

WisdomTree Investments, Inc.

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Registration Statement No. 333-

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

FORM S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

WisdomTree Investments, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant As Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

13-3487784
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

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

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If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

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, as amended, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, 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, please 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, 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 registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

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 and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
 Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered | Amount to be Registered ⁽¹⁾ | Proposed Maximum Offering Price per Share ⁽²⁾ | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price ⁽²⁾ | Amount of Registration Fee |
|---|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ⁽³⁾ | 835,000 | \$13.75 | \$11,481,250 | \$1,478.79 |

(1) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act, this registration statement also covers such additional shares of common stock as may hereafter be offered or issued with respect to the shares registered hereby resulting from

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stock splits, stock dividends, recapitalizations or similar capital adjustments.

- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, on the basis of the average of the high and low prices of the common stock on The NASDAQ Global Market on November 1, 2013.
- (3) Represents shares of common stock to be offered by the selling stockholder.

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PROSPECTUS

835,000 Shares

WisdomTree Investments, Inc.

Common Stock

This prospectus relates solely to the resale of up to an aggregate of 835,000 shares of our common stock, par value \$0.01, issuable upon the exercise of a stock option held by the selling stockholder. We are registering the offer and sale of the shares on behalf of the selling stockholder. The selling stockholder may offer the shares from time to time as it may determine through public or private transactions or through other means described in the section entitled **Plan of Distribution** at prevailing market prices, at prices related to prevailing market prices or at privately negotiated prices.

We will not receive any proceeds from the sale, if any, of common stock by the selling stockholder. The selling stockholder will bear all of the expenses incurred in connection with the registration of these shares, as well as all brokerage fees, commissions and sale-related expenses. You should read this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement before you invest in our common stock.

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol **WETF**. As of November 7, 2013, the last reported sale price of our common stock on The NASDAQ Global Market was \$13.73 per share.

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should review carefully the risks that are described in the Risk Factors section contained in this prospectus and under similar headings in any applicable prospectus supplement, any related free writing prospectus and the documents that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is November 8, 2013.

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RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Before deciding whether to purchase shares of our common stock pursuant to the registration statement, of which this prospectus is a part, please see the risk factors under the heading **Risk Factors** in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 and in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2013, in any applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus, and under similar headings in the other documents that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus. See **Information Incorporated by Reference**. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also affect our business operations. The occurrence of any of these risks might cause you to lose all or part of your investment in the offered securities. The discussion of risks includes or refers to forward-looking statements; you should read the explanation of the qualifications and limitations on such forward-looking statements discussed elsewhere in this prospectus.

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which we refer to as the SEC, utilizing a **shelf** registration process. Under this shelf registration process, the selling stockholder may from time to time sell up to an aggregate of 835,000 shares of our common stock in one or more offerings.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the shares of common stock the selling stockholder may offer. Each time the selling stockholder sells shares, we will, if necessary and required by law, provide one or more prospectus supplements that will contain specific information about the terms of the offering. The applicable prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, you should rely on such prospectus supplement.

The registration statement, of which this prospectus is a part, contains more information than this prospectus regarding us and the matters discussed in this prospectus, including exhibits and schedules. You can obtain a copy of the registration statement from the SEC at the SEC's web site or at the SEC's offices as described below under the heading **Where You Can Find Additional Information**. Statements in this prospectus concerning any document we filed as an exhibit to the registration statement or that we otherwise filed with the SEC are not intended to be comprehensive and are qualified by reference to these filings. You should review the complete document to evaluate these statements. You should read both this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement together with the additional information described under the headings **Where You Can Find More Information** and **Information Incorporated by Reference** of this prospectus, before making your investment decision.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement or in any related free writing prospectus filed by us with the SEC. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. This prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the securities described in this prospectus or such accompanying prospectus supplement or an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy such securities in any circumstances in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, the documents incorporated by reference and any related free writing prospectus is accurate only as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed materially since those dates.

Unless the context otherwise requires, all references to WisdomTree, the Company, we, our, us or our company in this prospectus refer to WisdomTree Investments, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

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ABOUT WISDOMTREE INVESTMENTS, INC.

We are the only publicly-traded asset management company that focuses exclusively on exchange traded funds, or ETFs. An ETF is an investment fund that holds securities such as stocks or bonds and trades at approximately the same price as the net asset value of its underlying component assets. ETFs offer exposure to a wide variety of investment themes, including domestic, international and emerging market equities, fixed income securities, currencies or commodities, as well as securities in specific industries and countries. Our own family of ETFs includes both fundamentally weighted funds that track our own indexes, and actively managed funds. We distribute our ETFs through all major channels within the asset management industry, including brokerage firms, registered investment advisors, institutional investors, private wealth managers and discount brokers.

We focus on creating ETFs for investors that offer thoughtful innovation, smart engineering and redefined investing. We believe that our differentiated approach, employing a distinctive index-based methodology, delivers better risk adjusted returns over the long term. Our index-based funds employ a fundamental weighting investment methodology, which weights securities on the basis of factors such as dividends or earnings, whereas most other ETF indexes use a capitalization weighted methodology.

In addition, we are one of a small number of ETF sponsors that have received the necessary exemptive relief from the SEC to offer actively managed ETFs, which are ETFs that are not based on a particular index but rather are actively managed with complete transparency into the ETF's portfolio on a daily basis. Our exemptive relief enables us to use our own indexes for certain of our ETFs, actively manage other ETFs and incorporate the use of derivatives in certain products, thereby allowing us to develop certain ETFs not yet offered by other sponsors. For example, we are the first ETF sponsor that has launched a managed futures strategy ETF.

We were incorporated in the state of Delaware on September 19, 1985. Our principal executive office is located at 380 Madison Avenue, 21st Floor, New York, New York, 10017, and our telephone number is (212) 801-2080. Our website is www.wisdomtree.com, and our investor relations website is ir.wisdomtree.com. Information contained on, or that can be accessed through, our website is not part of this prospectus. On July 26, 2011, the Company's common stock began trading on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol WETF. WisdomTree® is our U.S. registered service mark.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus contain forward-looking statements that are based on our management's belief and assumptions and on information currently available to our management. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, these statements relate to future events or our future financial performance, and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements.

In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as may, will, should, expects, intends, plans, anticipates, believes, estimates, predicts, potential, continue or the negative of these terms or comparable terminology. These statements are only predictions. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements because they involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which are, in some cases, beyond our control and which could materially affect results. Factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from current expectations include, among other things, those listed in the section entitled Risk Factors and elsewhere in this prospectus. If one or more of these risks or uncertainties occur, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, actual events or results may vary significantly from those implied or projected by the forward-looking statements. No forward-looking statement is a guarantee of future performance. You should read this prospectus and the documents that we reference in this prospectus and have filed with the SEC as exhibits to the registration statement, of which this prospectus is a part, completely and with the understanding that our actual future results may be materially different from any future results expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements.

In particular, forward-looking statements in this prospectus include statements about:

anticipated trends, conditions and investor sentiment in the global markets;

anticipated levels of inflows into and outflows out of our exchange traded funds;

our ability to deliver favorable rates of return to investors;

our ability to develop new products and services;

our ability to maintain current vendors or find new vendors to provide services to us at favorable costs;

competition in our business; and

the effect of laws and regulations that apply to our business.

The forward-looking statements in this prospectus represent our views as of the date of this prospectus. We anticipate that subsequent events and developments may cause our views to change. However, while we may elect to update

these forward-looking statements at some point in the future, we have no current intention of doing so except to the extent required by applicable law. Therefore, these forward-looking statements do not represent our views as of any date other than the date of this prospectus.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of our common stock by the selling stockholder.

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The selling stockholder named in the table below may, from time to time, offer and sell pursuant to this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement up to 835,000 shares of our common stock. When we refer to "selling stockholder" in this prospectus, we mean the stockholder listed in the table below, as well as its pledgees, donees, assignees, transferees, successors and others who may hold any of the selling stockholder's interests.

Since the selling stockholder is not obligated to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of its shares, we cannot estimate how many shares the selling stockholder will own after this offering. The information regarding shares beneficially owned after the offering assumes the sale of all shares offered by the selling stockholder. The selling stockholder may sell all, a portion or none of its shares at any time.

In addition, information about the selling stockholder may change over time. The selling stockholder may have sold or transferred, in a transaction exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, some or all of its shares since the date on which the information in the table is presented. If necessary and required by law, any revised or new information given to us by the selling stockholder will be set forth in an applicable prospectus supplement or amendments to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC and generally includes voting or investment power over securities. To our knowledge, unless otherwise indicated, the selling stockholder has sole voting and investment power with respect to its shares of our common stock. Percentage of beneficial ownership as given below is based on 129,391,406 shares of our common stock outstanding as of October 30, 2013.

| Name of Beneficial Owner | Shares Beneficially Owned Prior to the Offering | | Number of Shares Being Offered | Shares Beneficially Owned After the Offering | |
|------------------------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| | Number | Percentage | | Number | Percentage |
| Founders Equity LLC ⁽¹⁾ | 835,000 | 0.6% | 835,000 | 0 | 0% |

(1) James D. Robinson IV and Stuart J. Ellman own and control Founders Equity LLC. James D. Robinson IV has no economic interest in, or voting or investment power with respect to, the securities of the Company contemplated for sale. James D. Robinson III, James D. Robinson IV and Stuart J. Ellman are general partners of RRE Ventures GP III, LLC, which is the general partner of RRE Ventures III-A, L.P., RRE Ventures Fund III, L.P. and RRE Ventures III, L.P. Mr. Robinson IV served as a member of our board of directors from November 2004 to July 2013. The address of Founders Equity LLC is 130 East 59th Street, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10022

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The selling stockholder, or its pledgees, donees, transferees, or any of their successors in interest selling the securities received from the selling stockholder as a gift, distribution or other non-sale-related transfer after the date of this prospectus (all of whom may be selling stockholders), may sell the securities from time to time on any stock exchange or automated interdealer quotation system on which the securities are traded, in the over-the-counter market, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise, at fixed prices that may be changed, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to prevailing market prices or at prices otherwise negotiated. The selling stockholder may sell the securities by one or more of the following methods, without limitation:

block trades in which the broker or dealer so engaged will attempt to sell the securities as agent but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction, or in crosses in which the same broker acts as agent on both sides;

purchases by a broker or dealer as principal and resale by the broker or dealer for its own account pursuant to this prospectus;

an exchange distribution in accordance with the rules of any stock exchange on which the securities are listed or any automated inter-dealer quotation system on which the securities are traded;

ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker solicits purchases;

privately negotiated transactions;

short sales;

through the writing of options on the securities, swaps or other derivatives, whether or not the options or other such instruments are listed on an exchange or inter-dealer quotation system;

through the distribution of the securities by any selling stockholder to its partners, members, equityholders or creditors who may from time to time effect sales or other distributions of the securities;

one or more underwritten offerings on a firm commitment or best efforts basis or other purchases by underwriters, brokers, dealers, and agents who may receive compensation in the form of underwriting discounts, concessions or commissions from the selling stockholder and/or the purchasers of the securities for whom they may act as agent;

pledges of the securities as security for any loan or obligation, including pledges to brokers or dealers who may from time to time effect sales or other distributions of the securities;

sales in other ways not involving market makers or established trading markets, including direct sales to institutions or individual purchasers; and

any combination of the foregoing methods or by any other legally available means.

The selling stockholder may also transfer the securities by gift.

The selling stockholder may engage underwriters, brokers or dealers, and any underwriters, brokers or dealers may arrange for other underwriters, brokers or dealers to participate in effecting sales of the securities. These brokers, dealers or underwriters may act as principals, or as an agent of a selling stockholder. Broker-dealers may agree with a selling stockholder to sell a specified number of the securities at a stipulated price per security. If the broker-dealer is unable to sell securities acting as agent for a selling stockholder, it may purchase as principal any unsold securities at the stipulated price. Broker-dealers who acquire securities as principals may thereafter resell the securities from time to time in transactions in any stock exchange or automated interdealer quotation system on which the securities are then listed or in over-the-counter market, at prices and on terms then prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to the then-current market price or in negotiated transactions. Broker-dealers may use block transactions and sales to and through broker-dealers, including transactions of the

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nature described above. The selling stockholder may also sell the securities in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act, or in accordance with Section 4(a)(1) of the Securities Act, rather than pursuant to this prospectus, regardless of whether the securities are covered by this prospectus.

From time to time, the selling stockholder may pledge, hypothecate or grant a security interest in some or all of the securities owned by it. The pledgees, secured parties or persons to whom the securities have been so pledged or hypothecated (or otherwise subject to a security interest) will, upon foreclosure in the event of default, be deemed to be selling stockholders. The plan of distribution for that selling stockholder's securities will otherwise remain unchanged. The selling stockholder (or its pledgees, donees, transferees or other successors in interest) also may transfer and donate the securities in other circumstances in which case the transferees, donees, pledgees or other successors in interest thereof will be the selling stockholders for purposes of this prospectus and, if required under the Securities Act, will be identified in a prospectus supplement.

In addition, selling stockholder may, from time to time, sell the securities short, and, in those instances, this prospectus may be delivered in connection with the short sales and the securities offered under this prospectus may be used to cover short sales.

To the extent required under the Securities Act, the aggregate amount of selling stockholder's securities being offered and the terms of the offering, the names of any agents, brokers, dealers or underwriters and any applicable commission with respect to a particular offer will be set forth in an accompanying prospectus supplement. Any underwriters, dealers, brokers or agents participating in the distribution of the securities may receive compensation in the form of underwriting discounts, concessions, commissions or fees from the selling stockholder and/or purchasers of selling stockholder's securities, for whom they may act (which compensation as to a particular broker-dealer might be in excess of customary commissions).

The selling stockholder and any underwriters, brokers, dealers or agents that participate in the distribution of the securities may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act, and any discounts, concessions, commissions or fees received by them and any profit on the resale of the securities sold by them may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions.

The selling stockholder may enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers and the broker-dealers may engage in short sales of the securities in the course of hedging the positions they assume with the selling stockholder, including, without limitation, in connection with distributions of the securities by those broker-dealers. The selling stockholder may enter into options or other transactions with broker-dealers that involve the delivery of the securities offered hereby to the broker-dealers, who may then resell or otherwise transfer those securities. The selling stockholder may also loan or pledge the securities offered hereby to a broker-dealer and the broker-dealer may sell the securities offered hereby so loaned or upon a default may sell or otherwise transfer the pledged securities offered hereby.

The selling stockholder and other persons participating in the sale or distribution of the securities will be subject to applicable provisions of the Exchange Act, and the rules and regulations thereunder, including Regulation M. This regulation may limit the timing of purchases and sales of any of the securities by the selling stockholder and any other person. The anti-manipulation rules under the Exchange Act may apply to sales of securities in the market and to the activities of the selling stockholder and their affiliates. Furthermore, Regulation M may restrict the ability of any person engaged in the distribution of the securities to engage in market-making activities with respect to the particular securities being distributed for a period of up to five business days before the distribution. These restrictions may affect the marketability of the securities and the ability of any person or entity to engage in market-making activities with respect to the securities.

Pursuant to a registration rights agreement between us and the selling stockholder, the selling stockholder has agreed to indemnify us in certain circumstances against certain liabilities, including certain liabilities under the Securities Act. In addition, the registration rights agreement provides that we may suspend offers and sales or

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other dispositions of the shares under the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, at any time from and after the effective date of this registration statement, subject to certain terms and conditions. In the event of such suspension, the selling stockholder will not be able to offer or sell or otherwise dispose of securities under this registration statement. We and the selling stockholder may indemnify any underwriter or broker-dealer that participates in transactions involving the sale of the securities against certain liabilities, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act. The selling stockholder will bear all of the expenses incurred in connection with the registration of these shares, and will be responsible for all brokerage fees, commissions and sale-related expenses. The foregoing description of the registration rights agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified by reference to the full text of the registration statement, attached as Exhibit 4.5 to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

We cannot assure you that the selling stockholder will sell all or any portion of the securities offered hereby.

To the extent permitted by applicable law, this plan of distribution may be modified in a prospectus supplement or otherwise.

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LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters, including the validity of the shares offered, will be passed upon for us by Goodwin Procter LLP, Boston, Massachusetts.

EXPERTS

Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, has audited our consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, as set forth in their report, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus and elsewhere in the registration statement. Our financial statements are incorporated by reference in reliance on Ernst & Young LLP's report, given on their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file reports, proxy statements and other documents with the SEC. You may read and copy any document we file at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You should call 1-800-SEC-0330 for more information on the public reference room. Our SEC filings are also available to you on the SEC's Internet site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

In addition, all of the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus may be accessed, free of charge, via the Internet at our investor relations website: <http://ir.wisdomtree.com>. The contents of our websites are not incorporated by reference into this prospectus or in any other report or document we file with the SEC, and any references to our websites are intended to be inactive textual references only.

INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate into this prospectus information that we file with the SEC in other documents. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring to other documents that contain that information. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus. Information contained in this prospectus and information that we file with the SEC in the future and incorporate by reference in this prospectus automatically updates and supersedes previously filed information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below, in each case other than any documents or portions thereof that are furnished and not deemed filed with the SEC, including any information furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of our Current Reports on Form 8-K or Form 8-K/A unless, and except to the extent, specified in such Current Report:

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, filed on March 15, 2013, Form 10-K/A filed on April 26, 2013 and Form 10-K/A filed on August 8, 2013;

Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2013, filed on May 10, 2013, and Form 10-Q/A filed on August 8, 2013, Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2013, filed on August 7, 2013, and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2013, filed on November 7, 2013;

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Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 25, 2013 and August 16, 2013;

The description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 10 filed with the SEC on March 31, 2011 (File No. 001-10932), including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description; and

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All reports and other documents subsequently filed by us pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this prospectus and prior to the termination or completion of the offering of securities under this prospectus shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus and to be a part hereof from the date of filing such reports and other documents.

A statement contained in a document incorporated by reference into this prospectus shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement or in any other subsequently filed document which is also incorporated in this prospectus modifies or replaces such statement. Any statements so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus or in the documents incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of this prospectus or those documents.

We will provide to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom a prospectus is delivered, without charge upon written or oral request, a copy of any or all of the documents that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus but not delivered with the prospectus, including exhibits which are specifically incorporated by reference into such documents. You may request a copy of these filings at no cost, by writing to or telephoning us at the following address:

WisdomTree Investments, Inc.

380 Madison Avenue, 21st Floor

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(212) 801-2080

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The following table sets forth the estimated costs and expenses to be incurred in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities of WisdomTree Investments, Inc. which are registered under this Registration Statement on Form S-3, other than underwriting discounts and commissions. The selling stockholder will bear all of the costs and expenses set forth below.

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Registration fee | \$ 1,479 |
| Legal fees and expenses | 50,000 |
| Accounting fees and expenses | 10,000 |
| Custodian fees | 10,000 |
| Printing fees and expenses | 5,000 |
| Miscellaneous | 3,521 |
| Total | \$ 80,000 |

Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware empowers a Delaware corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that such person's conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit, or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon plea of *nolo contendere* or its equivalent, does not, of itself, create a presumption that such person did not act in good faith and in a manner which such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that such person's conduct was unlawful.

In the case of an action by or in the right of the corporation, Section 145 empowers a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action in any of the capacities set forth above against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in and not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that indemnification is not permitted in respect of any claim, issue, or matter as to which such person is adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought determines upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court deems proper. Section 145 further provides: that a Delaware corporation is required to indemnify a director, officer, employee, or agent against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with any action, suit, or proceeding or in defense of any claim,

issue, or matter therein as to which such person has been successful on the merits or otherwise; that indemnification provided for by Section 145 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the indemnified party may be entitled; that indemnification provided for by Section 145 shall, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee, or agent and shall inure to the benefit

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of such person's heirs, executors, and administrators; and empowers the corporation to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of a director or officer against any such liability asserted against such person in any such capacity or arising out of such person's status as such whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify him against liability under Section 145. A Delaware corporation may provide indemnification only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct. Such determination is to be made (i) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not party to such action, suit, or proceeding, or (ii) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (iii) by the stockholders.

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation (the Charter) provides that no director of our company shall be personally liable to us or our stockholders for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability (1) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to our company or our stockholders, (2) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (3) in respect of unlawful dividend payments or stock redemptions or repurchases, or (4) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. In addition, our Charter provides that if the Delaware General Corporation Law is amended to authorize the further elimination or limitation of the liability of directors, then the liability of a director of our company shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law, as so amended. The Charter further provides that any amendment, repeal or modification of these provisions by our stockholders or an amendment to the Delaware General Corporation Law will not adversely affect any right or protection existing at the time of such amendment, repeal or modification with respect to any acts or omissions occurring before such amendment, repeal or modification of a director serving at the time of such amendment, repeal or modification.

Our amended and restated by-laws (the By-Laws) provide that we will indemnify each of our directors and officers and, in the discretion of our Board of Directors, certain employees, to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law as the same may be amended (except that in the case of an amendment, only to the extent that the amendment permits us to provide broader indemnification rights than the Delaware General Corporation Law permitted us to provide prior to such the amendment) against any and all expenses, judgments, damages, liabilities, losses, penalties, excise taxes, fines and amounts paid in settlement that are incurred or paid by the director, officer or such employee or on the director's, officer's or employee's behalf in connection with any threatened, pending or completed proceeding or any claim, issue or matter therein, to which he or she is or is threatened to be made, a party to or participant in because he or she is or was serving as a director, officer or employee of our company, or at our request as a director, partner, trustee, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan, foundation, association, organization or other legal entity, if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of our company and, with respect to any criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful, provided however, with respect to actions, suits and proceedings other than by or in the right of our company, that no indemnification shall be made under or in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which he or she has been finally adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be liable to our company, unless, and only to the extent that, the Delaware Court of Chancery or another court in which such proceeding was brought has determined upon application that, despite adjudication of liability, but in view of all the circumstances of the case, he or she is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification for such expenses that such court deems proper. The By-Laws further provide for the advancement of expenses to each of our directors and, in the discretion of the Board of Directors, to certain officers and employees. In addition, the By-Laws provide that the right of each of our directors and officers to indemnification and advancement of expenses shall be a contract right and shall not be exclusive of any other right now possessed or hereafter acquired under any statute, provision of the Charter or By-Laws, agreement, vote of stockholders or otherwise. Furthermore, the By-Laws authorize us to provide insurance for our directors, officers and employees

against any liability, whether or not we would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under the Delaware General Corporation Law or the By-Laws.

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Additionally, we have entered into indemnification agreements with certain of our directors and officers whereby we have agreed to indemnify, and advance expenses to, each indemnitee to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. These indemnification agreements will continue until and terminate upon the later of (i) ten years after the date that the indemnitee has ceased to serve as a director or officer of any entity which the indemnitee served at our request, or (ii) one year after the final termination of any proceedings then pending in respect of which the indemnitee is granted rights of indemnification or advancement of expenses or any proceeding commenced by the indemnitee.

We maintain a directors and officers liability insurance policy. The policy insures directors and officers against unindemnified losses arising from certain wrongful acts in their capacities as directors and officers and reimburses us for those losses for which we have lawfully indemnified the directors and officers. The policy contains various exclusions.

Item 16. Exhibits.

A list of exhibits filed with this registration statement on Form S-3 is set forth on the Exhibit Index and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 17. Undertakings.

(a) 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 Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20% 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;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) of this section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of 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;

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(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

(i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) 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

(ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) 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) 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;

(5) 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 Section 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; and

(6) 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 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.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of New York, the State of New York, on this 8th day of November, 2013.

WISDOMTREE INVESTMENTS, INC.

By: /s/ Jonathan L. Steinberg
Jonathan L. Steinberg
Chief Executive Officer and Director

POWER OF ATTORNEY

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF WISDOMTREE INVESTMENTS, INC., hereby severally constitute and appoint Peter M. Ziemba and Amit Muni, and each of them singly (with full power to each of them to act alone), our true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution in each of them for him and in his name, place and stead, and in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this registration statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite or necessary to be done in and about the premises, as full to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or their or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

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 indicated below on the 8th day of November, 2013.

| Signature | Title |
|---------------------------|--|
| /s/ Jonathan L. Steinberg | Chief Executive Officer, President and Director |
| Jonathan L. Steinberg | (Principal Executive Officer) |
| /s/ Amit Muni | Executive Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer |
| Amit Muni | (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer) |
| /s/ Michael Steinhardt | Director |
| Michael Steinhardt | |
| /s/ Bruce I. Lavine | Director |

Bruce I. Lavine

/s/ Steven L. Begleiter Director

Steven L. Begleiter

/s/ Anthony Bossone Director

Anthony Bossone

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| Signature | Title |
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| /s/ R. Jarrett Lilien | Director |
| R. Jarrett Lilien | |
| /s/ Win Neuger | Director |
| Win Neuger | |
| /s/ Frank Salerno | Director |
| Frank Salerno | |

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EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 4.1 ⁽¹⁾ | Specimen Common Stock Certificate |
| 4.2 ⁽¹⁾ | Amended and Restated Stockholders Agreement among Registrant and certain investors dated December 21, 2006 |
| 4.3 ⁽¹⁾ | Securities Purchase Agreement among Registrant and certain investors dated October 15, 2009 |
| 4.4 ⁽¹⁾ | Third Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement dated October 15, 2009 |
| 4.5 ⁽²⁾ | Registration Rights Agreement, dated November 8, 2013, between Registrant and Founders Equity LLC |
| 5.1 ⁽²⁾ | Opinion of Goodwin Procter LLP |
| 23.1 ⁽²⁾ | Consent of Independent Registered Accounting Firm, Ernst & Young LLP |
| 23.2 ⁽²⁾ | Consent of Goodwin Procter LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1) |
| 24.1 ⁽²⁾ | Power of Attorney (included in Part II of this registration statement) |

(1) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 10 filed with the SEC on March 31, 2011.

(2) Filed herewith.