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SUBMITTED VIA CFTC PORTAL

Secretary of the Commission
Office of the Secretariat
U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20581

Re: KalshiEX LLC – CFTC Regulation 40.2(a) Notification Regarding the Initial Listing of the “Will Bitcoin or gold perform better during <time period>?” Contract

Dear Sir or Madam,

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act and Section 40.2(a) of the regulations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, KalshiEX LLC (Kalshi), a registered DCM, hereby notifies the Commission that it is self-certifying the “Will Bitcoin or gold perform better during <time period>?” contract (Contract). The Contract will initially be listed after close-of-business on **August 13, 2025**; it is listed as the day after because of limitations of the Commission's online submission portal. The Exchange intends to list the contract on a **custom** basis. The Contract’s terms and conditions (Appendix A) includes the following strike conditions:

- **<date>**
- **<time period>**

Along with this letter, Kalshi submits the following documents:

- A concise explanation and analysis of the Contract;
- Certification;
- Appendix A with the Contract’s Terms and Conditions;
- Confidential Appendices with further information; and
- A request for FOIA confidential treatment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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KalshiEX LLC

Official Product Name: “Will Bitcoin or gold perform better during <time period>?”

Rulebook: BTCVSGOLD

Summary: Bitcoin vs gold performance during specified period

Kalshi Contract Category: Commodity Price

Kalshi Internal Category: Financials

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CONCISE EXPLANATION AND ANALYSIS OF THE PRODUCT AND ITS COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT, INCLUDING CORE PRINCIPLES AND THE COMMISSION'S REGULATIONS THEREUNDER

Pursuant to Commission Rule 40.2(a)(3)(v), the following is a concise explanation and analysis of the product and its compliance with the Act, including the relevant Core Principles (discussed in Appendix D), and the Commission's regulations thereunder.

I. Introduction

The “Will Bitcoin or gold perform better during <time period>?” Contract is a contract relating to Financials.

Further information about the Contract, including an analysis of its risk mitigation and price basing utility, as well as additional considerations related to the Contract, is included in Confidential Appendices B, C, and D.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulations 40.2(a), the Exchange hereby certifies that the listing of the Contract complies with the Act and Commission regulations under the Act.

General Contract Terms and Conditions: The Contract operates similar to other event contracts that the Exchange lists for trading. The minimum price fluctuation is \$0.01 (one cent). Price bands will apply so that Contracts may only be listed at values of at least \$0.01 and at most \$0.99. Further, the Contract is sized with a one-dollar notional value and has a minimum price fluctuation of \$0.01 to enable Members to match the size of the contracts purchased to their economic risks. As outlined in Rule 5.12 of the Rulebook, trading shall be available at all times outside of any maintenance windows, which will be announced in advance by the Exchange. Members will be charged fees in accordance with Rule 3.6 of the Rulebook. Fees, if they are charged, are charged in such amounts as may be revised from time to time to be reflected on the Exchange’s Website. A new Source Agency can be added via a Part 40 amendment. All instructions on how to access the Underlying are non-binding and are provided for convenience only and are not part of

the binding Terms and Conditions of the Contract. They may be clarified at any time. Furthermore, the Contract's payout structure is characterized by the payment of an absolute amount to the holder of one side of the option and no payment to the counterparty. During the time that trading on the Contract is open, Members are able to adjust their positions and trade freely. The Expiration Value and Market Outcome are determined at or after Market Close. The market is then settled by the Exchange, and the long position holders and short position holders are paid according to the Market Outcome. In this case, "long position holders" refers to Members who purchased the "Yes" side of the Contract and "short position holders" refers to Members who purchased the "No" side of the Contract. If the Market Outcome is "Yes," meaning that an event occurs that is encompassed within the Payout Criterion, then the long position holders are paid an absolute amount proportional to the size of their position and the short position holders receive no payment. If the Market Outcome is "No," then the short position holders are paid an absolute amount proportional to the size of their position and the long position holders receive no payment. Specification of the circumstances that would trigger a Market Outcome of "Yes" are included below in the section titled "Payout Criterion" in Appendix A.

**CERTIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 5c OF THE COMMODITY EXCHANGE
ACT, 7 U.S.C. § 7A-2 AND COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION RULE
40.2, 17 C.F.R. § 40.2**

Based on the above analysis, the Exchange certifies that:

- ☐ The Contract complies with the Act and Commission regulations thereunder.
- ☐ This submission (other than those appendices for which confidential treatment has been requested) has been concurrently posted on the Exchange's website at <https://kalshi.com/regulatory/filings>.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the exchange at ProductFilings@kalshi.com.



By: Xavier Sottile
Title: Head of Markets
Date: August 12, 2025

Attachments:

Appendix A - Contract Terms and Conditions

Appendix B (Confidential) - Further Considerations

Appendix C (Confidential) - Source Agency

Appendix D (Confidential) - Compliance with Core Principles

APPENDIX A – CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Official Product Name: “Will Bitcoin or gold perform better during <time period>?”
Rulebook: BTCVSGOLD

BTCVSGOLD

Scope: These rules shall apply to this contract.

Underlying: The Underlying for this Contract is the comparative performance between Bitcoin and gold over <time period>, calculated as the percentage change from the opening measurement to the closing measurement for each asset. The Bitcoin price is measured using the spot price of one Bitcoin in U.S. dollars according to a simple average of the CF Bitcoin Real-Time Index ("BRTI") for the one minute (60 seconds) prior to the measurement time. The gold price is measured using the spot open ("Loco London") gold price according to Intercontinental Exchange ("ICE"), measured in U.S. dollars per troy ounce. Revisions to the Underlying made after Expiration will not be accounted for in determining the Expiration Value.

Source Agency: The Source Agencies are, in hierarchical order, CF Benchmarks, Intercontinental Exchange, CoinDesk, CoinGecko, Coinbase, Kraken, Bitstamp, Bloomberg Terminal, Reuters Terminal, MarketWatch, Yahoo Finance, CNBC, The Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, Bloomberg News, Reuters, and Associated Press.

Type: The type of Contract is an Event Contract.

Issuance: After the initial Contract, Contract iterations will be listed on an as-needed basis at the discretion of the Exchange and corresponding to the risk management needs of Members.

<time period>: <time period> refers to a specific measurement period specified by the Exchange, with defined start and end dates and times. The Exchange may list iterations of the Contract corresponding to variations of <time period>.

<date>: <date> refers to a calendar date specified by the Exchange. The Exchange may list iterations of the Contract corresponding to variations of <date>.

Payout Criterion: The Payout Criterion for the Contract encompasses the Expiration Values where Bitcoin exhibits superior percentage performance compared to gold over <time period>.

Performance is calculated as follows:

- Bitcoin Performance = $((\text{Bitcoin End Price} - \text{Bitcoin Start Price}) / \text{Bitcoin Start Price}) \times 100$
- Gold Performance = $((\text{Gold End Price} - \text{Gold Start Price}) / \text{Gold Start Price}) \times 100$

The Contract resolves to "Yes" if Bitcoin Performance is greater than Gold Performance. The Contract resolves to "No" if Gold Performance is greater than or equal to Bitcoin Performance.

Starting Measurements:

- Bitcoin Start Price: CF Bitcoin Real-Time Index 1-minute average at the beginning of <time period>
- Gold Start Price: ICE Loco London spot gold price at the beginning of <time period>

Ending Measurements:

- Bitcoin End Price: CF Bitcoin Real-Time Index 1-minute average the last available price at the end of <time period>
- Gold End Price: ICE Loco London spot gold price at the last available price at the end of <time period>

All percentage calculations will be rounded to four decimal places for comparison purposes.

Examples that would resolve the market to Yes:

- Bitcoin gains 15.2% while gold gains 8.7% over the measurement period
- Bitcoin loses 5.1% while gold loses 12.8% over the measurement period
- Bitcoin gains 0.01% while gold remains flat (0.00%) over the measurement period
- Bitcoin gains 45.6% while gold gains 45.5% over the measurement period

Examples that would NOT resolve the market to Yes:

- Gold gains 12.3% while Bitcoin gains 8.9% over the measurement period
- Gold loses 3.2% while Bitcoin loses 7.1% over the measurement period
- Both assets have identical performance (e.g., both gain 5.0000%)
- Bitcoin and gold both have exactly 0.00% change over the measurement period

For clarity:

- If either Bitcoin or gold data is temporarily unavailable at a measurement time, the Contract will wait up to 24 hours for official data from primary sources before utilizing backup sources
- If Bitcoin BRTI data is unavailable, the average of the three most recent prices from Coinbase, Kraken, and Bitstamp will be used as a backup calculation
- If ICE gold data is unavailable, the London Bullion Market Association (LBMA) gold price will be used as backup
- If both primary and backup sources are unavailable for either asset, the Contract will resolve based on the most recent reliable pricing data from the hierarchical source list

Minimum Tick: The Minimum Tick size for the Contract shall be \$0.01.

Position Accountability Level: The Position Accountability Level for the Contract shall be \$25,000 per strike, per Member.

Last Trading Date: The Last Trading Date of the Contract will be the day prior to <date>. The Last Trading Time will be 11:59 PM ET.

Settlement Date: The Settlement Date of the Contract shall be no later than the day after the Expiration Date, unless the Market Outcome is under review pursuant to Rule 7.1.

Expiration Date: The latest Expiration Date of the Contract shall be one week after <date>. If an event described in the Payout Criterion occurs, expiration will be moved to an earlier date and time in accordance with Rule 7.2.

Expiration Time: The Expiration time of the Contract shall be 10:00 AM ET.

Settlement Value: The Settlement Value for this Contract is \$1.00.

Expiration Value: The Expiration Value is the value of the Underlying as documented by the Source Agency on the Expiration Date at the Expiration time.

Contingencies: Before Settlement, Kalshi may, at its sole discretion, initiate the Market Outcome Review Process pursuant to Rule 6.3(d) of the Rulebook. If an Expiration Value cannot be determined on the Expiration Date, Kalshi has the right to determine payouts pursuant to Rule 6.3(b) in the Rulebook.

