



Information Circular: PowerShares ETF Trust II

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

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Exchange-Traded Fund	Symbol	CUSIP #
PowerShares FTSE RAFI Europe Small-Mid Portfolio	PWD	73936T748
PowerShares FTSE RAFI Emerging Markets Portfolio	PXH	73936T763
PowerShares International Listed Private Equity Portfolio	PFP	73936T466
PowerShares FTSE RAFI Developed Markets ex-US Small-Mid Portfolio	PDN	73936T771
PowerShares FTSE RAFI Asia Pacific ex-Japan Small-Mid Portfolio	PDQ	73936T847

Background Information on the Funds

The Powershares Exchange-Traded Fund Trust II (the "Trust") is a management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). The Trust consists of several portfolios; this circular relates only to the five securities listed above (each, a "Fund" and collectively, the "Funds"). The shares of the Funds are referred to herein as "Shares." PowerShares Capital Management LLC (the "Adviser") is the investment adviser for the Funds.

The investment objective of each Fund is to replicate as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the price and yield performance of a specified market index.

PDN seeks investment results that correspond (before fees and expenses) generally to the price and yield performance of the index called the FTSE RAFI Developed ex US Mid Small 1500 Index. The FTSE RAFI Developed ex US Mid Small 1500 Index is designed to track the performance of the small and medium capitalization companies domiciled in developed markets with the highest ranking cumulative score, selected from the constituents of the FTSE Developed ex US All Cap Index, as determined by FTSE. The securities are selected and weighted based on the following four fundamental measures of firm size: book value, cash flow, sales and dividends.

PWD seeks investment results that correspond (before fees and expenses) generally to the price and yield performance of the index called the FTSE RAFI Developed Europe Mid Small Index. The FTSE RAFI Developed Europe Mid Small Index is designed to track the performance of the European small and medium capitalization companies represented amongst the constituents of the FTSE Developed Europe All Cap Index with the highest ranking cumulative score, selected from the constituents of the FTSE Developed Europe All Cap Index, as determined by FTSE. The securities are selected and weighted based on the following four fundamental measures of firm

size: book value, cash flow, sales and dividends.

PDQ seeks investment results that correspond (before fees and expenses) generally to the price and yield performance of the index called the FTSE RAFI Developed Asia Pacific ex Japan Mid Small Index. The FTSE RAFI Developed Asia Pacific ex Japan Mid Small Index is designed to track the performance of the Asia Pacific small and medium capitalization companies with the highest ranking cumulative score, selected from the constituents of the FTSE Developed Asia Pacific ex Japan All Cap Index, as determined by FTSE International Limited. The securities are selected and weighted based on the following four fundamental measures of firm size: book value, cash flow, sales and dividends.

PXH seeks investment results that correspond (before fees and expenses) generally to the price and yield of the index called the FTSE RAFI Emerging Index. FTSE RAFI Emerging Index is designed to track the performance of the emerging market stocks with the highest ranking cumulative score, selected from the constituents of the FTSE Emerging Large/Mid Cap Index, as determined by FTSE. The securities are selected and weighted based on the following four fundamental measures of firm size: book value, cash flow, sales and dividends.

PFP seeks investment results that correspond (before fees and expenses) generally to the price and yield performance of the index called the International Listed Private Equity Index. The International Listed Private Equity Index is comprised of companies which invest in or lend capital to privately held businesses. Stocks of the constituent companies are traded on exchanges outside of the United States. The International Listed Private Equity Index represents a diversified exposure to both a number of private equity firms or managers, as well as the consolidated exposure of the underlying portfolio investments. Considerations for diversification include the consolidated stage of investment (early, mid, late), type of capital (equity, debt, mezzanine, etc.), sector (Energy, Industrials, Technology, etc.), and geography. The publicly traded stocks within the International Listed Private Equity Index may include: publicly traded limited partnership interests, investment holding companies, special purpose acquisition corporations, publicly traded venture capital funds, closed-end funds, ADRs, Financial Institutions who lend to or invest in privately held companies, Real Estate Investment Trusts ("REITS"), and any other vehicle whose primary purpose is to invest in privately held companies.

PDN, PWD, PDQ, and PFP will generally invest in all of the securities comprising its relevant index in proportion to their weightings in such index. However, under various circumstances, it may not be possible or practical to purchase all of those securities in those weightings and a Fund may instead purchase a sample of the securities in its index as a whole. PXH does not currently intend to purchase all of the securities in its index. Instead, the investment advisor utilizes a sampling methodology in seeking to achieve the Fund's objective.

AIM Distributors, Inc. is the distributor for the Funds ("Distributor"). The Bank of New York is the custodian, administrator, fund accounting agent and transfer agent for the Funds ("Custodian").

As described more fully in the Trust's prospectus ("Prospectus") and Statement of Additional Information ("SAI"), PDN, PDQ and PXH will issue and redeem Shares on a continuous basis, at their net asset value ("NAV"), only in large blocks of 200,000 Shares (each, a "Creation Unit"). PWD and PFP will issue and redeem shares on a continuous basis, at their NAV, only in large blocks of 100,000 Shares (each a "Creation Unit"). Creation Units will be issued and redeemed principally in-kind for securities included in the relevant index. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, the Shares are not redeemable securities of a Fund.

Dividends from net investment income, if any, will be declared and paid quarterly. Net realized capital gains, if any, will be distributed to shareholders annually. Dividends may be declared and paid more frequently.

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 Funds' NAV is determined as of the close of trading (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time or "ET") on each day the New York Stock Exchange is open for business. NAV is calculated by taking the market price of each Fund's total assets, including interest or dividends accrued but not yet collected, less all liabilities, and dividing such amount by the total number of Shares outstanding. The result, which is rounded to the nearest cent, is the NAV per Share.

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 www.powershares.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 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), stock market risk, investment style risk, sector risk, investment approach risk, concentration risk, non-diversification risk, issuer-specific risk, management risk, lack of market liquidity, small and medium-sized company risk, foreign investment risk and currency 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 each 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. For trading during BX'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 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 a 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 a Fund if the primary market de-lists 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 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, 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 Funds, 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 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:

- 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 a 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 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 [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 Funds' prospectus and/or the Funds' website for relevant information.

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