

# Information Circular: Greenhaven Continuous Commodity Index Fund

To: Head Traders, Technical Contacts, Compliance Officers, Heads of ETF

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Greenhaven Continuous Commodity Index Fund GCC 395258106

### **Background Information on the Fund**

As more fully explained in the Registration Statement (No. 333-138424), the Greenhaven Continuous Commodity Index Fund (the "Fund") was formed as a Delaware statutory trust on October 27, 2006. The Fund will issue common units of beneficial interest, or Shares, which represent units of fractional undivided beneficial interest in and ownership of the Fund. The term of the Fund is perpetual (unless terminated earlier in certain circumstances).

The Greenhaven Continuous Commodity Index Master Fund (the "Master Fund") was formed as a Delaware statutory trust on October 27, 2006. The Master Fund will issue common units of beneficial interest, or Master Fund Units, which represent units of fractional undivided beneficial interest in and ownership of the Master Fund. The term of the Master Fund is perpetual (unless terminated earlier in certain circumstances).

The Fund will invest substantially all of its assets in the Master Fund in a master-feeder structure. The Fund will hold no investment assets other than Master Fund Units. The Master Fund will be wholly-owned by the Fund and the Managing Owner, Greenhaven Commodity Services LLC. Each Share issued by the Fund will correlate with a Master Fund Unit issued by the Master Fund and held by the Fund.

The investment objective of the Fund, through its investment in the Master Fund, is to reflect the performance of the Continuous Commodity Total Return Index (the "Index"), over time, less the expenses of the Fund and the Master Fund's overall operations.

The Index is notionally composed of commodity futures contracts on physical commodities. Unlike equities, which typically entitle the holder to a continuing stake in a corporation, commodity futures contracts normally specify a certain date for the delivery of the underlying physical commodity. In order to avoid the delivery process

and maintain a long futures position, contracts nearing a delivery date must be sold and contracts that have not yet reached delivery must be purchased. This process is known as "rolling" a futures position. The Index is commonly known as a "rolling index" because it replaces futures contracts as they approach maturity by notionally selling and purchasing off-setting contracts to avoid delivery and maintain exposure in liquid contracts.

The Index offers investors a broad measure of overall commodity price trends because of the diverse nature of the 17 commodities of which it is comprised and because it incorporates an average of prices across time within each commodity. The current commodities that comprise the Index are: Corn, Wheat, Soybeans, Live Cattle, Lean Hogs, Gold, Silver, Copper, Cocoa, Coffee, Sugar #11, Cotton, Orange Juice, Platinum, Crude Oil, Heating Oil and Natural Gas. The Index is weighted evenly among the 17 constituent commodities, which is intended to reduce the impact a single contract month or a single commodity may have on the Index.

The Managing Owner was formed on October 18, 2006. Neither the Managing Owner nor any of its trading principals has ever before operated a commodity pool. The Managing Owner will serve as the commodity pool operator and commodity trading advisor of the Fund and the Master Fund. The Managing Owner is registered as a commodity pool operator and commodity trading advisor with the CFTC and is a member of the NFA. As a registered commodity pool operator and commodity trading advisor, with respect to both the Fund and the Master Fund, the Managing Owner is required to comply with various regulatory requirements under the Commodity Exchange Act and the rules and regulations of the CFTC and the NFA, including investor protection requirements, antifraud prohibitions, disclosure requirements, and reporting and recordkeeping requirements. The Managing Owner is also subject to periodic inspections and audits by the CFTC and NFA.

As described more fully in the prospectus and the registration statement for the Fund, the Fund issues Shares on a continuous basis. The Fund issues and redeems Shares only in blocks of 50,000 Shares or integral multiples thereof to Authorized Participants. A block of 50,000 Shares is called a "Basket" or "Creation Basket."

The NAV is calculated by taking the current market value of the Fund's total assets and subtracting any liabilities. Under the Fund's current operational procedures, the Administrator calculates the NAV of the Fund's Shares as of the earlier of 4:00 p.m. Eastern time ("ET") or the close of the New York Stock Exchange each day. The American Stock Exchange ("Amex") currently calculates an approximate net asset value every 15 seconds throughout each day the Fund's Shares are traded on the AMEX for as long as the NYMEX's main pricing mechanism is open.

The Fund will provide information to its shareholders to the extent required by applicable SEC, CFTC, and Amex requirements. An issuer, such as the Fund, of exchange-traded securities may not always readily know the identities of the investors who own those securities. The Fund will post the same information that would otherwise be provided in the Fund's reports to limited partners, including its monthly account statements, which will include, without limitation, the Fund's NAV, on the Fund's website at <a href="https://www.greenhavenllc.com">www.greenhavenllc.com</a>.

The most recently reported NAV for the Shares will also be available on Amex's website (<a href="www.amex.com">www.amex.com</a>).

The Master Fund will pay the Managing Owner a Management Fee, monthly in arrears, in an amount equal to 0.85% per annum of the net asset value of the Master Fund. No separate management fee will be paid by the Fund.

The Shares are evidenced by global certificates that the Fund issues to the Depository Trust Company ("DTC"). The Shares are available only in book-entry form. Shareholders may hold their Shares through DTC, if they are participants in DTC, or indirectly through entities that are participants in DTC. The Master Fund Units are uncertificated and held by the Fund in book-entry form.

Investors should note that there is no regulated source of last-sale information regarding physical commodities, such as crude oil, copper and platinum. Also, the Securities & Exchange Commission (the "SEC") has no regulatory jurisdiction over the trading of physical commodities. Instead, that responsibility lies with the CFTC.

The registration statement for the Fund describes the various fees and expenses for the Shares. For a complete description of the Fund, please refer to the Fund's website at <a href="https://www.greenhavenllc.com">www.greenhavenllc.com</a>.

### **Indicative Fund Value**

In order to provide updated information relating to the Fund for use by investors, professionals and persons wishing to create or redeem Units, the Amex disseminates through the facilities of Consolidated Tape Association ("CTA"), an updated Indicative Fund Value (the "IFV"). The IFV is disseminated on a per Share basis every 15 seconds during regular Amex trading hours of 9:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. ET.

## Creation and Redemption of Units

The Fund will create and redeem Shares from time-to-time, but only in one or more Baskets. A Basket is a block of 50,000 Shares. Baskets may be created or redeemed only by Authorized Participants. Except when aggregated in Baskets, the Shares are not redeemable securities. Authorized Participants pay a transaction fee of \$500 to the Fund in connection with each order to create or redeem a Basket of Shares. Authorized Participants may sell the Shares included in the Baskets they purchase from the Fund to other investors.

Baskets may be created or redeemed only by Authorized Participants. Each Authorized Participant must (1) be a registered broker-dealer or other securities market participant such as a bank or other financial institution which is not required to register as a broker-dealer to engage in securities transactions, (2) be a participant in the DTC, and (3) have entered into a participant agreement with the Fund and the Managing Owner, or a Participant Agreement. The Participant Agreement sets forth the procedures for the creation and redemption of Baskets of Shares and for the delivery of cash required for such creations or redemptions. A list of the current Authorized Participants can be obtained from the Administrator. A similar agreement between the Fund and the Master Fund sets forth the procedures for the creation and redemption of Master Unit Baskets by the Fund.

The Master Fund will create and redeem Master Fund Units from time-to-time, but only in one or more Master Unit Baskets. A Master Unit Basket is a block of 50,000 Master Fund Units. Master Unit Baskets may be created or redeemed only by the

Fund. The Fund pays a transaction fee of \$500 to the Master Fund in connection with each order to create or redeem a Master Unit Basket of Master Fund Units. The Master Fund will be wholly-owned by the Fund and the Managing Owner. Each Share issued by the Fund will correlate with a Master Fund Unit issued by the Master Fund and held by the Fund. See "Creation and Redemption of Shares" for more details.

The Fund's prospectus and registration statement describe additional procedures and requirements that apply to the creation and redemptions of Shares.

#### **Investment Risks**

NASDAQ members are referred to the Fund's prospectus and registration statement for a more detailed description of risks associated with an investment in the Shares of the Fund. Some of the risks involved in an investment in the Fund include:

- Commodity trading is highly speculative and the Index, on which the Master Fund's trading will be based, is likely to be volatile and could suffer from periods of prolonged decline in value.
- The Fund, the Master Fund and the Managing Owner have no operating history.
- The Fund, Master Fund and the Managing Owner are subject to numerous conflicts of interest, including those arising from the fact that the Managing Owner may also serve as the managing owner and commodity pool operator for other commodity pools and investment funds, and may sponsor others.
- CFTC and commodity exchange rules impose speculative position limits on market participants trading in certain commodities included in the Index. If position limits are applied to the Master Fund, the Fund's ability to issue new Baskets, or the Master Fund's ability to reinvest income in these additional futures contracts may be limited to the extent these activities would cause the Master Fund to exceed applicable position limits. Limiting the size of the Fund may affect the correlation between the price of the Shares, as traded on the Amex, and the net asset value of the Fund. That is, the inability to create additional Baskets could result in Shares trading at a premium or discount to net asset value of the Fund.
- Performance may not track the Index during particular periods or over the long term. Such tracking error may cause the Fund to outperform or underperform the Index.
- The Fund and the Master Fund are subject to the fees and expenses described herein and will be successful only if significant losses are avoided. To breakeven in one year on Shares purchased during the initial offering period, the Fund must not generate, on an annual basis, losses in excess of 2.65%. To break even in one year on Shares purchased during the continuous offering period, the Fund must not generate, on an annual basis, losses in excess of 2.65%.

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

Trading in the Units on NASDAQ is on a UTP basis and is subject to NASDAQ equity trading rules. In particular, market makers in the Units of the Trust should note that they are subject to NASDAQ Rule 4630. Under that rule:

Information Barriers — Market Makers must establish adequate information barriers when engaging in inter-departmental communications and should refer to the NASD/NYSE Joint Memo on Chinese Wall Policies and Procedures in NASD Notice to Members 91-45 for guidance on the minimum elements of adequate information barriers. For purposes of the Units only, "inter-departmental" communications include communications to other departments within the same firm or the firm's affiliates that involve trading in an underlying commodity, related commodity futures, options on commodity futures, forward contracts or swaps, or any other related commodity derivatives. Market Makers are also responsible for establishing adequate written supervisory procedures regarding these and other commodity-related securities in which they make markets.

Market Maker Accounts — Market Makers will be required to file and keep current a list identifying all accounts for trading in an underlying commodity, related commodity futures, options on commodity futures, forward contracts or swaps, or any other related commodity derivatives, that the Market Maker may have or over which it may exercise investment discretion. No Market Maker shall trade in an account that has not been reported as required by Rule 4630.

**Books and Records** — Market Makers will be required to make available to NASDAQ Regulation such books, records or other information pertaining to transactions in the underlying commodity, related commodity futures, options on commodity futures, forward contracts or swaps, or any other related commodity derivatives, as may be requested by NASDAQ Regulation.

**Material Non-Public Information** — In connection with trading the Units or the underlying commodity, related commodity futures, options on commodity futures, forward contracts or swaps, or any other related commodity derivatives, Market Makers will not be permitted to use any material non-public information received from any person associated with the Market Maker or employee of such person regarding trading by such person or employee in the underlying commodity, related commodity futures, options on commodity futures, forward contracts or swaps, or any other related commodity derivatives.

Market Makers currently trading these Units must complete the Market Maker Disclosure Report for Commodity-Related Securities form and establish written supervisory procedures for trading these Units.

## Purchases and Redemptions in Creation Unit Size

NASDAQ members are hereby informed that procedures for purchases and redemptions of Shares in Creation Unit Size are described in the Trust's prospectus and SAI, and that Shares are not individually redeemable but are redeemable only in Creation Unit Size aggregations or multiples thereof.

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

Trading in the Shares on NASDAQ is on a UTP basis and is subject to <u>NASDAQ equity</u> trading rules.

### **Trading Hours**

The values of the Index underlying the Shares are disseminated to data vendors every 15 seconds. The Shares will trade on NASDAQ between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. ET, unless otherwise indicated. Additional risks may exist with respect to trading the Fund during Nasdaq's Pre-Market and Post-Market sessions, when the Index's value may not be disseminated.

#### **Suitability**

Trading in the Shares on NASDAQ will be subject to the provisions of <u>NASDAQ Rule 2310</u>. Members recommending transactions in the Shares to customers should make a determination that the recommendation is suitable for the customer. In addition, members must possess sufficient information to satisfy the "know your customer" obligation that is embedded in the NASDAQ Conduct Rules.

Members also should review NASD Notice to Members 03-71 for guidance on trading these products. The Notice reminds members of their obligations to: (1) conduct adequate due diligence to understand the features of the product; (2) perform a reasonable-basis suitability analysis; (3) perform customer-specific suitability analysis in connection with any recommended transactions; (4) provide a balanced disclosure of both the risks and rewards associated with the particular product, especially when selling to retail investors; (5) implement appropriate internal controls; and (6) train registered persons regarding the features, risk and suitability of these products.

## **Trading Halts**

NASDAQ will halt trading in the Shares of the Fund in accordance with NASDAQ Rule 4120. The grounds for a halt under NASDAQ Rule 4120 include a halt by the primary market because the intraday indicative value of the Fund and/or the value of its underlying index are not being disseminated as required, or a halt for other regulatory reasons. In addition, NASDAQ will also stop trading the Shares of the Fund if the primary market de-lists the Fund.

# **Delivery of a Prospectus**

NASDAQ members should be mindful of applicable prospectus delivery requirements under the federal securities laws with respect to transactions in the Fund.

Prospectuses may be obtained through the <u>Fund's website</u>. The prospectus for the Fund does not contain all of the information set forth in the Fund's registration statement (including the exhibits to the registration statement), parts of which have been omitted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). For further information about the Fund, please refer to the registration statement.

In the event that the Fund relies upon an order by the SEC exempting the Shares from certain prospectus delivery requirements under Section 24(d) of the 1940 Act and in the future make available a written product description, NASDAQ Rule 4420(j)(2) requires that NASDAQ members provide to all purchasers of Shares a written description of the terms and characteristics of such securities, in a form prepared by the Trust for the Fund, no later than the time a confirmation of the first transaction in the Shares is delivered to such purchaser. In addition, NASDAQ members shall include such a written description with any sales material relating to the Shares that is provided to customers or the public. Any other written materials provided by a NASDAQ member to customers or the public making specific reference to the Shares as an investment vehicle must include a statement in substantially the following form: "A circular describing the terms and characteristics of the Shares of the Fund has been prepared by the Trust and is available from your broker. It is recommended that you obtain and review such circular before purchasing Shares of the Fund. In addition, upon request you may obtain from your broker a prospectus for Shares of the Fund."

A NASDAQ member carrying an omnibus account for a non-member broker-dealer is required to inform such non-member that execution of an order to purchase Shares for such omnibus account will be deemed to constitute agreement by the non-member to make such written description available to its customers on the same terms as are directly applicable to NASDAQ member under this rule.

Upon request of a customer, NASDAQ members also shall provide a copy of the Prospectus.

# **Exemptive, Interpretive and No-Action Relief Under Federal Securities Regulations**

The SEC has issued exemptive, interpretive or no-action relief from certain provisions of rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") regarding trading in the above mentioned exchange-traded 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 SEC has granted an exemption from Rule 101 under Regulation M to permit persons participating in a distribution of shares of the above-mentioned Fund to engage in secondary market transactions in such shares during their participation in such a distribution. In addition, the SEC has granted relief under Regulation M to permit persons who may be deemed to be participating in the distribution of Shares of the above-mentioned 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 SEC 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 Fund's securities during the restricted period of Rule 101. The SEC has also granted an exemption pursuant to paragraph (e) of Rule 102 under Regulation M to allow the redemption of Fund Shares in Creation Unit Aggregations during the continuous offering of Shares.

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

Broker-dealers who handle purchases or redemptions of Fund Shares in Creation Unit size for customers will be permitted to provide such customers with a statement of the number of Creation Unit Aggregations created or redeemed without providing a statement of the identity, number and price of shares of the individual securities tendered to 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 for the Fund to the redeeming holder ("Redemption Securities"). The composition of the securities required to be tendered to the Fund for creation purposes and of the securities to be delivered on redemption will be disseminated each business day and will be applicable to requests for creations or redemption, as the case may be, on that day. This exemptive relief under Rule 10b-10 with respect to creations and redemptions is subject to the following conditions:

- Confirmations to customers engaging in creations or redemptions must state that all information required by Rule 10b-10 will be provided upon request;
- 2) Any such request by a customer for information required by Rule 10b-10 will be filed in a timely manner, in accordance with Rule 10b-10(c);
- 3) Except for the identity, number and price of shares of the component securities of the Deposit Securities and Redemption Securities, as described above, confirmations to customers must disclose all other information required by Rule 10b-10(a).

#### SEC Rule 14e-5

An exemption from Rule 14e-5 has been granted to permit any person acting as a dealer-manager of a tender offer for a component security of the Fund (1) to redeem Fund Shares in Creation Unit Aggregations from the issuer that may include a security subject to such tender offer and (2) to purchase Fund Shares during such tender offer. In addition, a no-action position has been taken under Rule 14e-5 if a broker-dealer acting as a dealer-manager of a tender offer for a security of 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, if made in conformance with the following:

1) 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

- purchases are effected as adjustments to such basket in the ordinary course of business as a result of a change in the composition of the underlying index; and
- 3) such bids or purchases are not effected for the purpose of facilitating such tender offer.

#### Section 11(d)(1); SEC Rules 11d1-1 and 11d1-2

Section 11(d)(1) of the Act generally prohibits a person who is both a broker and a dealer from effecting any transaction in which the broker-dealer extends credit to a customer on any security which was part of a new issue in the distribution of which he participated as a member of a selling syndicate or group within thirty days prior to such transaction. The SEC has clarified that Section 11(d)(1) does not apply to broker-dealers that are not Authorized Participants (and, therefore, do not create Creation Unit Aggregations) that engage in both proprietary and customer transactions in Shares of the Fund in the secondary market, and for broker-dealer Authorized Participants that engage in creations of Creation Unit Aggregations. This relief is subject to specific conditions, including the condition that such broker-dealer (whether or not an Authorized Participant) does not, directly or indirectly, receive from the fund complex any payment, compensation or other economic incentive to promote or sell the Shares of the Fund to persons outside the fund complex, other than non-cash compensation permitted under NASD Rule 2830(I)(5)(A), (B) or (C). (See <u>letter</u> from Catherine McGuire, Chief Counsel, SEC Division of Market Regulation, to Securities Industry Association, Derivative Products Committee, dated November 21, 2005.) The SEC also has taken a no-action position under Section 11(d)(1) of the Act that broker-dealers may treat Shares of the Fund, for purposes of Rule 11d1-2, as "securities issued by a registered open-end investment company as defined in the Investment Company Act" and thereby extend credit or maintain or arrange for the extension or maintenance of credit on Shares that have been owned by the persons to whom credit is provided for more than 30 days, in reliance on the exemption contained in the rule.

#### SEC Rule 15c1-5 and 15c1-6

The SEC has taken a no-action position with respect to Rule 15c1-5 and Rule 15c1-6 as to the required disclosure of control by a broker or dealer with respect to creations and redemptions of Fund Shares and secondary market transactions therein. (See <a href="Letter">Letter</a> from Catherine McGuire, Chief Counsel, SEC Division of Market Regulation, to Securities Industry Association, Derivative Products Committee, dated November 21, 2005.)

This Information Circular is not a statutory prospectus. NASDAQ members should consult the Fund's prospectus and/or the Fund's website for relevant information.

Inquiries regarding this Information Circular should be directed to:

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