





# INFORMATION CIRCULAR: J.P. MORGAN EXCHANGE-TRADED FUND TRUST

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## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE FUNDS**

J.P. Morgan Exchange-Traded Fund 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 Funds listed above (each, a "Fund" and together, the "Funds"). The shares of the Fund are referred to herein as "Shares." J.P. Morgan Investment Management Inc. (the "Adviser") is the investment adviser to the Funds.

# JPMorgan Diversified Return International Currency Hedged ETF

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The Fund seeks investment results that closely correspond, before fees and expenses, to the performance of the FTSE Developed ex North America Diversified Factor 100% Hedged to USD Index (the "Underlying Index"). The Underlying Index has been developed to represent international stock performance with the foreign currency risk of the securities included in the Underlying Index hedged against the U.S. dollar on a monthly basis. The Underlying Index is comprised of equity securities from developed global markets (excluding North America) selected to represent a diversified set of factor characteristics, originally developed by the adviser. FTSE International Limited is the Index Provider. Holdings in the Underlying Index are selected by the Index Provider primarily from the constituents of the FTSE Developed ex North America Index, a larger FTSE index, which is comprised of large- and mid-cap equity securities in developed markets outside of North America. Through diversification, the Underlying Index is designed to more evenly distribute risk to minimize risk concentrations in regions and sectors. In the Underlying Index, weightings to regions and sectors are adjusted based on their historical volatility to diversify their contribution to the overall risk of the

portfolio. The Underlying Index is diversified across certain countries in the following countries and/or regions: United Kingdom, Europe ex United Kingdom, Japan, Pacific ex Japan, and across the following sectors: consumer services, consumer goods, financials, health care, industrials, materials, oil & gas, technology, telecommunications and utilities. The rules based proprietary multi-factor selection process utilizes the following characteristics: relative valuation, price momentum, low volatility, and specific market capitalization. The weightings to the individual characteristics are also adjusted based on each's contribution to the overall risk of the portfolio. The Underlying Index's securities are large- and mid-cap equity securities of companies from developed countries, including common stock, preferred stock and real estate investment trusts (REITs). As of January 31, 2016, the market capitalizations of the companies in the Underlying Index ranged from \$911 million to \$181.5 billion. The equity positions in both the Underlying Index and the Underlying Fund are rebalanced quarterly.

Currently, the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing a substantial portion of its assets in the Underlying Fund, which is a passive fund investing in the same securities held in the Underlying Index, but the Underlying Fund does not include the currency hedge component. The Fund will invest at least 80% of its Assets in securities included in the Underlying Index (including indirect investments through the Underlying Fund). For purposes of investing at least 80% of its Assets in securities included in the Underlying Index, the Fund will invest in equity securities (including through the Underlying Fund) and foreign currency forward contracts (both deliverable and non-deliverable) designed to hedge against non-U.S. currency fluctuations and may invest in depositary receipts representing securities included in the Underlying Index (including through the Underlying Fund). "Assets" means net assets, plus the amount of borrowing for investment purposes.

The Fund, using a "passive" or indexing investment approach, attempts to closely correspond to the performance of the Underlying Index. The Adviser expects that, over time, the correlation between the Fund's performance before fees and expenses and that of the Underlying Index will be 95% or better. A figure of 100% would indicate perfect correlation. Unlike many investment companies, the Fund does not seek to outperform the Underlying Index and does not seek temporary defensive positions when markets decline or appear overvalued.

The Adviser uses a "representative sampling" index strategy to manage the Fund. In representative sampling, securities are chosen in order to attempt to approximate the investment characteristics of the constituent securities but the Fund does not hold all the constituent securities. It allows the Fund to hold a significant number of the constituent securities of its Underlying Index (through the Underlying Fund), but the Fund may not track its Underlying Index with the same degree of accuracy as would an investment vehicle replicating the Underlying Index.

The Underlying Index applies a one month forward rate to the total value of the non-U.S. dollar denominated securities included in the Underlying Index to effectively create a "hedge" against fluctuations in the relative value of the currencies represented in the Underlying Index in relation to the U.S. dollar. The hedge is reset on a monthly basis. The Underlying Index is designed to have higher returns than an equivalent unhedged investment when the currencies represented in the Underlying Index are weakening relative to the U.S. dollar. Conversely, the Underlying Index is designed to have lower returns than an equivalent unhedged investment when the currencies represented in the Underlying Index are rising relative to the U.S. dollar.

In order to attempt to track the "hedging" component of the Underlying Index, the Fund intends to enter into foreign currency forward contracts which may include both physically settled forward contracts and non-deliverable forward contracts (NDFs). These contracts are designed to offset the Fund's exposure to the currencies represented in the Underlying Index. Consistent with the Underlying Index, the "hedging component" for the Fund will be reset on a monthly basis. A foreign currency forward contract is a contract between two parties to buy or sell a specified amount of a specific currency in the future at an agreed upon exchange rate. The Fund may use NDFs to execute its hedging transactions. An NDF is a contract where there is no physical settlement of two currencies at maturity. Rather, based on the movement of the currencies, a net cash settlement will be made by one party to the other. The Fund's exposure to foreign currency forward contracts and NDFs is based on the aggregate exposure of the Fund to the currencies represented in the Underlying Index.

Due to fluctuation in asset values, the currency hedge, which is set at the beginning of the month, will not be fully replicated during the month. As a result, the Fund may hold up to 20% of its Assets in cash or short-term investments, such as shares of a JPMorgan money market fund, if Shares are created during the month.

To the extent that the securities in the Underlying Fund's underlying index are concentrated in one or more industries or groups of industries, the Underlying Fund may concentrate in such industries or groups of industries.

## JPMorgan Diversified Return Europe Currency Hedged ETF

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The Fund seeks investment results that closely correspond, before fees and expenses, to the performance of the FTSE Developed Europe Diversified Factor 100% Hedged to USD Index (the "Index"). The Index has been developed to represent European stock performance with the foreign currency risk of the securities included in the Index hedged against the U.S. dollar on a monthly basis. The Index is comprised of equity securities from across developed Europe selected to represent a diversified set of factor characteristics, originally developed by the adviser. FTSE International Limited is the Index Provider. Holdings in the Index are selected by the Index Provider primarily from the constituents of the FTSE Developed Europe Index, a larger FTSE index, which is comprised of large- and mid-cap equity securities in developed European markets. Through diversification, the Index is designed to more evenly distribute risk to minimize risk concentrations in sectors. In the Index, weightings to sectors are adjusted based on their historical volatility to diversify their contribution to the overall risk of the portfolio. The Index is diversified across the following sectors: Consumer Goods, Consumer Services, Financials, Health Care, Industrials, Basic Materials, Oil & Gas, Technology, Telecommunications, and Utilities. The rules based proprietary multi-factor selection process utilizes the following characteristics: valuation, momentum, and quality. The Index's securities are large- and mid-cap equity securities of companies from developed European countries, including common stock and preferred stock. As of November 30, 2015, the market capitalizations of the companies in the Index ranged from \$2.2 billion to \$232.6 billion. The equity positions in both the Index and the Underlying Fund are rebalanced quarterly.

Currently, the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing a substantial portion of its assets in the Underlying Fund, which is a passive fund investing in the same securities held in the

Index, but the Fund does not include the currency hedge component. The Fund will invest at least 80% of its Assets in securities included in the Index (including indirect investments through the Underlying Fund). For purposes of investing at least 80% of its Assets in securities included in the Index, the Fund will invest in European equity securities (including through the Underlying Fund) and foreign currency forward contracts (both deliverable and non-deliverable) designed to hedge against non-U.S. currency fluctuations and may invest in depositary receipts representing securities included in the Index (including through the Underlying Fund). "Assets" means net assets, plus the amount of borrowing for investment purposes.

The Fund, using a "passive" or indexing investment approach, attempts to closely correspond to the performance of the Index. The Adviser expects that, over time, the correlation between the Fund's performance before fees and expenses and that of the Underlying Index will be 95% or better. A figure of 100% would indicate perfect correlation. Unlike many investment companies, the Fund does not seek to outperform the Index and does not seek temporary defensive positions when markets decline or appear overvalued.

The Adviser uses a "representative sampling" index strategy to manage the Fund. In representative sampling, securities are chosen in order to attempt to approximate the investment characteristics of the constituent securities, but the Fund does not hold all the constituent securities. It allows the Fund to hold a significant number of the constituent securities of its Index (through the Underlying Fund), but the Fund may not track its Index with the same degree of accuracy as would an investment vehicle replicating the Index.

The Index applies a one month forward rate to the total value of the non-U.S. dollar denominated securities included in the Index to effectively create a "hedge" against fluctuations in the relative value of the currencies represented in the Index in relation to the U.S. dollar. The hedge is reset on a monthly basis. The Index is designed to have higher returns than an equivalent unhedged investment when the currencies represented in the Index are weakening relative to the U.S. dollar. Conversely, the Index is designed to have lower returns than an equivalent unhedged investment when the currencies represented in the Index are rising relative to the U.S. dollar.

In order to attempt to track the "hedging" component of the Index, the Fund intends to enter into foreign currency forward contracts which may include both physically settled forward contracts and non-deliverable forward contracts (NDFs). These contracts are designed to offset the Fund's exposure to the currencies represented in the Index. Consistent with the Index, the "hedging component" for the Fund will be reset on a monthly basis. A foreign currency forward contract is a contract between two parties to buy or sell a specified amount of a specific currency in the future at an agreed upon exchange rate. The Fund may use NDFs to execute its hedging transactions. An NDF is a contract where there is no physical settlement of two currencies at maturity. Rather, based on the movement of the currencies, a net cash settlement will be made by one party to the other. The Fund's exposure to foreign currency forward contracts and NDFs is based on the aggregate exposure of the Fund to the currencies represented in the Index.

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To the extent that the securities in the Underlying Fund's underlying index are concentrated in one or more industries or groups of industries, the Underlying Fund may concentrate in such industries or groups of industries.

For more information regarding each Fund's investment strategy, please read the prospectus for the Funds.

As described more fully in the Trust's prospectus and Statement of Additional Information ("SAI"), the Funds issue and redeem Shares at net asset value ("NAV") only in large blocks of 50,000 Shares (each block of Shares called a "Creation Unit"). As a practical matter, only broker-dealers or large institutional investors with creation and redemption agreements (called Authorized Participants) can purchase or redeem these Creation Units. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, the Shares may not be redeemed with the Funds.

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 each 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 of each Fund is determined each business day after the close of trading (ordinarily 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time or "ET") of the New York Stock Exchange. 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 quoted by one or more sources.

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

# **PURCHASES AND REDEMPTIONS IN CREATION UNIT SIZE**

NASDAQ members, BX members and PHLX members and member organizations are hereby informed that procedures for purchases and redemptions of Shares in Creation Unit Size are described in the Trust's 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 Funds of the principal risks of an investment in the Funds. These include tracking error risk (factors causing a Fund's performance to not match the performance of its underlying index), market trading risk (for example, trading halts, trading above or below net asset value), investment in the underlying fund risk, general market risk, general market risk, management risk, equity market risk, currency risk, geographic focus risk, foreign securities risk, Index Related risk, sampling risk, passive management risk, derivatives risk, mid-cap company risk, ETF shares trading risk, authorized participant concentration risk, and industry and sector focus risk.

#### **EXCHANGE RULES APPLICABLE TO TRADING IN THE SHARES**

Trading in the Shares on NASDAQ is on a UTP basis and is subject to NASDAQ equity trading rules. Trading of the Shares on BX is on a UTP basis and is subject to BX equity trading rules. Trading of the Shares on PHLX's PSX system is on a UTP basis and is subject to PHLX rules.

## **TRADING HOURS**

The values of each 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. The Shares will trade on BX between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. ET. The Shares will trade on PSX between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET. For trading during each market's pre-market and post-market sessions, market participants should note that additional risks may exist with respect to trading the Funds during these sessions, when the underlying index's values, intraday indicative value, or similar value may not be disseminated or calculated.

## **DISSEMINATION OF FUND DATA**

The Consolidated Tape Association will disseminate real time trade and quote information for the Funds to Tape B.

Fund Name	Listing Market	Trading Symbol	IOPV Symbol	NAV Symbol
JPMorgan Diversified Return International Currency Hedged ETF	ARCA	JPIH	JPIH.IV	JPIH.NV
JPMorgan Diversified Return Europe Currency Hedged ETF	ARCA	JPEH	JPEH.IV	JPEH.NV

# **SUITABILITY**

Trading in the Shares on NASDAQ will be subject to the provisions of NASDAQ Rule 2310. Trading in the Shares on BX will be subject to the provisions of BX Equity Rule 2310. Shares trading on PSX will be subject to the provisions of PHLX Rule 763. Members and member organizations 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 both the NASDAQ Conduct Rules and the BX Conduct Rules.

NASDAQ members, BX members and PHLX members and member organizations should also 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 a Fund in accordance with NASDAQ Rule 4120. BX will halt trading in the Shares of a Fund in accordance with BX Equity Rule 4120. PHLX will halt trading in the Shares of a Fund in accordance with PHLX Rule 3100. The grounds for a halt under these rules include a halt by the primary market because the intraday indicative value of the Fund, the value of its underlying index, or a similar value are not being disseminated as required, or a halt for other regulatory reasons. In addition, NASDAQ, BX and PHLX will also stop trading the Shares of a Fund if the primary market delists the Fund.

## **DELIVERY OF A PROSPECTUS**

NASDAQ members, BX members and PHLX members and member organizations should be mindful of applicable prospectus delivery requirements under the federal securities laws with respect to transactions in the Funds.

Prospectuses may be obtained through the Funds' website. The prospectus for the Funds does not contain all of the information set forth in the Funds' 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 Funds, please refer to the registration statement.

In the event that the Funds rely 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 Rules 5705 and 5740, BX Equity Rules 4420 and 4421, and PHLX Rule 803 require that members and member organizations, respectively, 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 Funds, no later than the time a confirmation of the first transaction in the Shares is delivered to such purchaser. In addition, members and member organizations 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 members or member organizations 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."

Any NASDAQ, BX or PHLX member or member organization 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 members, BX members and PHLX members or member organizations under this rule.

Upon request of a customer, NASDAQ members, BX members and PHLX members or member organizations 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 Funds.

## **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 Funds 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 Funds (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 Funds for redemption does not constitute a bid for or purchase of any of the Funds' 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.

# **CUSTOMER CONFIRMATIONS FOR CREATION OR REDEMPTION OF FUND 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 a 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:

- 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**

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 a 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 a 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:

- 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
- 2) 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 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 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 noaction position under Section 11(d)(1) of the Act 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 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 <u>letter</u> 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, BX members and PHLX members and member organizations should consult the Funds' prospectus and/or the Funds' website for relevant information.

Inquiries regarding this Information Circular should be directed to:

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