

CURRENCYSHARES BRITISH POUND STERLING TRUST

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Registration No. 333-212378

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**  
**TO**  
**POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1**  
**TO**  
**FORM S-1**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**  
***UNDER***  
***THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933***

**CurrencyShares® British Pound Sterling Trust**  
**Sponsored by Guggenheim Specialized Products, LLC,**  
**d/b/a Guggenheim Investments**  
**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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| <b>New York</b><br>(State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or organization) | <b>6189</b><br>(Primary Standard Industrial<br>Classification Code Number)<br><b>805 King Farm Boulevard, Suite 600</b><br><b>Rockville, Maryland 20850</b><br><b>(301) 296-5100</b> | <b>03-6118853</b><br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** From time to time after this registration statement becomes effective.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer, non-accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

**The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.**



### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The registrant is filing this Amendment No. 1 (this Amendment ) to its Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-212378) (the Post-Effective Amendment ) as a Part II-only filing to amend Item 17 of Part II of the Post-Effective Amendment to include Item 512(b) of Regulation S-K of the Securities Act of 1933. Accordingly, this Amendment consists only of the facing page, this explanatory note, Part II of the Registration Statement, the signature page to the Post-Effective Amendment, and the exhibit index. The prospectus contained in the Post-Effective Amendment is unchanged and has been omitted.

**PART II****INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS****Item 13. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.**

The expenses expected to be incurred in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities being registered are as set forth below. Other than the Securities and Exchange Commission filing fee, all fees and expenses are estimated.

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|-----------------------------|----------|
| SEC Registration Fee        | \$ 0     |
| Legal Fees and Expenses (1) | \$ 5,000 |
| Accounting                  | \$ 2,200 |
| Total                       | \$ 7,200 |

(1) Excludes the additional fee of Foley & Lardner LLP based on the NAV of the Trust.

**Item 14. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

The Sponsor is a limited liability company formed as such under Delaware law. Section 18-108 of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act provides that a limited liability company may indemnify and hold harmless any members, managers or other persons against any and all claims and demands whatsoever, subject to any standards and restrictions set forth in the limited liability company agreement of the limited liability company.

Section 18 of the Sponsor's Limited Liability Company Agreement provides that, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, a member or officer of the Sponsor will be entitled to indemnification from the Sponsor for any loss, damage or claim incurred by the member or officer for any act or omission performed or omitted by the member or officer in good faith on behalf of the Sponsor and in a manner reasonably believed to be within the scope of the authority conferred on the member or officer by the Sponsor's Limited Liability Company Agreement; provided, however, that no member or officer will be entitled to be indemnified if the loss, damage or claim was due to the member's or officer's fraud or willful misconduct. A member's or officer's reasonably incurred costs and expenses in defending pending or threatened actions, suits or proceedings will be paid in advance by the Sponsor if the member or officer provides an undertaking to repay the amounts advanced if it is ultimately determined that the member or officer is not entitled to be indemnified by the Sponsor. The indemnity and the advance of expenses are limited to the Sponsor's assets, and no member of the Sponsor will have personal liability for such indemnity.

Section 7.1(d) of the Depositary Trust Agreement provides that the Sponsor and its directors, Shareholders, officers, employees, affiliates and subsidiaries will be indemnified from the Trust and held harmless against any loss, liability or expense incurred by an indemnified party without (1) negligence, bad faith, willful misconduct or willful malfeasance on the part of the indemnified party arising out of or in connection with the performance of its obligations under the Depositary Trust Agreement or any actions taken in accordance with the provisions of the Depositary Trust Agreement or (2) the indemnified party's reckless disregard of its obligations and duties under the Depositary Trust Agreement. The indemnity will include payment from the Trust of the indemnified party's costs and expenses of defending itself against any claim or liability based on its capacity as Sponsor under the Depositary Trust Agreement.

**Item 15. Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities.**

Not applicable.

**Item 16. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.**

(a) Exhibits

The exhibits listed in the accompanying Exhibit Index are filed or incorporated by reference as part of this registration statement.

(b) Financial Statement Schedules

Not applicable.

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**Item 17. Undertakings.**

*Item 512(a) of Regulation S-K.* The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
  - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
  - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and
  - (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.
- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:
  - (i) If the registrant is relying on Rule 430B (Section 230.430B of this chapter):
    - A. Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) (§ 230.424(b)(3) of this chapter) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
    - B. Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) (§ 230.424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) of this chapter) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) (§ 230.415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) of this



chapter) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date; or

- (ii) If the registrant is subject to Rule 430C (§ 230.430C of this chapter), each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than registration statements relying on Rule 430B or other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A (§ 230.430A of this chapter), shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use.

- (5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities: The undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:
- (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424 (Section 230.424 of this chapter);
  - (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
  - (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

*Item 512(b) of Regulation S-K.* The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

*Item 512(h) of Regulation S-K.* The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question of whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

*Item 512(i) of Regulation S-K.* The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that:

(1) That, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.

(2) That, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered

therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Rockville, State of Maryland on January 31, 2017.

CURRENCYSHARES® BRITISH POUND  
STERLING TRUST

By: Guggenheim Specialized Products, LLC

Sponsor of the CurrencyShares® British  
Pound Sterling Trust

By: /s/ John Sullivan  
John Sullivan  
Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities\* and on the dates indicated below.

| Signature         | Title                                                             | Date             |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| /s/ John Sullivan | Manager and Chief Executive Officer                               | January 31, 2017 |
| John Sullivan     | (Principal Executive Officer)                                     |                  |
| /s/ Keith Kemp    | Manager and Chief Financial Officer                               |                  |
| Keith Kemp        | (Principal Financial Officer and<br>Principal Accounting Officer) | January 31, 2017 |
| /s/ Michael Byrum | Manager                                                           | January 31, 2017 |
| Michael Byrum     |                                                                   |                  |

\*The registrant is a trust and the persons are signing in their capacities as officers or directors of Guggenheim Specialized Products, LLC, the Sponsor of the registrant.

## EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit Number | Document Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3.1            | Certificate of Formation of Guggenheim Specialized Products, LLC dated September 14, 2005, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File number 333-132361) filed by the Trust on March 13, 2006.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 3.2            | Amendment to Certificate of Formation of Guggenheim Specialized Products, LLC dated March 27, 2012, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed by the Trust on January 14, 2013.                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 3.3            | Limited Liability Company Agreement of Guggenheim Specialized Products, LLC, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File number 333-132361) filed by the Trust on March 13, 2006.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 4.1            | Depository Trust Agreement dated as of June 8, 2006 among Guggenheim Specialized Products, LLC, The Bank of New York, all registered owners and beneficial owners of British Pound Sterling Currency Shares issued thereunder and all depositors, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Annual Report on Form 10K/A filed by the Trust on March 10, 2011.                                                  |
| 4.2            | Amendment to Depository Trust Agreement dated as of November 13, 2008 between Guggenheim Specialized Products, LLC and The Bank of New York Mellon, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed by the Trust on September 9, 2010.                                                                                                                                           |
| 4.3            | Global Amendment to Depository Trust Agreement dated as of March 6, 2012 between Guggenheim Specialized Products, LLC and The Bank of New York Mellon, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed by the Trust on March 12, 2012.                                                                                                                                           |
| 4.4            | Participant Agreement dated as of March 25, 2010 among Knight Clearing Services, LLC, The Bank of New York, and Guggenheim Specialized Products, LLC (together with Schedule pursuant to Instruction 2 to Item 601 of Regulation S-K), incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed by the Trust on January 14, 2013.                                                            |
| 4.5            | Amendment to Participant Agreements dated as of December 9, 2010 among The Bank of New York Mellon, the trusts set forth on Schedule A thereto and Guggenheim Specialized Products, LLC, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Annual Report on Form 10K/A filed by the Trust on March 10, 2011.                                                                                                           |
| 4.6            | Amendment to Participant Agreements dated as of January 15, 2011 among The Bank of New York, the trusts set forth on Schedule A thereto and Guggenheim Specialized Products, LLC, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to the Annual Report on Form 10K/A filed by the Trust on March 10, 2011.                                                                                                                  |
| 4.7            | Form of Participant Agreement among Knight Clearing Services, LLC, The Bank of New York, Guggenheim Specialized Products, LLC, and the Authorized Participants listed in the Schedule attached thereto pursuant to Instruction 2 to Item 601 of Regulation S-K, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.7 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File number 333-208994) filed by the Trust on February 14, 2016. |
| 5.1            | Opinion of Foley & Lardner LLP as to legality, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed by the Trust on July 1, 2016.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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- 8.1 Opinion of Foley & Lardner LLP as to tax matters, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 8.1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed by the Trust on July 1, 2016.
- 10.1 Deposit Account Agreement dated as of June 8, 2006 between The Bank of New York Mellon and the London Branch of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Annual Report on Form 10K/A filed by the Trust on March 10, 2011.
- 10.2 Amendment to Deposit Account Agreement dated as of November 13, 2008 between The Bank of New York Mellon and the London Branch of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed by the Trust on September 9, 2010.
- 10.3 Sublicense Agreement dated as of June 9, 2006 between PADCO Advisors II, Inc. and Guggenheim Specialized Products, LLC, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Annual Report on Form 10K/A filed by the Trust on March 10, 2011.
- 23.1 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 23.1 to the Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed by the Trust on January 12, 2017.
- 23.2 Consents of Foley & Lardner LLP (included in Exhibits 5.1 and 8.1)