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Date: September 19, 2025

Subject: ARK 21Shares Blockchain and Digital Economy Innovation ETF -
Anticipated Liquidation/Anticipated Cash Settlement
Option Symbol: ARKD
Date: ???

On September 8, 2025, Empowered Funds, LLC announced that it will terminate and subsequently liquidate the ARK 21Shares Blockchain and Digital Economy Innovation ETF (ARKD). The last day of trading on Cboe BZX Exchange Inc. will be September 25, 2025. The Fund will liquidate on or around September 26, 2025 (the "Liquidation Date"). ARKD Shareholders who continue to hold shares of ARKD on the Fund's Liquidation Date will receive a liquidating distribution with a value equal to their proportionate ownership interest in the Fund on the date.

Contract Adjustment

The option symbol ARKD will not change.

Date: Anticipated to occur on or around September 26, 2025

**New Deliverable
Per Contract:** 100 x value in cash paid per ARKD share, less any applicable transactions costs, pursuant to the liquidation.

Note: The determination to include any distributions, if any, in the contract adjustment will be made by OCC on a case-by-case basis.

Settlement: ARKD exercise and assignment activity will be subject to delayed settlement, effective September 26, 2025, until the amount of cash paid per ARKD share in the liquidation is determined.

Once the final cash amount to be included in the ARKD deliverable is determined, settlement in the ARKD options will take place through OCC's cash settlement system. Settlement will be accomplished by payment of the difference between the extended strike amount and the cash deliverable.

Acceleration of Expirations

Pursuant to OCC Rule 807, equity stock option contracts whose deliverables are adjusted to call for cash-only delivery will be subject to **an acceleration of the expiration dates for outstanding option series** (See OCC Information Memo 23988).

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The determination to adjust options and the nature of any adjustment is made by OCC pursuant to OCC By-Laws, Article VI, Sections 11 and 11A. The determination to adjust futures and the nature of any adjustment is made by OCC pursuant to OCC By-Laws, Article XII, Sections 3, 4, or 4A, as applicable. For both options and futures, each adjustment decision is made on a case by case basis. Adjustment decisions are based on information available at the time and are subject to change as additional information becomes available or if there are material changes to the terms of the corporate event(s) occasioning the adjustment.

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