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WisdomTree, Inc.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 4, 2023

WisdomTree, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-10932 Commission File Number: 13-3487784 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

250 West 34th Street 3rd Floor New York, NY 10119

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(212) 801-2080

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act:

	Trading	Name of each exchange
Title of each class	Symbol(s)	on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	WT	The New York Stock Exchange
Preferred Stock Purchase Rights		The New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. \Box

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

The information set forth under "Item 3.03 Material Modification to Rights of Security Holders" of this Current Report on Form8-K with respect to the entry into the Rights Agreement (as described below) is incorporated into this Item 1.01 by reference.

Item 3.03. Material Modification to Rights of Security Holders.

WisdomTree, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), entered into an amendment, effective as of May 4, 2023 (the "Amendment"), to the Stockholder Rights Agreement, dated as of March 17, 2023 (the "Rights Agreement"), between the Company and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as Rights Agent (the "Rights Agent"). The Amendment amends the Rights Agreement by amending the definition of "Beneficial Owner," "Beneficially Own," and "Beneficial Ownership" in Section 1(d) of the Rights Agreement to replace Section 1(d)(ii)(B) and Section 1(d)(iii) in their entirety with the definitions as set forth in the Amendment attached hereto as Exhibit 4.1.

The foregoing description of the Amendment is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Amendment, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

Supplemental Disclosures to the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement, dated May 1, 2023 (the "Proxy Statement")

The disclosure under the heading "Amendment" on page 47 of the Proxy Statement is hereby amended and supplemented by replacing the first full paragraph in its entirety with the following:

The Rights Agreement may be amended by the Board of Directors in its sole discretion at any time prior to the time at which any person becomes an Acquiring Person. After such time the Board of Directors may, subject to certain limitations set forth in the Rights Agreement, amend the Rights Agreement only to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency, to shorten or lengthen any time period, or to make changes that do not adversely affect the interests of Rights holders (excluding the interests of an Acquiring Person or its associates or affiliates).

On May 4, 2023, the Company and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company made and entered into Amendment No. 1 to the Rights Agreement to amend the definition of "Beneficial Owner," "Beneficially Own," and "Beneficial Ownership" in Section 1(d) of the Rights Agreement.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

Exhibit 4.1 Amendment No. 1, dated as of May 4, 2023, to Stockholder Rights Agreement, dated as of March 17, 2023, between WisdomTree, Inc. and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as Rights Agent

Exhibit 104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WisdomTree, Inc.

Date: May 5, 2023

By: <u>/s/ Marci Frankenthaler</u> Marci Frankenthaler Chief Legal Officer and Secretary

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STOCKHOLDER RIGHTS AGREEMENT

This **AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STOCKHOLDER RIGHTS AGREEMENT**, dated as of May 4, 2023 (this "<u>Amendment</u>"), is made and entered into by and between WisdomTree, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, a federally chartered trust company, as Rights Agent (the "<u>Rights Agent</u>"). Except as otherwise provided herein, capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this Amendment shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Agreement (as defined below).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company and the Rights Agent previously entered into that certain Stockholder Rights Agreement, dated as of March 17, 2023 (the "Agreement");

WHEREAS, defined terms herein shall have meanings set forth in the Agreement unless otherwise specified herein;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 27 of the Agreement, prior to the occurrence of a Section 11(a)(ii) Event, the Company and the Rights Agent shall, if the Board of Directors of the Company so directs, supplement or amend any provision of the Agreement as the Board of Directors of the Company may deem necessary or desirable without the approval of any holders of certificates representing shares of Common Stock or Series A Preferred Stock of the Company;

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, a Section 11(a)(ii) Event has not occurred; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Agreement and in accordance with Section 27 thereof, the Company has directed that the Agreement be amended as set forth in this Amendment, and by its execution and delivery hereof, directs the Rights Agent to execute this Amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual agreements set forth in the Agreement and this Amendment, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

1. <u>Amendment No. 1 to Definition of "Beneficial Owner," "Beneficially Own," and "Beneficial Ownership."</u> The definition of "Beneficial Owner," "Beneficially Own," and "Beneficial Ownership" in Section 1(d) of the Agreement is amended by replacing Section 1(d)(ii)(B) in its entirety with the following: "the right to vote pursuant to any agreement, arrangement or understanding (whether or not in writing); <u>provided, however</u>, that a Person shall not be deemed the "Beneficial Owner" of, or to "Beneficially Own" or have "Beneficial Ownership" of, any security under this clause (B) if the agreement, arrangement or understanding to vote such security (x) (1) arises solely from a revocable proxy or consent given in response to a public proxy or consent solicitation made pursuant to a written proxy or consent solicitation statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in accordance with the Rules of the Exchange Act and (2) is not also then reportable by such person on Schedule 13D under the Exchange Act (or any comparable or successor report) or (y) is an agreement, arrangement or understanding with respect to voting on the proposal to approve and ratify this Agreement presented to the Company's stockholders at the Company's 2023 annual meeting of stockholders (including any adjournments or postponements thereof) (the "<u>Ratification Proposal</u>"); or".

2. <u>Amendment No. 2 to Definition of "Beneficial Owner," "Beneficially Own," and "Beneficial Ownership.</u>"The definition of "Beneficial Owner," "Beneficially Own," and "Beneficial Ownership" in Section 1(d) of the Agreement is amended by replacing Section 1(d)(iii) in its entirety with the following: "which are Beneficially Owned, directly or indirectly, by any other Person (or any Affiliate or Associate thereof) with which such Person or any of such Person's Affiliates or Associates has any agreement, arrangement or understanding (whether or not in writing) (other than customary agreements with and between underwriters and selling group members with respect to a bona fide public offering of securities) for the purpose of acquiring, holding, voting (except pursuant to a revocable proxy or consent or with respect to the Ratification Proposal, in each case, as described in the proviso to clause (B) of Section 1(d)(ii) hereof) or disposing of any securities of the Company; or".

3. <u>Officer's Certificate</u>. By executing this Amendment below, the undersigned duly appointed officer of the Company certifies that this Amendment has been executed and delivered in compliance with the terms of Section 27 of the Agreement and directs the Rights Agent to execute this Amendment.

4. Interpretation. The term "Agreement" as used in the Agreement shall be deemed to refer to the Agreement as amended hereby.

5. <u>Severability</u>. If any term, provision, covenant or restriction of this Amendment is held by a court of competent jurisdiction or other authority to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remainder of the terms, provisions, covenants and restrictions of this Amendment, and of the Agreement, shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated.

6. <u>Waiver of Notice</u>. The Rights Agent and the Company hereby waive any notice requirement under the Agreement pertaining to the matters covered by this Amendment.

- 7. Governing Law. Section 32 of the Agreement shall apply mutatis mutandis to this Amendment.
- 8. Binding Effect. This Amendment shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of each party hereto, and their respective successors and assigns.

9. <u>Headings</u>. Descriptive headings of the several sections of this Amendment are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not control or affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions hereof.

10. <u>Counterparts.</u> This Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts and each of such counterparts shall for all purposes be deemed to be an original, and all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument. In the event that any signature to this Agreement or any amendment hereto is delivered by e-mail delivery of a portable document format (.pdf or similar format) data file, such signature shall create a valid and binding obligation of the party executing (or on whose behalf such signature is executed) with the same force and effect as if such ".pdf" signature page was an original thereof. No party hereto may raise the use of such electronic execution or transmission to deliver a signature, or the fact that any signature or agreement or instrument was transmitted or communicated through such electronic transmission, as a defense to the formation of a contract, and each party forever waives any such defense, except to the extent such defense relates to lack of authenticity.

11. <u>Effectiveness</u>. This Amendment shall be deemed effective as of the date first written above. Except as expressly amended herein, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and otherwise shall be unaffected hereby.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company and the Rights Agent have caused this Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement to be executed and delivered by its duly authorized officers or representatives as of the day and year first written above.

WISDOMTREE, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Jonathan Steinberg</u> Name: Jonathan Steinberg Title: Chief Executive Officer

CONTINENTAL STOCK TRANSFER & TRUST COMPANY, AS RIGHTS AGENT

By: <u>/s/ Henry Farrell</u> Name: Henry Farrell Title: Vice President