

STOCK EXCHANGE			
Regulatory Information Circular			
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**Fund** 

# **Background Information on the Fund**

The ALPS ETF 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 Thomson Reuters/Jefferies CRB Global Commodity Equity Index Fund (the "Fund"). The shares of the Fund are referred to herein as "Shares." ALPS Advisors, Inc. (the "Adviser") is the investment adviser to the Fund. Arrow Investment Advisors, LLC is the investment sub-adviser (the "Sub-Adviser") for the Funds.

The Fund seeks investment results that replicate as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the price and yield performance of the Thomson Reuters/Jefferies-In-The-Ground CRB Global Commodity Equity Index (the "Underlying Index"). The Fund's investment objective is not fundamental and may be changed by the Board of Trustees without shareholder approval.

The Fund, using a low cost "passive" or "indexing" investment approach, seeks to replicate, before fees and expenses, the performance of the Underlying Index. The Fund will normally invest at least 80% of its total assets in the equity securities that comprise the Underlying Index and depositary receipts based on the securities in the Underlying Index. The Fund has adopted a policy that requires the Fund to provide shareholders with at least 60 days notice prior to any material change in this policy. The Board of Trustees of the Trust may change the Fund's investment strategy and other policies without shareholder approval, except as otherwise indicated.

The Sub-Adviser seeks a correlation over time of 0.95 or better between the Fund's performance, before fees and expenses, and the performance of the Underlying Index. A figure of 1.00 would represent perfect correlation.

The Fund generally will invest in all of the securities that comprise the Underlying Index in proportion to their weightings in the Underlying Index. However, under various circumstances, it may not be possible or practicable to purchase all of the securities in the Underlying Index in those weightings. In those circumstances, the Fund may purchase a sample of the securities in the Underlying Index in proportions expected by

the Sub-Adviser to replicate generally the performance of the Underlying Index as a whole. There may also be instances in which the Sub-Adviser may choose to overweight another security in the Underlying Index, purchase (or sell) securities not in the Underlying Index which the Sub-Adviser believes are appropriate to substitute for one or more Underlying Index components or utilize various combinations of other available investment techniques, in seeking to replicate, before fees and expenses, the performance of the Underlying Index. In addition, from time to time securities are added to or removed from the Underlying Index. The Fund may sell securities that are represented in the Underlying Index or purchase securities that are not yet represented in the Underlying Index in anticipation of their removal from or addition to the Underlying Index.

The Underlying Index is a modified capitalization-weighted, float-adjusted, rules-based index designed to track the overall performance of a global universe of listed companies engaged in the production and distribution of commodities and commodity-related products and services in the following sectors: agriculture, base/industrial metals, energy and precious metals.

The agriculture sector includes companies engaged in the manufacture and production of seeds, traits (seed characteristics attained through genetic modification), chemicals and fertilizers, farm machinery, equipment and irrigation, agricultural products, and livestock and aquaculture. The base/industrial metals sector includes companies engaged in the production of aluminum, steel, uranium, and diversified metals and mining. The energy sector includes companies engaged in the production of coal and consumable fuels, integrated oil and gas, oil and gas exploration and production, oil and gas drilling, oil and gas equipment and services, oil and gas refining and marketing, and oil and gas storage and transportation (excluding shipping). The precious metals sector includes companies engaged in the mining and production of gold and precious metals and minerals.

The Underlying Index is divided into the four sectors described above. The Index Provider seeks to use production data to assign the fixed aggregate weight of each sector, standardized based on the average U.S. dollar prices of the relevant commodities. Where production data is unavailable, unreliable or insufficient, the Index Provider seeks to supplement production data and estimates with other types of data that the Index Provider deems reliable. Sector weights are revised annually and may be changed in connection with the June rebalancing, with at least fourteen days of prior public disclosure. Sector weights are revised annually. Individual companies are weighted within their sectors based on a capitalization weighting methodology, adjusted for free float and then modified by the applicable sector weight. Company weights may be further modified, if required, to ensure compliance with the diversification requirements of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code"), and to account for other considerations set forth in the official rule book. The methodology used by the Index Provider to determine sector weighting in the Underlying Index seeks to include commodities based on the relative dollar value of such commodities produced annually worldwide. The methodology does not seek to equally weight each sector in the Underlying Index and, furthermore, there is no limitation on the portion of the Underlying Index that may be focused in one of the four sectors.

As of June 30, 2009, the Underlying Index included 150 securities of companies with a market capitalization range of between approximately \$1.28 billion and \$366.64 billion. As of that date, approximately 32% of the weight of the Underlying Index reflected companies domiciled in the United States. These values can change over time within the constraints of the existing rulebook for the Underlying Index, and the rulebook can be modified by the Index Committee for the Underlying Index.

The Underlying Index is rebalanced quarterly on the third Friday of the last month of each calendar quarter. Sector weights are adjusted to reflect the annually revised sector weight at each rebalancing. Sector weights are revised annually on the third Friday of June. Share weights of the constituents remain constant between quarters, except in the event of certain types of corporate actions, including stock splits and reverse stock splits. Share weights of the Underlying Index are not adjusted between rebalancing dates for shares issued or shares repurchased.

Please see the Fund's prospectus for additional information concerning the Fund and its investment objectives.

As described more fully in the Trust's prospectus and Statement of Additional Information, the Fund will issue and redeem Shares on a continuous basis at their net asset value ("NAV") only in large blocks of 50,000 Shares (each, a "Creation Unit"). Creation Units will be issued and redeemed principally in-kind for securities included in the underlying index. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, the Shares may not be redeemed with the Fund.

Income dividends, if any, are distributed to shareholders quarterly. Net capital gains are distributed at least annually.

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 the 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 for the Funds will be calculated and disseminated daily after 4:00 pm ET each trading day. 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 guoted by one or more sources.

The registration statement for the Fund describes the various fees and expenses for the Fund's Shares. For a more complete description of the Fund and the underlying Index, visit the Fund's website at <a href="https://www.alpsetfs.com">www.alpsetfs.com</a>.

#### **Purchases and Redemptions in Creation Unit Size**

Exchange members and member organizations are hereby informed that procedures for purchases and redemptions of Shares in Creation Unit Size are described in the Funds' 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 Fund of the principal risks of an investment in the Fund. These include tracking error risk (factors causing the Fund's performance to not match the performance of the underlying index), market trading risk (for example, trading halts, trading above or below net asset value), investment style risk, sector risk, investment approach risk, non-diversification risk, issuer-specific risk, management risk, commodity risk, sector risk and foreign investment risk.

## **Exchange Rules Applicable to Trading in the Shares**

The Shares are considered equity securities, thus rendering trading in the Shares subject to the Exchange's existing rules governing the trading of equity securities.

#### Trading Hours

Trading in the Shares on ISE is on a UTP basis and is subject to ISE equity trading rules. The Shares will trade from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Equity Electronic Assess Members ("Equity EAMs") trading the Shares during the Extended Market Sessions are exposed to the risk of the lack of the calculation or dissemination of underlying index value or intraday indicative value ("IIV"). For certain derivative securities products, an updated underlying index value or IIV may not be calculated or publicly disseminated in the Extended Market hours. Since the underlying index value and IIV are not calculated or widely disseminated during Extended Market hours, an investor who is unable to calculate implied values for certain derivative securities products during Extended Market hours may be at a disadvantage to market professionals.

#### **Trading Halts**

ISE will halt trading in the Shares in accordance with <u>ISE Rule 2101(a)(2)(iii)</u>. The grounds for a halt under this Rule include a halt by the primary market because it stops trading the Shares and/or a halt because dissemination of the IIV or applicable currency spot price has ceased, or a halt for other regulatory reasons. In addition, ISE will stop trading the Shares if the primary market de-lists the Shares.

#### **Delivery of a Prospectus**

Pursuant to federal securities laws, investors purchasing Shares must receive a prospectus prior to or concurrently with the confirmation of a transaction. Investors purchasing Shares directly from the Fund (by delivery of the Deposit Amount) must also receive a prospectus.

Prospectuses may be obtained through the Distributor or on the Fund's website. The Prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement (including the exhibits to the registration statement), parts of which have been omitted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC. For further information about the Fund, please refer to the Trust's registration statement.

# 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 Fund.

## 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 Commission issued a No-Action Letter by which persons participating in a distribution of shares of a fund may engage in secondary market transactions in such shares during their participation in such a distribution, despite the requirements of from Rule 101 under Regulation M. In addition, the SEC has permitted persons who may be deemed to be participating in the distribution of shares of a fund (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 Commission has clarified that the tender of fund shares to the Fund for redemption does not constitute a bid for or purchase of any of the Funds' securities during the restricted period of Rule 101. The Commission has issued a No-Action Letter to paragraph (e) of Rule 102 under Regulation M which allow the redemption of fund shares in creation unit aggregations during the continuous offering of shares.

# <u>Customer Confirmations for Creation or Redemption of Fund Shares (SEC Rule 10b-10)</u>

Broker–dealers who handle purchases or redemptions of Fund shares in Creation Units 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 the Fund for purposes of purchasing creation unit aggregations ("Deposit Securities") or the identity, number and price of shares to be delivered by the Trust 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

The Commission has permitted any person acting as a dealer-manager of a tender offer for a component security of 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 has been issued under Rule 14e-5 states that if a broker-dealer acting as a dealer-manager of a tender offer for a security of the 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, it must be 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
- ii. 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
- iii. 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 Commission 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 a 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 dated November 22, 2005 from Brian A Bussey, Assistant Chief Counsel, Division of Market Regulation, to Barclays Global Investors, N.A., dated November 22, 2005. The Commission has issued a No-Action Letter under Section 11(d)(1) of the Act states 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 Rule15c1-5 and Rule15c1-6 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.

This Regulatory Information Circular is not a statutory Prospectus. Equity EAMs should consult the Trust's Registration Statement, SAI, Prospectus and the Fund's website for relevant information.

# Appendix A

Ticker Fund Name Cusip
CRBQ Thomson Reuters/Jefferies CRG Global Commodity
Equity Index Fund 00162Q304