ETF. The proposed change is available on the Exchange’s website at www.nyse.com, 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 self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of those 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 parts of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to add new NYSE Arca Rule 8.602–E for the purpose of permitting the listing and trading, or trading pursuant to unlimited trading privileges (“UTP”), of Actively Managed Solution Shares, which are securities issued by an actively managed open-end investment management company. The Exchange also proposes to list and trade shares (“Shares”) of the following under proposed NYSE Arca Rule 8.602–E: American Century Mid Cap Growth Impact ETF and American Century Sustainable Equity ETF (each a “Fund” and, collectively, the “Funds”).

Proposed Listing Rules

Proposed Rule 8.602–E (a) provides that the Exchange will consider for trading, whether by listing or pursuant to UTP, Actively Managed Solution Shares that meet the criteria of Rule 8.602–E.

Proposed Rule 8.602–E (b) provides that Rule 8.602–E is applicable only to Actively Managed Solution Shares and that, except to the extent inconsistent with Rule 8.602–E, or unless the context otherwise requires, the rules and procedures of the Exchange’s Board of Directors shall be applicable to the trading on the Exchange of such securities. Proposed Rule 8.602–E (b) provides further that Actively Managed Solution Shares are included within the definition of “security” or “securities” as such terms are used in the Rules of the Exchange.

Proposed Rule 8.602–E(c)(1) defines the term “Actively Managed Solution Shares” as a security that (a) represents an interest in a registered investment company (“Investment Company”) organized as an open-end management investment company that invests in a portfolio of securities selected by the Investment Company’s investment adviser consistent with the Investment Company’s investment objectives and policies; (b) is issued in a specified aggregate minimum number of shares equal to a Creation Unit, or multiples thereof, in return for a designated portfolio of securities (and/or an amount of cash) with a value equal to the next determined net asset value; and (c) when aggregated in the same specified aggregate number of shares, or multiples thereof, may be redeemed at the request of an Authorized Participant (as defined in the applicable Investment Company prospectus), which Authorized Participant will be paid a portfolio of securities and/or cash with a value equal to the next determined net asset value (“NAV”).

Proposed Rule 8.602–E(c)(2) defines the term “Actual Portfolio” as the aggregation of securities held by a series of Actively Managed Solution Shares, which aggregation is periodically disclosed in accordance with requirements applicable to open-end management investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (“1940 Act”).

Proposed Rule 8.602–E(c)(3) defines the term “Proxy Portfolio” as a basket of cash and securities that differs from the Actual Portfolio of a series of Actively Managed Solution Shares and that is intended to closely track the daily performance of the Actual Portfolio on any trading day. The Proxy Portfolio will be disseminated each business day on the website for each series of Actively Managed Solution Shares.

Proposed Rule 8.602–E(c)(4) defines the term “Creation Unit” as a specified minimum number of Actively Managed Solution Shares issued by an Investment Company at the request of an Authorized Participant in return for a designated portfolio of securities (and/or an amount of cash) specified each day and a specified number of Actively Managed Solution Shares that may be redeemed to an Investment