



Investors Exchange Product Information Circular 2016 - 0975

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Re: Direxion Shares ETF Trust

This Information Circular is being issued to advise you that the following securities have been approved for trading pursuant to unlisted trading privileges (“UTP”) on the Investors Exchange (“IEX” or the “Exchange”) as UTP Derivative Securities pursuant to IEX Rule 16.160. Compliance and supervisory personnel should note that, among other things, this Information Circular discusses the need to deliver a prospectus to customers purchasing shares of the exchange-traded funds. Please forward this Information Circular to interested persons within your organization.

<u>Exchange-Traded Funds</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Large Cap Bull 3x Shares	BGU
Large Cap Bear 3x Shares	BGZ
Small Cap Bull 3x Shares	TNA
Small Cap Bear 3x Shares	TZA
Energy Bull 3X Shares	ERX
Financial Bull 3X Shares	FAS
Energy Bear 3X Shares	ERY
Financial Bear 3X Shares	FAZ

The purpose of this information circular is to outline various rules and policies that will be applicable to trading in these new products pursuant to the Exchange’s unlisted trading privileges, as well as to provide certain characteristics and features of the products. For a more complete description of the Issuer, the securities and the underlying market instruments or indexes, visit the Issuer Website, consult the Prospectus available on the Issuer Website or examine the Issuer Registration Statement or review the most current information bulletin issued by the Primary Listing Exchange.

Background Information on the Funds

As more fully explained in the Registration Statement (No. 333-150525 and 811-22201) for the Trust, the Trust is a registered open-end management investment company currently consisting of separate investment series, i.e., the Funds. The Funds are investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (“1940 Act”), and commonly referred to as “exchange-traded funds.” The Trust currently consists of 36 separate series.

The Large Cap Bull 3X Shares seeks daily investment results, before fees and expenses, of 300% of the price performance of the Russell 1000® Index (“Large Cap Index”). The Large Cap Bear 3X Shares seeks



daily investment results, before fees and expenses, of 300% of the inverse (or opposite) of the price performance of the Large Cap Index.

The Small Cap Bull 3X Shares seeks daily investment results, before fees and expenses, of 300% of the price performance of the Russell 2000® Index (“Small Cap Index”). The Small Cap Bear 3X Shares seeks daily investment results, before fees and expenses, of 300% of the inverse (or opposite) of the price performance of the Small Cap Index.

The Energy Bull 3X Shares seeks daily investment results, before fees and expenses, of 300% of the price performance of the Russell 1000® Energy Index (“Energy Index”). Energy Bear 3X Shares seeks daily investment results, before fees and expenses, of 300% of the inverse (or opposite) of the price performance of the Energy Index.

The Financial Bull 3X Shares seeks daily investment results, before fees and expenses, of 300% of the price performance of the Russell 2000® Financial Services Index (“Financial Services Index”). The Financial Bear 3X Shares seeks daily investment results, before fees and expenses, of 300% of the inverse (or opposite) of the price performance of the Financial Services Index.

Rafferty Asset Management LLC serves as the investment adviser to the Funds. Foreside Fund Services, LLC (the “Distributor”) is the distributor for the Funds. Bank of New York Mellon is the custodian, administrator, transfer agent and fund accounting agent for the Funds.

As described more fully in the Trust’s Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”), each Fund issues and redeems shares at their net asset value (“NAV”) only in large blocks of 100,000 Shares (each block of 100,000 Shares called a “Creation Unit”). Creation Units of the Bull Funds are issued and redeemed principally in-kind for securities included in the relevant underlying index and an amount of cash. Creation Units of the Bear Funds are purchased and redeemed for cash. Shares of the Funds will trade on the Exchange at market prices that may differ from their NAV. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, the Shares may not be redeemed with a Fund.

Each Fund pays out dividends from its net investment income, and distributes any net capital gains, to its shareholders at least annually. Each Fund is authorized to declare and pay capital gain distributions in additional Shares thereof or in cash; if a Fund declares such a distribution, a holder of Shares will receive additional Shares thereof unless it elects to receive cash.

The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) serves as securities depository for the Shares, which may be held only in book-entry form; stock certificates will not be issued. DTC, or its nominee, is the record or registered owner of all outstanding Shares.

Each Fund’s NAV is determined shortly after 4:00 p.m. Eastern standard time (“ET”) on each day that the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) is open for business (a “Business Day”). The NAV is available from the Trust and the Exchange and is also available to National Securities Clearing Corporation (“NSCC”) participants through data made available from NSCC.

The Trust’s registration statement describes the various fees and expenses for the Fund’s shares. For a more complete description of the Funds and the Indexes, visit www.direxionshares.com.

Purchases and Redemptions in Creation Unit Size

Members are hereby informed that procedures for purchases and redemptions of Shares in Creation Units



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 aggregations or multiples thereof. As described in the Prospectus, Creation Units of the Bull Funds are issued and redeemed principally in-kind for securities included in the relevant underlying index and an amount of cash and Creation Units of the Bear Funds are purchased and redeemed for cash.

Principal Risks

Interested persons are referred to the Trust's Prospectus for a description of risks associated with an investment in the Shares. These risks include, but are not limited to, the risk that each Fund's investment strategy may subject such Fund to greater changes to the value of portfolio holdings and imperfect correlation to the relevant underlying index. Each Fund may also not correlate to the relevant underlying index for a number of reasons including the incursion by the Fund of operating expenses and costs associated with the use of leveraged investment techniques.

Over time, the cumulative percentage increase or decrease in the NAV of a Fund may diverge significantly from the cumulative percentage increase or decrease in the multiple return of the underlying index due to the compounding effect of losses and gains on the returns of a Fund. In addition, as noted in the Prospectus, the Shares trade at market prices that may differ from their NAV. The NAV of the Shares will fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's holdings while the market prices of the Shares will fluctuate in accordance with changes in NAV as well as the supply and demand for the Shares.

Exchange Rules Applicable to Trading in the Shares

Trading in the Shares on IEX is subject to IEX trading rules.

Trading Hours

The value of the Index underlying the Shares will be disseminated to data vendors every 15 seconds during the Regular Trading Session.

The Shares will trade on IEX between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Please note that trading in the Shares during the Exchange's Pre-Market and Post-Market Sessions ("Extended Market Sessions") may result in additional trading risks which include: (1) that the current underlying indicative value may not be updated during the Extended Market Sessions, (2) lower liquidity in the Extended Market Sessions may impact pricing, higher volatility in the Extended Market Sessions may impact pricing, (4) wider spreads may occur in the Extended Markets Sessions, and (5) because the indicative value is not calculated or widely disseminated during the Extended Market Sessions, an investor who is unable to calculate an implied value for the Shares in those sessions may be at a disadvantage to market professionals.

Suitability

Trading in the securities on the Exchange will be subject to the provisions of IEX Rule 3.170 and other applicable suitability rules. Members recommending transactions in the securities to customers should make a determination that the recommendation is suitable for the customer.



Trading Halts

IEX will halt trading in the Shares of a Fund in accordance with IEX Rules. The grounds for a halt under IEX Rules 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, IEX will stop trading the Shares of a Fund if the primary market de-lists the Fund.

Delivery of a Prospectus

IEX Members 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 a 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" or "Commission"). For further information about a Fund, please refer to its 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 Investment Company Act of 1940 and in the future make available a written product description, IEX Rules requires that IEX 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, IEX 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 an IEX 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 UTP Derivative Securities*] has been prepared by the [*open-ended management investment company name*] and is available from your broker. It is recommended that you obtain and review such circular before purchasing [*the UTP Derivative Securities*]."

An IEX 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 IEX member under this rule.

Upon request of a customer, IEX Members also shall provide a copy of the Prospectus.

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

The Commission issued a letter dated October 31, 2008, ("No-Action Letter") granting exemptive or no-action relief from certain rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the Funds. As what follows is only a summary of the relief outlined in the No-Action Letter, the Exchange also advises interested members to consult the No-Action Letter, for more complete information regarding the matters covered therein.

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 Commission 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.

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 Letter 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: (i) such bids or purchases are effected in the ordinary course of business, in connection with a basket of securities in which any security that is the subject of a distribution, or any reference security, 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 affected 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, SEC 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 Commission has issued a No-Action letter 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.

This Information Circular is not a statutory prospectus. IEX Members should consult the prospectus for the Funds and the Funds' website for relevant information.

Please contact IEX Regulation at 646-343-2000 with any inquiries regarding this Information Circular.