



## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### **Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Amend FINRA Rule 6897(b) (CAT Cost Recovery Fees) to Implement a Consolidated Audit Trail Cost Recovery Fee**

December 31, 2024.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on December 20, 2024, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Item I below, which Item has been substantially prepared by FINRA. FINRA has designated this proposal for immediate effectiveness pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f) thereunder.<sup>4</sup> The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

#### I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

FINRA is proposing to amend FINRA Rule 6897(b) (CAT Cost Recovery Fees) to implement a Consolidated Audit Trail (“CAT”) cost recovery fee designed to permit FINRA to recoup its designated portion of the reasonably budgeted CAT costs of the National Market

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<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f). At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission will institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

System Plan Governing the Consolidated Audit Trail (the “CAT NMS Plan” or “Plan”) for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.<sup>5</sup>

The proposed rule change, including FINRA’s statement of the purpose of, and statutory basis for, the proposed rule change, is available on FINRA’s website at <https://www.finra.org>, at the principal office of FINRA and on the Commission’s website at [https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/finra?file\\_number=SR-FINRA-2024-024](https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/finra?file_number=SR-FINRA-2024-024).

## II. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act.<sup>6</sup>

Comments may be submitted electronically by using the Commission’s internet comment form ([https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/finra?file\\_number=SR-FINRA-2024-024](https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/finra?file_number=SR-FINRA-2024-024)) or by sending an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include file number SR-FINRA-2024-024 on the subject line.

Alternatively, paper comments may be sent to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090. All submissions should refer to file number SR-FINRA-2024-024. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission’s internet website ([https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/finra?file\\_number=SR-FINRA-2024-024](https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/finra?file_number=SR-FINRA-2024-024)). Do not include personal

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<sup>5</sup> Pursuant to Section 11.3(a) of the CAT NMS Plan, FINRA filed a separate proposed rule change to establish fees assessed to Industry Members, payable to Consolidated Audit Trail, LLC, related to the recovery of approximately one-half of the reasonably budgeted CAT costs for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. See File No. SR-FINRA-2024-023. Unless otherwise specified, capitalized terms used in this rule filing are defined as set forth in the CAT NMS Plan and FINRA Rule 6800 Series (Consolidated Audit Trail Compliance Rule).

<sup>6</sup> Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission’s Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of SRO.

identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-FINRA-2024-024 and should be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 21 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>7</sup>

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