



Information Circular: Bear Stearns Active ETF Trust

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

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Exchange-Traded Fund	Symbol	CUSIP #
Bear Stearns Current Yield Fund	YYY	98426R100

Background Information on the Fund

The Bear Stearns Active 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 Bear Stearns Current Yield Fund (the "Fund"). The shares of the Fund are referred to herein as "Shares." Bear Stearns Asset Management, Inc., (the "Advisor") is the investment advisor to the Fund.

The investment objective of the Fund is to seek as high a level of current income as is consistent with the preservation of capital and liquidity. The Fund's investment objective may be changed without shareholder approval upon 30 days' written notice. The Advisor seeks to attain the Fund's objective by investing primarily in short-term debt obligations, including U.S. government securities, bank obligations, corporate debt obligations, mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, municipal obligations, foreign bank obligations (U.S. dollar denominated), foreign corporate debt obligations (U.S. dollar denominated), repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements.

The Fund provides investors with an alternative to direct investment in short-term debt obligations, which may involve the need to schedule maturities and reinvest, evaluate the credit of issuers, invest in round lots and safeguard the receipt and delivery of securities. The Fund is a convenient investment for diversifying a portfolio but is not itself a complete investment program. The Fund anticipates that it will be rated the highest rating for short-term investments by at least one of the nationally recognized statistical rating organizations, although there is no assurance the Fund will be so rated. The nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (each an "NRSRO") are currently Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"), Standard & Poor's Rating Group, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. ("S&P"), Fitch, Inc., Dominion Bond Rating Service Ltd., A.M. Best Company, Inc., Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd. and Rating and Investment Information, Inc.

The Fund is not a “money market fund” as that term is defined in the Investment Company Act, and it is not an objective of the Fund to maintain a target share price as would be the case for a money market fund.

An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit, nor is it insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. The Fund is not guaranteed to achieve its investment objective and an investment in the Fund could lose money.

Unlike an “index fund” which seeks to achieve, as closely as practicable, the total return of the securities comprising a specified market index, the Fund is actively managed by its portfolio manager. In other words, the portfolio manager has the discretion to choose securities for the Fund’s portfolio consistent with the Fund’s investment objective. The portfolio manager’s discretion is subject to the limitations discussed below.

When buying securities, the portfolio manager takes a “top-down” investment approach for sector allocations, reviewing the economic outlook and the direction in which inflation and interest rates are expected to move, and then takes a “bottom-up” investment approach using relative value analysis to select the best securities within each sector.

When selling securities, the portfolio manager employs a self-discipline pursuant to which he sells or reduces a position as part of the “top-down” sector allocation process discussed above and/or sells or reduces a position when the “bottom-up” approach discussed above indicates the relative value of a security is deteriorating.

The Fund will not invest in common stocks, preferred stocks, warrants or other equity securities. The Fund will not purchase securities on margin, except that the Fund may borrow money, including through reverse repurchase agreements, as described below. The Fund will not sell securities short or write put and call options, except that the Fund may invest in derivative instruments, as described below.

The Fund’s investments may have fixed or variable principal payments and all types of interest rate payment and reset terms, including fixed rate, adjustable rate, zero coupon, deferred, and auction rate features. The Fund’s portfolio will have an average dollar-weighted maturity of approximately 180 days, although the average may vary significantly from that period at times. The Advisor may vary the average dollar-weighted maturity in anticipation of a change in the interest rate environment, increasing the average when the Advisor believes interest rates are falling or decreasing the average when the Advisor believes interest rates are rising.

The “average dollar-weighted maturity” of the Fund is the average of all the current maturities (that is, the term of the securities) of the individual securities in the Fund’s portfolio weighted by the market value of each security. Average dollar-weighted maturity is important to investors as an indication of the Fund’s sensitivity to changes in interest rates. Generally, the longer the average dollar-weighted maturity may be, the greater the fluctuation in share price will be.

The Fund may invest in securities of any maturity, provided that no fixed rate security in which the Fund invests (other than fixed rate mortgage-backed securities and other asset-backed securities) will have a stated maturity in excess of three years. Fixed rate mortgage-backed securities and other asset-backed securities in

which the Fund invests may have a stated maturity in excess of three years (these securities may have maturities of up to 50 years), but they will not have an expected dollar-weighted average life in excess of three years. Variable or floating rate securities in which the Fund invests (other than variable or floating rate mortgage-backed securities and other asset-backed securities) will not have a stated maturity in excess of five years. Variable or floating rate mortgage-backed securities and other asset-backed securities in which the Fund invests may have a stated maturity in excess of five years (these securities may have maturities of up to 50 years), but they will not have an expected dollar-weighted average life in excess of five years.

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.

The Fund accrues income and expenses daily and pays the net amount accrued during each month to holders as of the last Business Day of each month. Monthly distributions are comprised of income accrued on the Fund's assets less expenses. The Fund anticipates that most of its dividends will consist of ordinary income, which includes realized net short-term capital gain.

Net long-term and short-term 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 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 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 www.bearstearns.com.

Purchases and Redemptions in Creation Unit Size

BX 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.

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 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, active management risk, issuer-specific risk, interest rate risk, call risk, credit risk, credit rating risk, foreign securities risk, municipal securities risk and derivatives risk.

Exchange Rules Applicable to Trading in the Shares

Trading in the Shares on BX is on a UTP basis and is subject to BX equity 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 BX between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. ET, unless otherwise indicated. Additional risks may exist with respect to trading the Fund during BX's Pre-Market and Post-Market sessions, when the Index's value may not be disseminated.

Suitability

Trading in the Shares on BX will be subject to the provisions of BX Rule 2310. 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 BX 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

BX will halt trading in the Shares of the Fund in accordance with BX Rule 4120. The grounds for a halt under BX 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, BX will also stop trading the Shares of the Fund if the primary market delists the Fund.

Delivery of a Prospectus

BX 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 [Fund's website](#). 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, BX Rule 4420(j)(2) requires that BX 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, BX 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 BX 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 BX 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 BX member under this rule.

Upon request of a customer, BX 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.

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 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:

- 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 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
- 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 the Fund to persons outside the fund complex, other than non-cash compensation permitted under NASD Rule 2830(l)(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 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 [letter](#) 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. BX members should consult the Fund's prospectus and/or the [Fund's website](#) for relevant information.

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