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| Regulatory Information Circular |                   |                   |                |
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**Subject: iPath Optimized Currency Carry ETN**

**Background Information on the Security**

As more fully explained in the Registration Statement No. 333-145845 for the iPath Optimized Currency Carry ETN due January 28, 2038 (“Securities”), the Securities are linked to the performance of the Barclays Intelligent Carry Index (“Index”). The purpose of this Information Circular is to outline various rules and policies that will be applicable to trading the Securities. The Securities are senior unsecured debt obligations of Barclays Bank PLC (“Barclays Bank”). The Securities will initially be issued in denominations of \$50. For a more complete description of the Securities and the payment at maturity, early repurchase provisions, early repurchase mechanics, valuation, fees and risk factors, consult the prospectuses (“Prospectus”).

The return on iPath Optimized Currency Carry ETN due January 28, 2038 is linked to the performance of the Index. The Index is designed to reflect the total return of an “Intelligent Carry Strategy”, which, through an objective and systematic methodology, seeks to capture the returns that are potentially available from a strategy of investing in high-yielding currencies with the exposure financed by borrowings in low-yielding currencies (sometimes referred to as the “carry trade”). The pool of currencies to which the Index may apply these strategies is commonly referred to as the “G10 currencies” and includes the U.S. dollar (USD), the euro (EUR), the Japanese yen (JPY), the Canadian dollar (CAD), the Swiss franc (CHF), the British pound sterling (GBP), the Australian dollar (AUD), the New Zealand dollar (NZD), the Norwegian krone (NOK) and the Swedish krona (SEK). The Index is composed of ten cash-settled currency forward agreements, one for each index constituent currency, as well as a “Hedged USD Overnight Index” which is intended to reflect the performance of a risk-free U.S. dollar-denominated asset. The Index is maintained and calculated by Barclays Capital, a division of Barclays Bank PLC, and is denominated in U.S. dollars. The index sponsor calculates the level of the Index at 2:15 p.m., Frankfurt time, on each index business day and publishes it on <https://ecommerce.barcap.com/indices> shortly thereafter. The level of the Index is also reported on Bloomberg page BXIICIUS.

**Indicative Value**

According to the Prospectuses, an intraday “Intraday Indicative Value” meant to approximate the intrinsic economic value of the Securities will be published under the

Bloomberg, as noted below:

**Exchange-Traded Note**

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The actual trading price of the Securities may vary significantly from their Intraday Indicative Value. An intraday “indicative value” is meant to approximate the intrinsic economic value of the Securities will be calculated and published by Bloomberg L.P. or a successor via the facilities of the Consolidated Tape Association under the ticker symbol ICI.IV. Additionally, Barclays Bank or an affiliate expects to calculate and publish the closing indicative value of the Securities on each trading day at [www.ipathetn.com](http://www.ipathetn.com). In connection with the Securities, the term “indicative value” refers to the value at a given time determined based on the following equation:

Indicative Value = Principal Amount per Security X (Current Index Level / Initial Index Level) - Current Investor Fee

where:

Principal Amount per Security = \$50;

Current Index Level = The most recent published level of the Index as reported by the Index Sponsor;

Initial Index Level = The level of Index on the inception date; and

Current Investor Fee = The most recent daily calculation of the investor fee with respect to your Securities, determined as described in this pricing supplement (which, during any trading day, will be the investor fee determined on the preceding calendar day).

**Early Redemption**

According to the Prospectus, the Securities may be repurchased prior to maturity of offers to at least 50,000 Securities or more to Barclays Bank during the term of the Securities. Upon repurchase, cash payment on such date in an amount equal to the daily redemption value, which is (1) the principal amount of your Securities *times* (2) the index factor on the relevant valuation date *minus* (3) the investor fee on the relevant valuation date. For a complete description of the repurchase procedures, see the Prospectus.

**Exchange Rules Applicable to Trading in the Securities**

The Securities are considered equity securities, thus rendering trading in the Securities subject to the Exchange's existing rules governing the trading of equity securities.

**Trading Hours**

Trading in the Securities on ISE is on a UTP basis and is subject to ISE equity trading rules. The Securities will trade from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Equity EAMs trading the Securities during the Extended Market Sessions are exposed to the risk of

the lack of the calculation or dissemination of underlying index value or intraday indicative value ("IIV"). For certain derivative securities products, an updated underlying index value or IIV may not be calculated or publicly disseminated in the Extended Market hours. Since the underlying index value and IIV are not calculated or widely disseminated during Extended Market hours, an investor who is unable to calculate implied values for certain derivative securities products during Extended Market hours may be at a disadvantage to market professionals.

### **Trading Halts**

ISE will halt trading in the Shares of a Trust in accordance with ISE Rule 2101(a)(2)(iii). The grounds for a halt under this Rule include a halt by the primary market because it stops trading the Shares and/or a halt because dissemination of the IIV or applicable currency spot price has ceased, or a halt for other regulatory reasons. In addition, ISE will stop trading the Shares of a Trust if the primary market de-lists the Shares.

### **Delivery of a Prospectus**

Pursuant to federal securities laws, investors purchasing Shares must receive a prospectus prior to or concurrently with the confirmation of a transaction. Investors purchasing Shares directly from the Fund (by delivery of the Deposit Amount) must also receive a prospectus.

Prospectuses may be obtained through the Distributor or on the Fund's website. The Prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement (including the exhibits to the registration statement), parts of which have been omitted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC. For further information about the Fund, please refer to the Trust's registration statement.

### **No-Action Relief Under Federal Securities Regulations**

The Securities and Exchange Commission has issued no-action relief from certain provisions of and rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), regarding trading in Barclays iPath securities. See letter dated July 27, 2006, from James A. Brigagliano, Acting Associate Director, Office of Trading Practices and Processing, Division of Market Regulation, to George H. White (the "Letter"). As what follows is only a summary of the relief outlined in the Letter, the Exchange also advises interested members to consult the Letter, for more complete information regarding the matters covered therein.

### **Regulation M Exemptions**

Generally, Rules 101 and 102 of Regulation M is an anti-manipulation regulation that, subject to certain exemptions, prohibits a "distribution participant" and the issuer or selling security holder, in connection with a distribution of securities, 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, and affiliated purchasers of such persons.

The Letter states that the SEC Division of Market Regulation will not recommend enforcement action under Rule 101 of Regulation M against persons who may be deemed to be participating in a distribution of the notes to bid for or purchase the notes during their participation in such distribution.

Rule 102 of Regulation M prohibits issuers, selling security holders, or any affiliated purchaser of such person from bidding for, purchasing, or attempting to induce any person to bid for or purchase a covered security during the applicable restricted period in connection with a distribution of securities effected by or on behalf of an issuer or selling security holder. Rule 100 of Regulation M defines “distribution” to mean any offering of securities that is distinguished from ordinary trading transactions by the magnitude of the offering and the presence of special selling efforts and selling methods.

The Letter states that the SEC Division of Market Regulation will not recommend enforcement action under Rule 102 of Regulation M against Barclays and its affiliated purchasers who bid for or purchase or redeem notes during the continuous offering of the notes.

#### **Section 11(d)(1) of the Exchange Act; Exchange Act Rule 11d1-2**

Section 11(d)(1) of the Exchange 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 or she participated as a member of a selling syndicate or group within thirty days prior to such transaction.

The Letter states that the SEC Division of Market Regulation will not recommend enforcement action under Section 11(d)(1) of the Exchange Act against broker-dealers who treat the notes, 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 the notes 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.

**This Regulatory Information Circular is not a statutory Prospectus. Equity EAMs should consult the Trust’s Registration Statement, SAI, Prospectus and the Fund’s website for relevant information.**

## Appendix A

| Ticker | Fund Name  |
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| ICI    | iPath Optimized Currency Carry ETN due<br>January 28, 2038 |