

**SPDR® Series Trust**

**SPDR ICE Preferred Securities ETF  
(formerly, SPDR Wells Fargo® Preferred Stock ETF)  
(the “Fund”)**

Supplement dated September 13, 2021 to the Prospectus and Summary Prospectus,  
each dated October 31, 2020, as may be supplemented from time to time

1. *Effective immediately, the “PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND” section beginning on page 266 of the Prospectus and page 2 of the Summary Prospectus is updated to: (i) replace the existing “Preferred Securities Risk” discussion with the corresponding discussion below and (ii) add the “Debt Securities Risk” discussion below.*

**Preferred Securities Risk:** Generally, Preferred Security holders have no or limited voting rights with respect to the issuing company. In addition, Preferred Securities are generally senior to common stock, but subordinated to bonds and other debt instruments in a company’s capital structure and therefore will be subject to greater credit risk than those debt instruments. In the event an issuer of Preferred Securities experiences economic difficulties, the issuer’s Preferred Securities may lose substantial value due to the increased likelihood of deferred interest or dividend payments and the fact that the Preferred Security may be subordinated to other securities of the same issuer. Further, because many Preferred Securities pay interest or dividends at a fixed rate, their market price can be sensitive to changes in interest rates in a manner similar to bonds — that is, as interest rates rise, the value of the Preferred Securities held by the Fund are likely to decline. In addition, to the extent Preferred Securities allow holders to convert the Preferred Securities into common stock of the issuer, their market price can be sensitive to changes in the value of the issuer’s common stock and, therefore, declining common stock values may also cause the value of the Fund’s investments to decline. Preferred securities often have call features which allow the issuer to redeem the security at its discretion. The redemption of a Preferred Security having a higher than average yield may cause a decrease in the Fund’s yield.

**Debt Securities Risk:** The values of debt securities may increase or decrease as a result of the following: market fluctuations, changes in interest rates, actual or perceived inability or unwillingness of issuers, guarantors or liquidity providers to make scheduled principal or interest payments or illiquidity in debt securities markets; the risk of low rates of return due to reinvestment of securities during periods of falling interest rates or repayment by issuers with higher coupon or interest rates; and/or the risk of low income due to falling interest rates. To the extent that interest rates rise, certain underlying obligations may be paid off substantially slower than originally anticipated and the value of those securities may fall sharply. A rising interest rate environment may cause the value of the Fund’s fixed income securities to decrease, an adverse impact on the liquidity of the Fund’s fixed income securities, and increased volatility of the fixed income markets. The current historically low interest rate environment heightens the risks associated with rising interest rates. During periods when interest rates are at low levels, the Fund’s yield can be low, and the Fund may have a negative yield (i.e., it may lose money on an operating basis). If the principal on a debt obligation is prepaid before expected, the prepayments of principal may have to be reinvested in obligations paying interest at lower rates. During periods of falling interest rates, the income received by the Fund may decline. Changes in interest rates will likely have a greater effect on the values of debt securities of longer durations. Returns on investments in debt securities could trail the returns on other investment options, including investments in equity securities.

2. ***Effective immediately, the “ADDITIONAL RISK INFORMATION” section beginning on page 272 of the Prospectus is updated to: (i) replace the existing “Preferred Securities Risk” discussion with the corresponding discussion below; (ii) add the “Debt Securities Risk” discussion below; and (iii) reflect in the risk chart that “Debt Securities Risk” is a principal risk of the Fund.***

*Preferred Securities Risk.* Generally, preferred security holders have no or limited voting rights with respect to the issuing company. In addition, preferred securities are generally senior to common stock, but subordinated to bonds and other debt instruments in a company’s capital structure and therefore will be subject to greater credit risk than those debt instruments. In the event an issuer of preferred securities experiences economic difficulties, the issuer’s preferred securities may lose substantial value due to the increased likelihood of deferred interest or dividend payments and the fact that the preferred security may be subordinated to other securities of the same issuer. Further, because many preferred securities pay interest or dividends at a fixed rate, their market price can be sensitive to changes in interest rates in a manner similar to bonds - that is, as interest rates rise, the value of the preferred securities held by the Fund are likely to decline. Therefore, to the extent that the Fund invests a substantial portion of its assets in fixed rate preferred securities, rising interest rates may cause the value of the Fund’s investments to decline significantly. In addition, to the extent preferred securities allow holders to convert the preferred securities into common stock of the issuer, their market price can be sensitive to changes in the value of the issuer’s common stock and, therefore, declining common stock values may also cause the value of the Fund’s investments to decline. Preferred securities often have call features which allow the issuer to redeem the security at its discretion. The redemption of a preferred security having a higher than average yield may cause a decrease in the Fund’s yield.

*Debt Securities Risk.* The values of debt securities may increase or decrease as a result of the following: market fluctuations, changes in interest rates, actual or perceived inability or unwillingness of issuers, guarantors or liquidity providers to make scheduled principal or interest payments or illiquidity in debt securities markets; the risk of low rates of return due to reinvestment of securities during periods of falling interest rates or repayment by issuers with higher coupon or interest rates; and/or the risk of low income due to falling interest rates. To the extent that interest rates rise, certain underlying obligations may be paid off substantially slower than originally anticipated and the value of those securities may fall sharply. A rising interest rate environment may cause the value of the Fund’s fixed income securities to decrease, a decline in the Fund’s income and yield, an adverse impact on the liquidity of the Fund’s fixed income securities, and increased volatility of the fixed income markets. The current historically low interest rate environment heightens the risks associated with rising interest rates. During periods when interest rates are at low levels, the Fund’s yield can be low, and the Fund may have a negative yield (i.e., it may lose money on an operating basis). If the principal on a debt obligation is prepaid before expected, the prepayments of principal may have to be reinvested in obligations paying interest at lower rates. During periods of falling interest rates, the income received by the Fund may decline. Changes in interest rates will likely have a greater effect on the values of debt securities of longer durations. Returns on investments in debt securities could trail the returns on other investment options, including investments in equity securities.

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**SPDR Series Trust**  
**(the “Trust”)**

**SPDR S&P 500 Fossil Fuel Reserves Free ETF**  
**(the “Fund”)**

Supplement dated March 24, 2021 to the Prospectus and  
Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”), each dated October 31, 2020,  
as may be supplemented from time to time

*Effective immediately, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, has agreed to reduce the Fund’s management fee from 0.25% to 0.20% of the Fund’s average daily net assets. In connection with this management fee reduction, the Board of Trustees of the Trust has approved the termination of the existing contractual fee waiver, whereby the Adviser agreed to limit the Fund’s total annual operating expenses to 0.20% of the Fund’s average daily net assets (the “fee waiver”). Accordingly, effective immediately, (i) all references to the Fund’s fee waiver are deleted, and (ii) the fee table and example table in the “FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND” section on page 102 of the Prospectus are deleted and replaced with the following:*

**FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND**

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES**

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Management fees <sup>1</sup>                      | 0.20% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees             | None  |
| Other expenses                                    | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses <sup>1</sup> | 0.20% |

<sup>1</sup> The Fund’s “Management fees” and “Total annual Fund operating expenses” have been restated to reflect a reduction in the Fund’s management fee.

**EXAMPLE:**

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| <b>Year 1</b> | <b>Year 3</b> | <b>Year 5</b> | <b>Year 10</b> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| \$20          | \$64          | \$113         | \$255          |

*Effective immediately, all additional references in the Prospectus and SAI to the Fund’s management fee are revised as indicated above.*

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**Important Notice Regarding Change in  
Fund Name, Index, and Related Matters**

**SPDR® Series Trust**

**SPDR Wells Fargo® Preferred Stock ETF  
(the “Fund”)**

Supplement dated February 26, 2021 to the Prospectus, Summary Prospectus,  
Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”), each dated October 31, 2020,  
as may be supplemented from time to time

**Effective May 1, 2021 (the “Effective Date”), the Fund’s name, benchmark index, and principal investment strategy will change. Accordingly, as of the Effective Date:**

- 1. All references to the Fund’s name and benchmark index in the Prospectus, Summary Prospectus, and SAI (except for the benchmark index in the Average Annual Total Return Table in the Prospectus and Summary Prospectus) are deleted and replaced as follows:**

| <i>Current Name of<br/>Fund</i>         | <i>Current<br/>Benchmark Index</i>                                | <i>New Name of<br/>Fund</i>          | <i>New<br/>Benchmark Index</i>   |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| SPDR Wells Fargo Preferred Stock<br>ETF | Wells Fargo Hybrid and<br>Preferred Securities Aggregate<br>Index | SPDR ICE Preferred Securities<br>ETF | ICE Exchange-Listed Fixed &<br>Adjustable Rate Preferred<br>Securities Index |

- 2. The section entitled “THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY” beginning on page 265 of the Prospectus and page 1 of the Summary Prospectus is deleted and replaced with the following:**

In seeking to track the performance of the ICE Exchange-Listed Fixed & Adjustable Rate Preferred Securities Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the Index, the Fund’s assets may be concentrated in an industry or group of industries, but only to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index is designed to measure the performance of non-convertible preferred stock and securities that are functionally equivalent to preferred stock, including, but not limited to, senior and subordinated debt (collectively, “Preferred Securities”). Preferred Securities generally pay fixed rate distributions (but may pay distributions based on adjustable rates) and typically have “preference” over common stock in the payment of distributions and the liquidation of a company’s assets — preference means that a company must pay distributions on its Preferred Securities before paying dividends on its common stock, and the claims of Preferred Securities holders are ahead of common stockholders’ claims on assets in a corporate liquidation. The Index includes Preferred Securities that meet the following criteria: (i) are non-convertible; (ii) have a par amount of \$25; (iii) are primarily listed on the NYSE or NASDAQ exchanges, (iv) have a minimum amount outstanding of \$250 million; (v) are U.S. dollar denominated; (vi) are rated investment grade by one of Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. or Standard & Poor’s Financial Services, LLC ratings services; (vii) are publicly registered or exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933; (viii) have a fixed or floating rate coupon or dividend schedule; (iv) have a minimum average monthly trading volume of at least 250,000 trading units during the preceding six months; and (x) have at least 18 months to final maturity at time of issuance and a minimum remaining term to final maturity of at least one day. The Index does not include auction rate preferred securities, convertible preferred shares, securities with a sinking fund, shares in closed-end funds, purchase units, purchase contracts, corporate pay-in-kind securities and derivative instruments.

The Index is market capitalization weighted. The aggregate weight of securities of an individual issuer is limited to 5%, and any weight exceeding this limit will be redistributed on a pro-rata basis to securities of issuers that do not exceed the 5% limit. In the event the Index includes securities of fewer than 20 issuers, the aggregate weight of each issuer’s securities will be equally weighted and the issuer’s individual securities will be weighted on a pro-rata basis. The Index is rebalanced on the last calendar day of each month based on information available up to and including the third business day before the last business day of the month. As of February 22, 2021, a significant portion of the Index comprised companies in the financial and utilities sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of February 22, 2021, the Index comprised 159 Preferred Securities.

The Index is sponsored by ICE Data Indices, LLC (the “Index Provider”), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

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# Prospectus

October 31, 2020

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| SPDR Dow Jones REIT ETF (RWR)  | SPDR S&P Aerospace & Defense ETF (XAR)                |
| SPDR FactSet Innovative Technology ETF (XITK)  | SPDR S&P Bank ETF (KBE)                               |
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| SPDR MSCI USA StrategicFactors <sup>SM</sup> ETF (QUS)   | SPDR S&P Capital Markets ETF (KCE)                    |
| SPDR NYSE Technology ETF (XNTK)  | SPDR S&P Dividend ETF (SDY)                           |
| SPDR Portfolio S&P 1500 Composite Stock Market ETF<br>(formerly, SPDR Portfolio Total Stock Market ETF) (SPTM) | SPDR S&P Health Care Equipment ETF (XHE)              |
| SPDR Portfolio S&P 400 Mid Cap ETF (formerly, SPDR<br>Portfolio Mid Cap ETF) (SPMD)                            | SPDR S&P Health Care Services ETF (XHS)               |
| SPDR Portfolio S&P 500® ETF (formerly, SPDR Portfolio Large<br>Cap ETF) (SPLG)                                 | SPDR S&P Homebuilders ETF (XHB)                       |
| SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 Growth ETF (SPYG)   | SPDR S&P Insurance ETF (KIE)                          |
| SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 High Dividend ETF (SPYD)  | SPDR S&P Internet ETF (XWEB)                          |
| SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 Value ETF (SPYV)  | SPDR S&P Kensho Clean Power ETF (CNRG)                |
| SPDR Portfolio S&P 600 Small Cap ETF (formerly, SPDR<br>Portfolio Small Cap ETF) (SPSM)                        | SPDR S&P Kensho Final Frontiers ETF (ROKT)            |
| SPDR Russell 1000® Low Volatility Focus ETF (ONEV)   | SPDR S&P Kensho Future Security ETF (FITE)            |
| SPDR Russell 1000 Momentum Focus ETF (ONEO)  | SPDR S&P Kensho Intelligent Structures ETF (SIMS)     |
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| SPDR S&P 1500 Value Tilt ETF (VLU)   | SPDR S&P Metals & Mining ETF (XME)                    |
| SPDR S&P 400 Mid Cap Growth ETF (MDYG)   | SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Equipment & Services ETF (XES)     |
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| SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap Growth ETF (SLYG)   | SPDR S&P Semiconductor ETF (XSD)                      |
| SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap Value ETF (SLYV)  | SPDR S&P Software & Services ETF (XSW)                |
|  | SPDR S&P Telecom ETF (XTL)                            |
|  | SPDR S&P Transportation ETF (XTN)                     |
|  | SPDR Wells Fargo® Preferred Stock ETF (PSK)           |

Principal U.S. Listing Exchange: NYSE Arca, Inc.

Beginning on January 1, 2021, as permitted by regulations adopted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, paper copies of a Fund's annual and semi-annual shareholder reports will no longer be sent by mail, unless you specifically request paper copies of the reports from the Fund (or from your financial intermediary, such as a broker-dealer or bank). Instead, the reports will be made available on a Fund's website (<https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>), and you will be notified by mail each time a report is posted, and provided with a website link to access the report. If you already elected to receive reports electronically, you will not be affected by this change and you need not take any action. You may elect to receive shareholder reports and other communications by contacting your financial intermediary.

You may elect to receive all future reports in paper free of charge. If you invest through a financial intermediary, you can contact your financial intermediary to request that you continue to receive paper copies of your shareholder reports. Your election to receive reports in paper will apply to all funds held in your account.

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission has not approved or disapproved these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this Prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense. Shares in the Funds are not guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other agency of the U.S. Government, nor are shares deposits or obligations of any bank. It is possible to lose money by investing in the Funds.





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## FUND SUMMARIES

# SPDR® Dow Jones REIT ETF

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR Dow Jones REIT ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of publicly traded real estate investment trusts.

### FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.25% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.25% |

### EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$26   | \$80   | \$141  | \$318   |

### PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 17% of the average value of its portfolio.

### THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the Dow Jones U.S. Select REIT Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase

agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index is designed to provide a measure of real estate securities that serve as proxies for direct real estate investing, in part by excluding securities whose value is not always closely tied to the value of the underlying real estate. The reason for the exclusions is that performance of such securities may be driven by factors other than the value of real estate. The Index is a market capitalization weighted index of publicly traded real estate investment trusts ("REITs") and is comprised of companies whose charters are the equity ownership and operation of commercial and/or residential real estate and which operate under the REIT Act of 1960. To be included in the Index, a company must be both an equity owner and operator of commercial and/or residential real estate. Businesses excluded from the Index include: those classified under the Dow Jones REIT/RESI Industry Classification Hierarchy as "Specialty" (i.e., REIT types that cannot be easily classified within the Hierarchy, including net-lease REITs, timber REITs, railroad REITs and tower REITs), hybrid REITS, mortgage REITs, real estate finance companies, mortgage brokers and bankers, commercial and residential real estate brokers and estate agents, home builders, large landowners and subdividers of unimproved land, as well as companies that have more than 25% of their assets in direct mortgage investments. A company must have a minimum float-adjusted market capitalization of at least \$200 million at the time of its inclusion, and at least 75% of the company's total revenue must be derived from the ownership and operation of real estate assets. A stock must have a median daily value traded of at least \$5 million for the three-months prior to the rebalancing reference date. The Index is generally rebalanced quarterly, and returns are calculated on a buy and hold basis except as necessary to reflect the occasional occurrence of Index changes in the middle of the month. Each REIT in the Index is weighted by its float-adjusted market capitalization. That is, each security is weighted to reflect the attainable market capitalization of the security which reflects that portion of securities shares that are accessible to investors. The Index is priced daily and is a total return (price and income) benchmark. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 116 REITs.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Real Estate Sector Risk:** An investment in a real property company may be subject to risks similar to those associated with direct ownership of real estate, including, by way of example, the possibility of declines in the value of real estate, losses from casualty or condemnation, and changes in local and general economic conditions, supply and demand, interest rates, environmental liability, zoning laws, regulatory limitations on rents, property taxes, and operating expenses. Some real property companies have limited diversification because they invest in a limited number of properties, a narrow geographic area, or a single type of property.

**REIT Risk:** Real estate investment trusts ("REITs") are subject to the risks associated with investing in the securities of real property companies. In particular, REITs may be affected by changes in the values of the underlying properties that they own or operate. Further, REITs are dependent upon specialized management skills,

and their investments may be concentrated in relatively few properties, or in a small geographic area or a single property type. REITs are also subject to heavy cash flow dependency and, as a result, are particularly reliant on the proper functioning of capital markets. A variety of economic and other factors may adversely affect a lessee's ability to meet its obligations to a REIT. In the event of a default by a lessee, the REIT may experience delays in enforcing its rights as a lessor and may incur substantial costs associated in protecting its investments. In addition, a REIT could fail to qualify for favorable regulatory treatment.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not done so.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

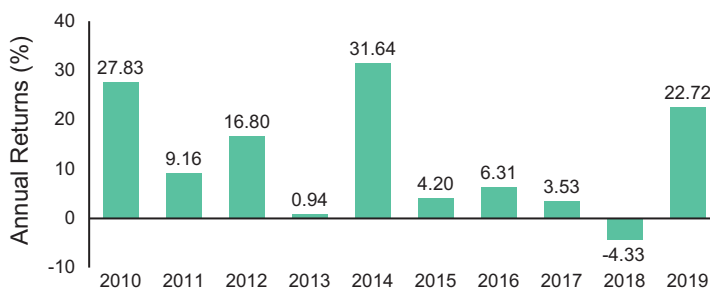
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## FUND PERFORMANCE

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### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 15.60% (Q1, 2019)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -14.49% (Q3, 2011)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -21.55%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|  | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Return Before Taxes  | 22.72%      | 6.13%         | 11.30%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions  | 21.26%      | 4.56%         | 9.79%        |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares                          | 13.65%      | 4.02%         | 8.53%        |
| Dow Jones U.S. Select REIT Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 23.10%      | 6.40%         | 11.57%       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                    | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.56%       |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

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### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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## PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

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Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary

market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the “bid-ask spread”). Recent information regarding the Fund’s NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

#### **TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund’s distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you. Some distributions may be treated as a return of capital for tax purposes.

#### **PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.



# SPDR® FactSet Innovative Technology ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR FactSet Innovative Technology ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of the FactSet Innovative Technology Index.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.45% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.45% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$46   | \$144  | \$252  | \$567   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 35% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the FactSet Innovative Technology Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index (including common stock, preferred stock, depositary receipts and shares of other investment companies), cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the Index, the



Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to its Index.

The Index is designed to represent the performance of U.S.-listed stock and American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs") of Technology companies and Technology-related companies (including Electronic Media companies) within the most innovative segments of the Technology sector and Electronic Media sub-sector of the Media sector, as defined by FactSet Research Systems, Inc. ("FactSet" or the "Index Provider"). The Index Provider considers the most innovative segments of the Technology sector and Electronic Media sub-sector to be those with the highest revenue growth and believes that these companies are often involved in cutting edge research, innovative product and service development, disruptive business models, or a combination of these activities. In addition to traditional Technology companies, Electronic Media companies are included in the Index because of their core focus on technology and the integral role technology plays in determining how such companies operate, innovate and compete within their industry. FactSet defines the Technology sector to include Information Technology Services providers, Hardware manufacturers, Software manufacturers, Electronic Components manufacturers, and Manufacturing Equipment and Services providers. FactSet defines the Electronic Media sub-sector to include companies that produce media content in digital format and deliver, distribute and monetize their content via an electronic medium such as the Internet.

FactSet sector determinations are based on a comprehensive, structured taxonomy designed to seek to offer precise industry classification of global companies according to the products and services sold by such companies (the "FactSet Revere Hierarchy"). The FactSet Revere Hierarchy reflects a variable depth structure that, with respect to the Index, consists of twelve levels of increasingly specialized Technology or Electronic Media sub-sectors. Technology and electronic media companies are classified or mapped to the sub-sectors from which they each derive 50% or more of their respective revenues. A company will be eligible for inclusion in the Index if it satisfies the following criteria: (i) is mapped to a Technology or Electronic Media sub-sector at the fourth level or lower (levels four through twelve) in the FactSet Revere Hierarchy; (ii) is mapped to a sub-sector in the top quartile of FactSet's composite revenue growth scoring system for the Technology sector or Electronic Media sub-sector (the "revenue growth scoring system"); (iii) has a market capitalization of shares publicly available to investors (i.e., a "float-adjusted" market capitalization) above \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) above 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) above 150%; (iv) is a U.S.-listed stock or ADR; and (v) has not had an initial public offering of shares within three months of the Review Selection Day (defined below).

The Index is equal-weighted to ensure that each of its component securities is represented in approximate equal dollar value at each reconstitution. The Index is capped at a maximum of 100 constituent securities. If there are fewer than 50 stocks suitable for inclusion based on the eligibility criteria, stocks mapped to the next highest-ranked quartile of sub-sectors would be added until the minimum number of Index constituents is met. To ensure that each component stock continues to represent approximate equal market value in the Index, adjustments, if necessary, are made annually after the close of trading on the third Friday of December (the "Reconstitution Day") based on information as of the last business day two weeks before the Reconstitution Day (the "Review Selection Day"). As of July 31, 2020, the Index was comprised of 98 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by FactSet (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

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**Technology Sector Risk:** Market or economic factors impacting technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund's investments. The value of stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly vulnerable to rapid changes in technology product cycles, rapid product obsolescence, government regulation and competition, both domestically and internationally, including competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Technology companies are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights, the loss or impairment of which may adversely affect profitability. Additionally, companies in the technology sector may face dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel.

**Electronic Media Companies Risk:** Electronic media companies create, own, and distribute various forms of technology-based visual, audio, and interactive content, as well as information databases that they sell or lease to others. Electronic media companies can be adversely affected by, among other things, changes in government regulation, intense competition, dependency on patent protection, and rapid obsolescence of products and services due to product compatibility or changing consumer preferences.

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**Depository Receipts Risk:** Investments in depository receipts may be less liquid and more volatile than the underlying securities in their primary trading market. If a depository receipt is denominated in a different currency than its underlying securities, the Fund will be subject to the currency risk of both the investment in the depository receipt and the underlying security. Holders of depository receipts may have limited or no rights to take action with respect to the underlying securities or to compel the issuer of the receipts to take action. The prices of depository receipts may differ from the prices of securities upon which they are based. To the extent the Fund invests in depository receipts based on securities included in the Index, such differences in prices may increase index tracking risk. Investments in depository receipts are generally subject to the same risks as their underlying securities, including political, regulatory, and economic risks. There may be less information publicly available about a non-U.S. entity that issues the underlying securities than about a U.S. entity, and many non-U.S. entities are not subject to accounting, auditing, legal and financial report standards comparable to those in the United States. Further, such entities and/or their securities may be subject to risks associated with currency controls; expropriation; changes in tax policy; greater market volatility; liquidity risks; differing securities market structures; higher transaction costs; and various administrative difficulties.

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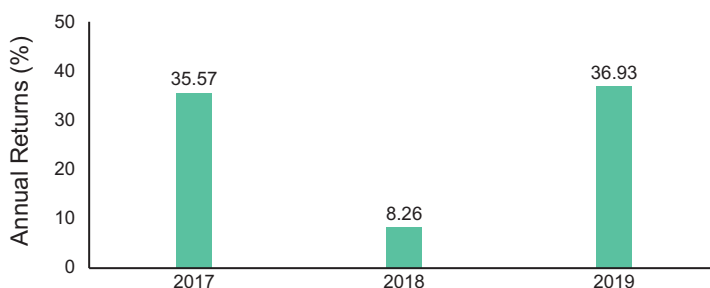
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Highest Quarterly Return: 25.93% (Q1, 2019)

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|   | One<br>Year | Since Inception<br>(01/13/16) |
|---|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes   | 36.93%      | 24.53%                        |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions   | 36.88%      | 23.95%                        |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares                             | 21.89%      | 19.63%                        |
| FactSet Innovative Technology Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 37.71%      | 25.07%                        |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                       | 31.49%      | 16.83%                        |

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The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

## PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# SPDR® Global Dow ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR Global Dow ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of multinational blue-chip issuers.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.50% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.50% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$51   | \$160  | \$280  | \$628   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 8% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of The Global Dow (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the



Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index is made up of approximately 150 companies from around the world. The companies are selected not just based on size and reputation, but also on their importance in the global economy. The Index has been designed to cover both developed and emerging countries. The Index is equal weighted and will be reset to equal weights annually each September. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 152 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Non-U.S. Securities Risk:** Non-U.S. securities (including depositary receipts) are subject to political, regulatory, and economic risks not present in domestic investments. There may be less information publicly available about a non-U.S. entity than about a U.S. entity, and many non-U.S. entities are not subject to accounting, auditing, legal and financial report standards comparable to those in the United States. Further, such entities and/or their securities may be subject to risks associated with currency controls; expropriation; changes in tax policy; greater market volatility; differing securities market structures; higher transaction costs; and various administrative difficulties, such as delays in clearing and settling portfolio transactions or in receiving payment of dividends. To the extent underlying securities held by the Fund trade on foreign exchanges that are closed when the exchange on which the Fund's shares trade is open, there may be deviations between the current price of an underlying security and the last quoted price for the underlying security on the closed foreign market. These deviations could result in the Fund experiencing premiums or discounts greater than those of ETFs that invest in domestic securities. Securities traded on foreign markets may be less liquid (harder to sell) than securities traded domestically. Foreign governments may impose restrictions on the repatriation of capital to the U.S. In addition, to the extent that the Fund buys securities denominated in a foreign currency, there are special risks such as changes in currency exchange rates and the risk that a foreign government could regulate foreign exchange transactions. In addition, to the extent investments are made in a limited number of countries, events in those countries will have a more significant impact on the Fund. Investments in depositary receipts may be less liquid and more volatile than the underlying shares in their primary trading market.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain

on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Currency Risk:** The value of the Fund's assets may be affected favorably or unfavorably by currency exchange rates, currency exchange control regulations, and delays, restrictions or prohibitions on the repatriation of foreign currencies. Foreign currency exchange rates may have significant volatility, and changes in the values of foreign currencies against the U.S. dollar may result in substantial declines in the values of the Fund's assets denominated in foreign currencies.

**Depository Receipts Risk:** Investments in depository receipts may be less liquid and more volatile than the underlying securities in their primary trading market. If a depository receipt is denominated in a different currency than its underlying securities, the Fund will be subject to the currency risk of both the investment in the depository receipt and the underlying security. Holders of depository receipts may have limited or no rights to take action with respect to the underlying securities or to compel the issuer of the receipts to take action. The prices of depository receipts may differ from the prices of securities upon which they are based. To the extent the Fund invests in depository receipts based on securities included in the Index, such differences in prices may increase index tracking risk.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Emerging Markets Risk:** Risks of investing in emerging markets include, among others, greater political and economic instability, greater volatility in currency exchange rates, less developed securities markets, possible trade barriers, currency transfer restrictions, a more limited number of potential buyers and issuers, an emerging market country's dependence on revenue from particular commodities or international aid, less governmental supervision and regulation, unavailability of currency hedging techniques, differences in auditing and financial reporting standards, and less developed legal systems. There is also the potential for unfavorable action such as expropriation, nationalization, embargo, and acts of war. The securities of emerging market companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Market disruptions or substantial market corrections may limit very significantly the liquidity of securities of certain companies in a particular country or geographic region, or of all companies in the country or region. The Fund may be unable to liquidate its positions in such securities at any time, or at a favorable price, in order to meet the Fund's obligations. These risks are generally greater for investments in frontier market countries, which typically have smaller economies or less developed capital markets than traditional emerging market countries.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes "non-diversified," the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

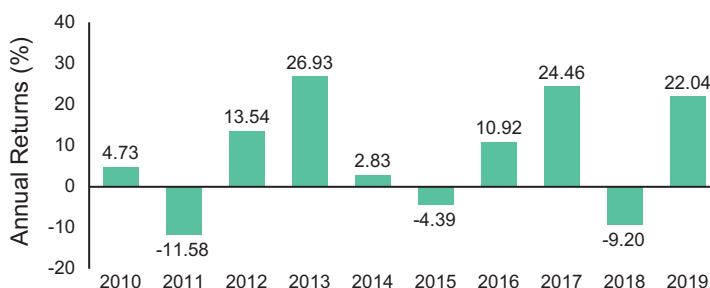
**Unconstrained Sector Risk:** The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets within one or more economic sectors or industries, which may change from time to time. Greater investment focus on one or more sectors or industries increases the potential for volatility and the risk that events negatively affecting such sectors or industries could reduce returns, potentially causing the value of the Fund's Shares to decrease, perhaps significantly.

**Valuation Risk:** Some portfolio holdings, potentially a large portion of the Fund's investment portfolio, may be valued on the basis of factors other than market quotations. This may occur more often in times of market turmoil or reduced liquidity. There are multiple methods that can be used to value a portfolio holding when market quotations are not readily available. The value established for any portfolio holding at a point in time might differ from what would be produced using a different methodology or if it had been priced using market quotations. Portfolio holdings that are valued using techniques other than market quotations, including "fair valued" securities, may be subject to greater fluctuation in their valuations from one day to the next than if market quotations were used. In addition, there is no assurance that the Fund could sell or close out a portfolio position for the value established for it at any time, and it is possible that the Fund would incur a loss because a portfolio position is sold or closed out at a discount to the valuation established by the Fund at that time.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 12.45% (Q3, 2010)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -18.76% (Q3, 2011)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -7.11%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Effective May 2, 2011 (the "Benchmark Index Change Date"), the Fund's benchmark index changed from the Dow Jones Global Titans Index (the "Previous Benchmark Index") to The Global Dow, consistent with a change in the Fund's principal investment strategy to track the performance of the current index. Performance of the Fund prior to the Benchmark Index Change Date is therefore based on the Fund's investment strategy to track the Previous Benchmark Index.



|  | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Return Before Taxes  | 22.04%      | 7.90%         | 7.22%        |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions  | 21.33%      | 7.37%         | 6.70%        |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares  | 13.71%      | 6.20%         | 5.79%        |
| The Global Dow/Dow Jones Global Titans Index <sup>1</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes other than withholding taxes on reinvested dividends) | 21.95%      | 7.86%         | 7.23%        |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)  | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.56%       |

<sup>1</sup> Returns shown are reflective of the Index for periods beginning on the Benchmark Index Change Date and the Previous Benchmark Index for periods prior to the Benchmark Index Change Date.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Kathleen Morgan.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

Kathleen Morgan, CFA, is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. She joined the Adviser in 2017.

## PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

## TAX INFORMATION

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

## PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# SPDR® MSCI USA StrategicFactors<sup>SM</sup> ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR MSCI USA StrategicFactors<sup>SM</sup> ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index based upon the U.S. equity market.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.15% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.15% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$15   | \$48   | \$85   | \$192   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 21% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the MSCI USA Factor Mix A-Series Capped Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index is designed to measure the equity market performance of large-and mid-cap companies across the U.S. equity market. It aims to represent the performance of a combination of three factors: value, quality, and low volatility. The Index is an equal weighted combination of the following three MSCI Factor Indices in a single composite index: the MSCI USA Value Weighted Index, the MSCI USA Quality Index, and the MSCI USA Minimum Volatility Index (each, a "Component Index"). If the MSCI USA Minimum Volatility Index is not available due to the concentrated nature of its underlying parent index (for example, in the event of a low number of stocks or where a relatively few number of constituents constitutes a large proportion of index weight), the MSCI USA Minimum Volatility Index is replaced with the MSCI USA Risk Weighted Index (if used to replace the MSCI USA Minimum Volatility Index, also a "Component Index") and the Index is an equal weighted combination of the MSCI USA Value Weighted Index, the MSCI USA Quality Index and the MSCI USA Risk Weighted Index. The Index Provider (defined below) determines if such replacement is necessary and reviews the MSCI USA Minimum Volatility Index for viability on a regular basis. The MSCI USA Value Weighted Index includes publicly-traded companies domiciled in the U.S., weighted to emphasize stocks with lower valuations, by giving higher index weight to stocks with higher values of fundamental variables such as sales, earnings, cash earnings and book value. The MSCI USA Quality Index includes publicly-traded companies domiciled in the U.S., weighted to emphasize stocks with historically high return on equity, stable year-over-year earnings growth, and low financial leverage. The MSCI USA Minimum Volatility Index aims to reflect the performance characteristics of a minimum variance strategy applied to publicly-traded companies domiciled in the U.S. and is weighted to provide the lowest absolute risk within a given set of constraints. The MSCI USA Risk Weighted Index includes publicly-traded companies domiciled in the U.S., and reweights the constituents so that stocks with lower volatility, measured as the weekly return variance over the prior three years, are given higher index weight. Each Component Index is attributed equal weight (1/3) at each rebalancing. All constituents of each Component Index are included in the Index. The weight of each security in the Index is determined based on 1) the security's weight in each underlying Component Index; and 2) the weight of each underlying Component Index in the Index. The Index is then subject to the MSCI A-Series Index Methodology. The MSCI A-Series Index Methodology first seeks to ensure the Index includes at least 25 constituents. In the event the Index does not contain at least 25 constituents, the Index is supplemented by including constituents of the MSCI USA Small Cap Index, selected in decreasing order based on full market capitalization, until the target of 25 constituents is reached. The MSCI A-Series Index Methodology then applies the MSCI 25/50 Index Methodology, which aims to reflect 5/25/50 weight constraints (i.e., no issuer has a weight above 25%, and the sum of weights of all issuers with weights above 5% does not exceed 50%). The Index is rebalanced semi-annually, usually as of the close of the last business day of May and November, coinciding with the semi-annual index reviews of the MSCI Global Investable Market Indices and of each Component Index. As of July 31, 2020, a significant portion of the Fund comprised companies in the technology and health care sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 616 securities.

The Index is sponsored by MSCI, Inc. (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

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**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Large-Capitalization Securities Risk:** Returns on investments in securities of large companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of smaller and mid-sized companies. Larger companies may be unable to respond as quickly as smaller and mid-sized companies to competitive challenges or to changes in business, product, financial, or other market conditions. Larger companies may not be able to maintain growth at the high rates that may be achieved by well-managed smaller and mid-sized companies.

**Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk:** The securities of mid-capitalization companies may be more volatile and may involve more risk than the securities of larger companies. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger companies, and may depend on a few key employees. In addition, these companies may have been recently organized and may have little or no track record of success. The securities of mid-sized companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Some securities of mid-sized issuers may be illiquid or may be restricted as to resale, and their values may be volatile.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Health Care Sector Risk:** Companies in the health care sector are subject to extensive government regulation and their profitability can be significantly affected by restrictions on government reimbursement for medical expenses, rising costs of medical products and services, pricing pressure (including price discounting), limited product lines and an increased emphasis on the delivery of healthcare through outpatient services. Companies in the health care sector are heavily dependent on obtaining and defending patents, which may be time consuming and costly, and the expiration of patents may also adversely affect the profitability of these companies. Health care companies are also subject to extensive litigation based on product liability and similar claims. In addition, their products can become obsolete due to industry innovation, changes in technologies or other market developments. Many new products in the health care sector require significant research and development and may be subject to regulatory approvals, all of which may be time consuming and costly with no guarantee that any product will come to market.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or



reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Low Volatility Risk:** Although subject to the risks of common stocks, low volatility stocks are seen as having a lower risk profile than the overall markets. However, a portfolio comprised of low volatility stocks may not produce investment exposure that has lower variability to changes in such stocks' price levels. Low volatility stocks are likely to underperform the broader market during periods of rapidly rising stock prices.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes "non-diversified," the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (*e.g.*, changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

**Quality Risk:** A "quality" style of investing emphasizes companies with high returns on equity, stable earnings per share growth, and low financial leverage. This style of investing is subject to the risk that the past performance of these companies does not continue or that the returns on "quality" equity securities are less than returns on other styles of investing or the overall stock market.

**Technology Sector Risk:** Market or economic factors impacting technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund's investments. The value of stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly vulnerable to rapid changes in technology product cycles, rapid product obsolescence, government regulation and competition, both domestically and internationally, including competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Technology companies are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights, the loss or impairment of which may adversely affect profitability. Additionally, companies in the technology sector may face dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel.

**Unconstrained Sector Risk:** The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets within one or more economic sectors or industries, which may change from time to time. Greater investment focus on one or more sectors or industries increases the potential for volatility and the risk that events negatively affecting such sectors or industries could reduce returns, potentially causing the value of the Fund's Shares to decrease, perhaps significantly.

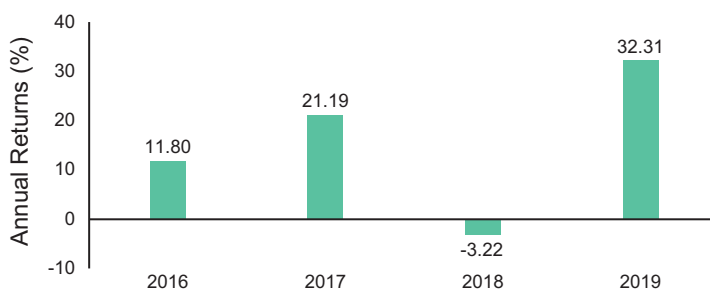
**Valuation Risk:** Some portfolio holdings, potentially a large portion of the Fund's investment portfolio, may be valued on the basis of factors other than market quotations. This may occur more often in times of market turmoil or reduced liquidity. There are multiple methods that can be used to value a portfolio holding when market quotations are not readily available. The value established for any portfolio holding at a point in time might differ from what would be produced using a different methodology or if it had been priced using market quotations. Portfolio holdings that are valued using techniques other than market quotations, including "fair valued" securities, may be subject to greater fluctuation in their valuations from one day to the next than if market quotations were used. In addition, there is no assurance that the Fund could sell or close out a portfolio position for the value established for it at any time, and it is possible that the Fund would incur a loss because a portfolio position is sold or closed out at a discount to the valuation established by the Fund at that time.

**Value Stock Risk:** A “value” style of investing is subject to the risk that the returns on “value” equity securities are less than returns on other styles of investing or the overall stock market. Value stocks present the risk that they may decline in price or never reach their expected full market value because the market fails to recognize a stock’s intrinsic worth.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund’s performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund’s average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund’s past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

**ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS** (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 13.97% (Q1, 2019)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -11.66% (Q4, 2018)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund’s Calendar Year-To-Date return was 0.68%.

## AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|   | One Year | Since Inception (4/15/15) |
|---|----------|---------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes   | 32.31%   | 12.43%                    |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions   | 31.61%   | 11.81%                    |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares                                   | 19.40%   | 9.72%                     |
| MSCI USA Factor Mix A-Series Capped Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 32.64%   | 12.62%                    |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                             | 31.49%   | 11.77%                    |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and John Law.

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Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

John Law, CFA, is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. He joined the Adviser in 2016.

## PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as “Creation Units.” Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

#### **TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

#### **PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# SPDR® NYSE Technology ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR NYSE Technology ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of publicly traded technology companies.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.35% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.35% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$36   | \$113  | \$197  | \$443   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 20% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the NYSE Technology Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the



Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index is composed of 35 leading U.S.-listed technology-related companies. The investible universe of the Index comprises all stocks in the Technology sector and technology-related stocks in the Consumer Discretionary sector, as defined by the Index Provider (as defined below) that are listed on major U.S. stock exchanges and meet the following criteria as of the index rebalance reference date: (i) issued by a company with a minimum market capitalization of \$2 billion and (ii) have a trailing 3-month average daily traded value of \$10 million. Stocks must also meet at least one of the following three revenue- and sales-based criteria: (i) have an increase in sales over the last twelve months, (ii) have only one consecutive quarter of negative sales growth over the last two years, or (iii) have revenue totals from the last four quarters that classify it within the top 75 companies within the specific industry classification designated to it by the Index Provider. Eligible stocks are then ranked based on market capitalization and liquidity, and the top 35 stocks are selected for inclusion in the Index. At least 75% of the companies included in the Index must be headquartered in the United States. The Index is equal-weighted and rebalanced annually after the close of trading on the third Friday of December. As of July 31, 2020 the Index comprised 35 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by ICE Data Indices, LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Technology Sector Risk:** Market or economic factors impacting technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund's investments. The value of stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly vulnerable to rapid changes in technology product cycles, rapid product obsolescence, government regulation and competition, both domestically and internationally, including competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Technology companies are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights, the loss or impairment of which may adversely affect profitability. Additionally, companies in the technology sector may face dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not done so.

**Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk:** The success of consumer product manufacturers and retailers is tied closely to the performance of the overall global economy, interest rates, competition and consumer confidence. Success depends heavily on disposable household income and consumer spending. Also, companies in the consumer discretionary sector may be subject to severe competition, which may have an adverse impact on their respective profitability. Changes in demographics and consumer tastes can also affect the demand for, and success of, consumer products and services in the marketplace.

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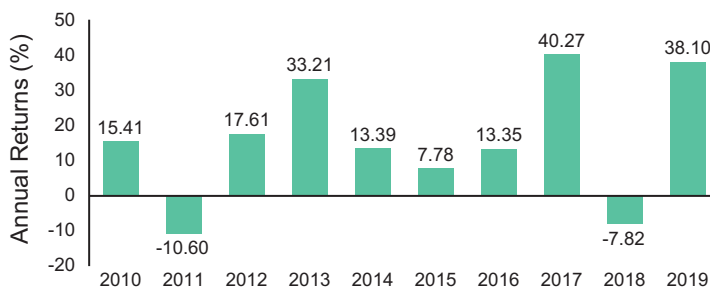
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## FUND PERFORMANCE

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## ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 21.87% (Q1, 2012)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -18.59% (Q4, 2018)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was 45.86%.

## AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Effective September 11, 2017, the Fund's benchmark was renamed the NYSE Technology Index due to a transfer of the Index's management to ICE Data Indices, LLC. Prior to September 11, 2017, the Fund's benchmark was named the Morgan Stanley Technology Index.

|   | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Return Before Taxes   | 38.10%      | 16.88%        | 14.86%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions                                       | 37.88%      | 15.22%        | 13.95%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares               | 22.69%      | 13.19%        | 12.31%       |
| NYSE Technology Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 38.70%      | 17.48%        | 15.43%       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)         | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.56%       |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

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Kathleen Morgan, CFA, is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. She joined the Adviser in 2017.

## PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

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market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the “bid-ask spread”). Recent information regarding the Fund’s NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

#### **TAX INFORMATION**

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# SPDR® Portfolio S&P 1500 Composite Stock Market ETF

(formerly, SPDR Portfolio Total Stock Market ETF)

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR Portfolio S&P 1500 Composite Stock Market ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks a broad universe of exchange traded U.S. equity securities.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.03% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.03% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$3    | \$10   | \$17   | \$39    |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 12% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Composite 1500 Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index (including common stock, preferred stock, depositary receipts and shares of other investment companies), cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements



and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index is designed to measure the performance of the large-, mid-, and small-capitalization segments of the U.S. equity market. The Index consists of those stocks included in the S&P 500 Index, the S&P MidCap 400 Index, and the S&P SmallCap 600 Index. Each underlying index includes U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, NASDAQ Capital Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX that meet specific market capitalization requirements. To be included in an underlying index, a security (or issuer of a security, as applicable) should (i) have an annual dollar value traded to float-adjusted market capitalization ratio of 1 or greater; (ii) trade a minimum of 250,000 shares in each of the six months leading up to the evaluation date; (iii) have a public float of at least 10%; and (iv) have positive aggregate earnings over the four most recent quarters and for the most recent quarter.

The Index is float-adjusted market capitalization weighted. Index constituents are added and removed on an as-needed basis. The Index is rebalanced on a quarterly basis in March, June, September and December. As of July 31, 2020, a significant portion of the Fund comprised companies in the technology sector, although this may change from time to time. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 1,506 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or

otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes "non-diversified," the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

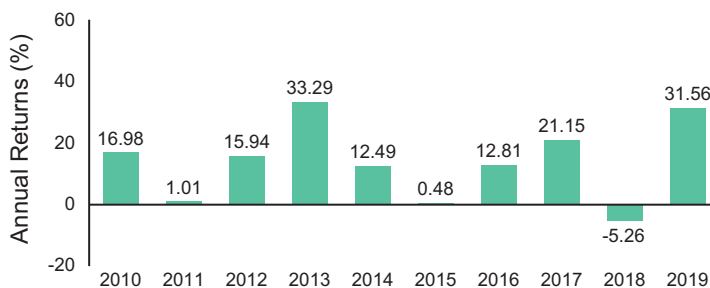
**Technology Sector Risk:** Market or economic factors impacting technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund's investments. The value of stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly vulnerable to rapid changes in technology product cycles, rapid product obsolescence, government regulation and competition, both domestically and internationally, including competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Technology companies are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights, the loss or impairment of which may adversely affect profitability. Additionally, companies in the technology sector may face dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel.

**Unconstrained Sector Risk:** The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets within one or more economic sectors or industries, which may change from time to time. Greater investment focus on one or more sectors or industries increases the potential for volatility and the risk that events negatively affecting such sectors or industries could reduce returns, potentially causing the value of the Fund's Shares to decrease, perhaps significantly.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

## ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 14.41% (Q1, 2019)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -15.03% (Q3, 2011)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was 4.08%.

## AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Effective July 9, 2013, the Fund's benchmark index changed from the Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Index to Russell 3000 Index. Effective November 16, 2017, the Fund's benchmark index changed from the Russell 3000 Index to the SSGA Total Stock Market Index. Effective January 24, 2020, the Fund's benchmark index changed from the SSGA Total Stock Market Index to the S&P Composite 1500 Index. Each benchmark index change was consistent with a change in the Fund's principal investment strategy to track the performance of a new index. Performance of the Fund prior to January 24, 2020 is therefore based on the Fund's investment strategy to track the applicable prior indexes.

|  | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Return Before Taxes  | 31.56%      | 11.35%        | 13.40%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions  | 30.94%      | 10.81%        | 12.91%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares  | 18.99%      | 8.90%         | 11.12%       |
| SSGA Total Stock Market Index/Russell 3000 Index/Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Index <sup>1</sup><br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 31.57%      | 11.34%        | 13.53%       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)  | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.56%       |

<sup>1</sup> Returns shown are reflective of the SSGA Total Stock Market Index for the period from November 16, 2017 to December 31, 2019, the Russell 3000 Index for the period from July 9, 2013 to November 15, 2017, and the Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Index for periods prior to July 9, 2013.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Kathleen Morgan.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

Kathleen Morgan, CFA, is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. She joined the Adviser in 2017.



## **PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION**

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

## **TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

## **PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# SPDR® Portfolio S&P 400 Mid Cap ETF

(formerly, SPDR Portfolio Mid Cap ETF)

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR Portfolio S&P 400 Mid Cap ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of mid-capitalization exchange traded U.S. equity securities.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.05% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.05% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$5    | \$16   | \$28   | \$64    |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 30% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P MidCap 400 Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index is designed to measure the performance of the mid-capitalization segment of the U.S. equity market. The selection universe for the Index includes all U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, NASDAQ Capital Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX with unadjusted market capitalizations between \$2.4 billion and \$8.2 billion and float-adjusted market capitalizations of at least \$1.2 billion at the time of inclusion. These capitalization ranges may be revised by the Index Provider (as defined below) at any time. To be included in the Index, a security (or issuer of a security, as applicable) should (i) have an annual dollar value traded to float-adjusted market capitalization ratio of 1 or greater; (ii) trade a minimum of 250,000 shares in each of the six months leading up to the evaluation date; (iii) have a public float of at least 10%; and (iv) have positive aggregate earnings over the four most recent quarters and for the most recent quarter. In selecting securities for inclusion in the Index, the Index Provider also considers sector balance by comparing the weight of each GICS (Global Industry Classification Standard) sector in the Index to its weight in the relevant market capitalization range of the S&P Total Market Index.

The Index is float-adjusted market capitalization weighted. Index constituents are added and removed on an as-needed basis. The Index is rebalanced on a quarterly basis in March, June, September and December. As of July 31, 2020, a significant portion of the Index comprised companies in the industrial and technology sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 400 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

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**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk:** The securities of mid-capitalization companies may be more volatile and may involve more risk than the securities of larger companies. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger companies, and may depend on a few key employees. In addition, these companies may have been recently organized and may have little or no track record of success. The securities of mid-sized companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Some securities of mid-sized issuers may be illiquid or may be restricted as to resale, and their values may be volatile.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Industrial Sector Risk:** Industrial companies are affected by supply and demand both for their specific product or service and for industrial sector products in general. Government regulation, world events, exchange rates and economic conditions, technological developments and liabilities for environmental damage and general civil liabilities will likewise affect the performance of these companies. Aerospace and defense companies, a component of the industrial sector, can be significantly affected by government spending policies because companies involved in this industry rely, to a significant extent, on U.S. and foreign government demand for their products and services. Thus, the financial condition of, and investor interest in, aerospace and defense companies are heavily influenced by governmental defense spending policies which are typically under pressure from efforts to control the U.S. (and other) government budgets. Transportation securities, a component of the industrial sector, are cyclical and have occasional sharp price movements which may result from changes in the economy, fuel prices, labor agreements and insurance costs.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes "non-diversified," the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

**Technology Sector Risk:** Market or economic factors impacting technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund's investments. The value of stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly vulnerable to rapid changes in technology product cycles, rapid product obsolescence, government regulation and competition, both domestically and internationally, including competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Technology companies are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights, the loss or impairment of which may adversely affect profitability. Additionally, companies in the technology sector may face dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel.

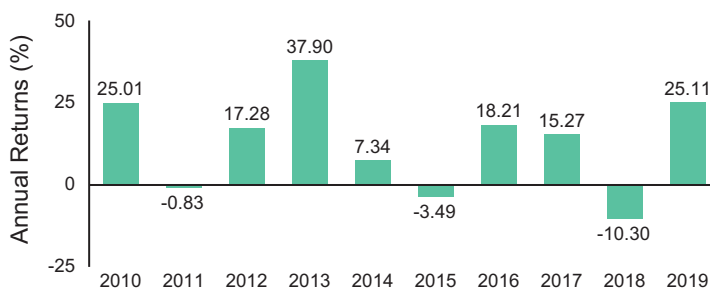
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**Valuation Risk:** Some portfolio holdings, potentially a large portion of the Fund's investment portfolio, may be valued on the basis of factors other than market quotations. This may occur more often in times of market turmoil or reduced liquidity. There are multiple methods that can be used to value a portfolio holding when market quotations are not readily available. The value established for any portfolio holding at a point in time might differ from what would be produced using a different methodology or if it had been priced using market quotations. Portfolio holdings that are valued using techniques other than market quotations, including "fair valued" securities, may be subject to greater fluctuation in their valuations from one day to the next than if market quotations were used. In addition, there is no assurance that the Fund could sell or close out a portfolio position for the value established for it at any time, and it is possible that the Fund would incur a loss because a portfolio position is sold or closed out at a discount to the valuation established by the Fund at that time.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 14.02% (Q4, 2011)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -20.45% (Q3, 2011)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -8.75%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Effective July 9, 2013, the Fund's benchmark index changed from the Dow Jones U.S. Mid-Cap Total Stock Market Index to the Russell Small Cap Completeness Index. Effective August 31, 2016, the Fund's benchmark index changed from the Russell Small Cap Completeness Index to the S&P 1000 Index. Effective January 24, 2020, the Fund's benchmark index changed from the S&P 1000 Index to the S&P MidCap 400 Index. Each benchmark index change was consistent with a change in the Fund's principal investment strategy to track the performance of a new index. Performance of the Fund prior to January 24, 2020 is therefore based on the Fund's investment strategy to track the applicable prior indexes.



|  | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Return Before Taxes  | 25.11%      | 8.09%         | 12.25%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions  | 24.52%      | 7.28%         | 11.16%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares  | 15.08%      | 6.09%         | 9.79%        |
| S&P 1000 Index/Russell Small Cap Completeness Index/Dow Jones U.S. Mid-Cap Total Stock Market Index <sup>1</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 25.14%      | 8.14%         | 12.40%       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)  | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.56%       |

<sup>1</sup> Returns shown are reflective of the S&P 1000 Index for the period from August 31, 2016 to December 31, 2019, the Russell Small Cap Completeness Index for the period from July 9, 2013 to August 30, 2016, and the Dow Jones U.S. Mid-Cap Total Stock Market Index for periods prior to July 9, 2013.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Mark Krivitsky.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

Mark Krivitsky is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group and the Tax-Efficient Market Capture Group. He joined the Adviser in 1996.

## PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

## TAX INFORMATION

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

## PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.



# SPDR® Portfolio S&P 500® ETF

(formerly, SPDR Portfolio Large Cap ETF)

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of large capitalization exchange traded U.S. equity securities.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.03% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.03% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$3    | \$10   | \$17   | \$39    |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 11% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P 500 Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index (including common stock, preferred stock, depositary receipts and shares of other investment companies), cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements

and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index is designed to measure the performance of the large-capitalization segment of the U.S. equity market. The selection universe for the Index includes all U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, NASDAQ Capital Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX with unadjusted market capitalizations of at least \$8.2 billion and float-adjusted market capitalizations of at least \$4.1 billion at the time of inclusion. These capitalization ranges may be revised by the Index Provider (as defined below) at any time. To be included in the Index, a security (or issuer of a security, as applicable) should (i) have an annual dollar value traded to float-adjusted market capitalization ratio of 1 or greater; (ii) trade a minimum of 250,000 shares in each of the six months leading up to the evaluation date; (iii) have a public float of at least 10%; and (iv) have positive aggregate earnings over the four most recent quarters and for the most recent quarter. In selecting securities for inclusion in the Index, the Index Provider also considers sector balance by comparing the weight of each GICS (Global Industry Classification Standard) sector in the Index to its weight in the relevant market capitalization range of the S&P Total Market Index.

The Index is float-adjusted market capitalization weighted. Index constituents are added and removed on an as-needed basis. The Index is rebalanced on a quarterly basis in March, June, September and December. As of July 31, 2020, a significant portion of the Index comprised companies in the technology sector, although this may change from time to time. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 505 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Large-Capitalization Securities Risk:** Returns on investments in securities of large companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of smaller and mid-sized companies. Larger companies may be unable to respond as quickly as smaller and mid-sized companies to competitive challenges or to changes in business, product, financial, or other market conditions. Larger companies may not be able to maintain growth at the high rates that may be achieved by well-managed smaller and mid-sized companies.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes "non-diversified," the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (*e.g.*, changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

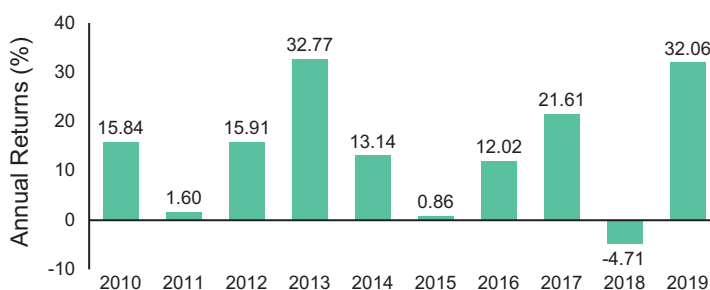
**Technology Sector Risk:** Market or economic factors impacting technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund's investments. The value of stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly vulnerable to rapid changes in technology product cycles, rapid product obsolescence, government regulation and competition, both domestically and internationally, including competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Technology companies are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights, the loss or impairment of which may adversely affect profitability. Additionally, companies in the technology sector may face dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel.

**Unconstrained Sector Risk:** The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets within one or more economic sectors or industries, which may change from time to time. Greater investment focus on one or more sectors or industries increases the potential for volatility and the risk that events negatively affecting such sectors or industries could reduce returns, potentially causing the value of the Fund's Shares to decrease, perhaps significantly.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 14.30% (Q1, 2019)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -14.27% (Q3, 2011)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was 5.64%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Effective July 9, 2013, the Fund's benchmark index changed from the Dow Jones U.S. Large-Cap Total Stock Market Index to the Russell 1000 Index. Effective November 16, 2017, the Fund's benchmark index changed from the Russell 1000 Index to the SSGA Large Cap Index. Effective January 24, 2020, the Fund's benchmark index changed from the SSGA Large Cap Index to the S&P 500 Index. Each benchmark index change was consistent with a change in the Fund's principal investment strategy to track the performance of a new index. Performance of the Fund prior to January 24, 2020 is therefore based on the Fund's investment strategy to track the applicable prior indexes.

|   | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Return Before Taxes   | 32.06%      | 11.57%        | 13.48%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions   | 31.41%      | 10.96%        | 12.93%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares   | 19.30%      | 9.03%         | 11.14%       |
| SSGA Large Cap Index/Russell 1000 Index/Dow Jones U.S. Large-Cap Total Stock Market Index <sup>1</sup><br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 32.15%      | 11.63%        | 13.60%       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)   | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.56%       |

<sup>1</sup> Returns shown are reflective of the SSGA Large Cap Index for the period from November 16, 2017 to December 31, 2019, the Russell 1000 Index for the period from July 9, 2013 to November 15, 2017, and the Dow Jones U.S. Large-Cap Total Stock Market Index for periods prior to July 9, 2013.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and John Law.

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Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

John Law, CFA, is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. He joined the Adviser in 2016.

### **PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION**

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### **TAX INFORMATION**

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### **PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

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# SPDR® Portfolio S&P 500® Growth ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 Growth ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of large capitalization exchange traded U.S. equity securities exhibiting “growth” characteristics.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.04% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.04% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$4    | \$13   | \$23   | \$51    |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 23% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P 500 Growth Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the Index, the Fund’s assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.



The Index measures the performance of the large-capitalization growth segment of the U.S. equity market. The Index consists of those stocks in the S&P 500 Index exhibiting the strongest growth characteristics based on: (i) sales growth; (ii) earnings change to price; and (iii) momentum. The S&P 500 Index focuses on the large capitalization U.S. equity market, including common stock and real estate investment trusts ("REITs"). The selection universe for the S&P 500 Index includes all U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, NASDAQ Capital Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX with unadjusted market capitalizations of at least \$8.2 billion and float-adjusted market capitalizations of at least \$4.1 billion at the time of inclusion. The minimum required capitalization may be revised by the Index Provider (as defined below) at any time. To be included in the Index, a security (or issuer of a security, as applicable) should (i) have an annual dollar value traded to float-adjusted market capitalization ratio of 1 or greater; (ii) trade a minimum of 250,000 shares in each of the six months leading up to the evaluation date; (iii) have a public float of at least 10%; and (iv) have positive as-reported earnings over the most recent four consecutive quarters (measured using the sum of earnings over those quarters) and for the most recent quarter. Meeting these criteria does not guarantee automatic inclusion into the Index. Given the limited number of companies that the Index can have and that it must reflect sector representation, some eligible companies may not be added to the Index at a particular time. S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC's Index Committee makes the final determination and approval of all Index constituents. The Index is market capitalization weighted and rebalanced annually on the third Friday of December. As of July 31, 2020, a significant portion of the Fund comprised companies in the technology and consumer discretionary sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 279 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Growth Stock Risk:** The prices of growth stocks may be based largely on expectations of future earnings, and their prices can decline rapidly and significantly in reaction to negative news. Growth stocks may underperform value stocks and stocks in other broad style categories (and the stock market as a whole) over any period of time and may shift in and out of favor with investors generally, sometimes rapidly, depending on changes in market, economic, and other factors.

**Large-Capitalization Securities Risk:** Returns on investments in securities of large companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of smaller and mid-sized companies. Larger companies may be unable to respond as quickly as smaller and mid-sized companies to competitive challenges or to changes in business, product, financial, or other market conditions. Larger companies may not be able to maintain growth at the high rates that may be achieved by well-managed smaller and mid-sized companies.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times

when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk:** The success of consumer product manufacturers and retailers is tied closely to the performance of the overall global economy, interest rates, competition and consumer confidence. Success depends heavily on disposable household income and consumer spending. Also, companies in the consumer discretionary sector may be subject to severe competition, which may have an adverse impact on their respective profitability. Changes in demographics and consumer tastes can also affect the demand for, and success of, consumer products and services in the marketplace.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** As a "non-diversified" fund, the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (*e.g.*, changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

**Technology Sector Risk:** Market or economic factors impacting technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund's investments. The value of stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly vulnerable to rapid changes in technology product cycles, rapid product obsolescence, government regulation and competition, both

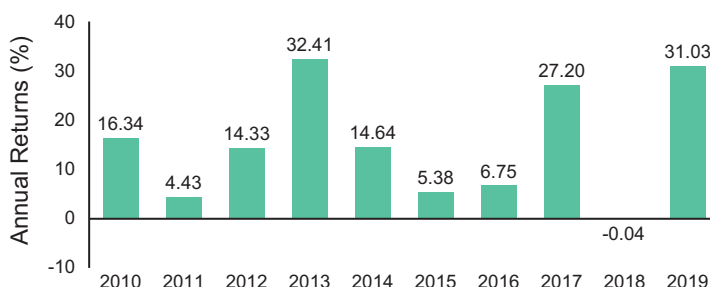
domestically and internationally, including competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Technology companies are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights, the loss or impairment of which may adversely affect profitability. Additionally, companies in the technology sector may face dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel.

**Unconstrained Sector Risk:** The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets within one or more economic sectors or industries, which may change from time to time. Greater investment focus on one or more sectors or industries increases the potential for volatility and the risk that events negatively affecting such sectors or industries could reduce returns, potentially causing the value of the Fund's Shares to decrease, perhaps significantly.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 14.91% (Q1, 2019)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -14.70% (Q4, 2018)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was 20.54%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Effective December 17, 2010 (the "Benchmark Index Change Date"), the Fund's benchmark index changed from the Dow Jones U.S. Large-Cap Growth Total Stock Market Index (the "Previous Benchmark Index") to the S&P 500 Growth Index, consistent with a change in the Fund's principal investment strategy to track the performance of the current index. Performance of the Fund prior to the Benchmark Index Change Date is therefore based on the Fund's investment strategy to track the Previous Benchmark Index.

|  | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Return Before Taxes  | 31.03%      | 13.39%        | 14.73%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions  | 30.55%      | 12.95%        | 14.35%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares  | 18.63%      | 10.62%        | 12.36%       |
| S&P 500 Growth Index/Dow Jones U.S. Large-Cap Growth Total Stock Market Index <sup>1</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 31.13%      | 13.52%        | 14.92%       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)  | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.56%       |

<sup>1</sup> Returns shown are reflective of the Index for periods beginning on the Benchmark Index Change Date and the Previous Benchmark Index for periods prior to the Benchmark Index Change Date.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

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### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Mark Krivitsky.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

Mark Krivitsky is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group and the Tax-Efficient Market Capture Group. He joined the Adviser in 1996.

#### **PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION**

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

#### **TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

#### **PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# SPDR® Portfolio S&P 500® High Dividend ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 High Dividend ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of publicly traded issuers that have high dividend yields.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.07% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.07% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$7    | \$23   | \$40   | \$90    |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 45% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P 500 High Dividend Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the



Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index is designed to measure the performance of 80 high dividend-yielding companies within the S&P 500® Index. The S&P 500 Index focuses on the large capitalization U.S. equity market, including common stock and real estate investment trusts ("REITs"). The selection universe for the S&P 500 Index includes all U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, NASDAQ Capital Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX with unadjusted market capitalizations of at least \$8.2 billion and float-adjusted market capitalizations of at least \$4.1 billion at the time of inclusion. The minimum required capitalization may be revised by the Index Provider (as defined below) at any time. To determine dividend yield: (i) an indicated dividend is measured by taking the latest dividend paid (excluding special payments) multiplied by the annual frequency of the payment; and (ii) the indicated dividend is then divided by the company's share price as of the rebalancing reference date. Index constituents are equally weighted and the Index is rebalanced semi-annually, in January and July. As of July 31, 2020, a significant portion of the Fund comprised companies in the financial and industrial sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 61 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Dividend Paying Securities Risk:** Securities that pay dividends, as a group, can fall out of favor with the market, causing such companies to underperform companies that do not pay dividends. In addition, changes in the dividend policies of the companies held by the Fund or the capital resources available for such company's dividend payments may adversely affect the Fund.

**Large-Capitalization Securities Risk:** Returns on investments in securities of large companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of smaller and mid-sized companies. Larger companies may be unable to respond as quickly as smaller and mid-sized companies to competitive challenges or to changes in business, product, financial, or other market conditions. Larger companies may not be able to maintain growth at the high rates that may be achieved by well-managed smaller and mid-sized companies.

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**Financial Sector Risk:** Financial services companies are subject to extensive governmental regulation which may limit both the amounts and types of loans and other financial commitments they can make, the interest rates and fees they can charge, the scope of their activities, the prices they can charge and the amount of capital they must maintain. Profitability is largely dependent on the availability and cost of capital funds and can fluctuate significantly when interest rates change or due to increased competition. In addition, deterioration of the credit markets generally may cause an adverse impact in a broad range of markets, including U.S. and international credit and interbank money markets generally, thereby affecting a wide range of financial institutions and markets. Certain events in the financial sector may cause an unusually high degree of volatility in the financial markets, both domestic and foreign, and cause certain financial services companies to incur large losses. Securities of financial services companies may experience a dramatic decline in value when such companies experience substantial declines in the valuations of their assets, take action to raise capital (such as the issuance of debt or equity securities), or cease operations. Credit losses resulting from financial difficulties of borrowers and financial losses associated with investment activities can negatively impact the sector. Insurance companies may be subject to severe price competition. Adverse economic, business or political developments could adversely affect financial institutions engaged in mortgage finance or other lending or investing activities directly or indirectly connected to the value of real estate.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Industrial Sector Risk:** Industrial companies are affected by supply and demand both for their specific product or service and for industrial sector products in general. Government regulation, world events, exchange rates and economic conditions, technological developments and liabilities for environmental damage and general civil liabilities will likewise affect the performance of these companies. Aerospace and defense companies, a component of the industrial sector, can be significantly affected by government spending policies because companies involved in this industry rely, to a significant extent, on U.S. and foreign government demand for their products and services. Thus, the financial condition of, and investor interest in, aerospace and defense companies are heavily influenced by governmental defense spending policies which are typically under pressure from efforts

to control the U.S. (and other) government budgets. Transportation securities, a component of the industrial sector, are cyclical and have occasional sharp price movements which may result from changes in the economy, fuel prices, labor agreements and insurance costs.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

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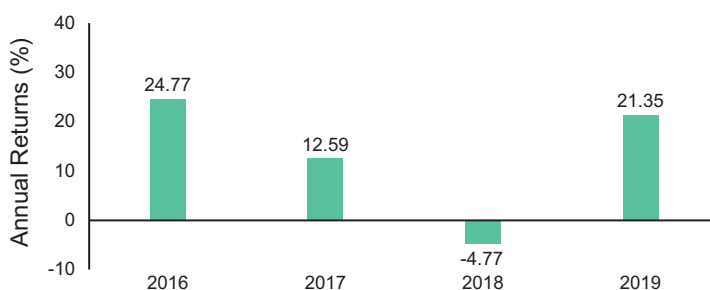
**REIT Risk:** Real estate investment trusts ("REITs") are subject to the risks associated with investing in the securities of real property companies. In particular, REITs may be affected by changes in the values of the underlying properties that they own or operate. Further, REITs are dependent upon specialized management skills, and their investments may be concentrated in relatively few properties, or in a small geographic area or a single property type. REITs are also subject to heavy cash flow dependency and, as a result, are particularly reliant on the proper functioning of capital markets. A variety of economic and other factors may adversely affect a lessee's ability to meet its obligations to a REIT. In the event of a default by a lessee, the REIT may experience delays in enforcing its rights as a lessor and may incur substantial costs associated in protecting its investments. In addition, a REIT could fail to qualify for favorable regulatory treatment.

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### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 12.18% (Q1, 2019)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -8.04% (Q4, 2018)

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### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

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|   | One<br>Year | Since Inception<br>(10/21/2015) |
|---|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes   | 21.35%      | 11.81%                          |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions   | 19.82%      | 10.19%                          |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares                     | 13.26%      | 8.77%                           |
| S&P 500 High Dividend Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 21.49%      | 11.94%                          |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)               | 31.49%      | 14.18%                          |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

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### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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John Law, CFA, is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. He joined the Adviser in 2016.

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# SPDR® Portfolio S&P 500® Value ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 Value ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of large capitalization exchange traded U.S. equity securities exhibiting “value” characteristics.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.04% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.04% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$4    | \$13   | \$23   | \$51    |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 34% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P 500 Value Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index measures the performance of the large-capitalization value segment of the U.S. equity market. The Index consists of those stocks in the S&P 500 Index exhibiting the strongest value characteristics based on: (i) book value to price ratio; (ii) earnings to price ratio; and (iii) sales to price ratio. The S&P 500 Index focuses on the large capitalization U.S. equity market, including common stock and real estate investment trusts ("REITs"). The selection universe for the S&P 500 Index includes all U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, NASDAQ Capital Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX with unadjusted market capitalizations of at least \$8.2 billion and float-adjusted market capitalizations of at least \$4.1 billion at the time of inclusion. The minimum required capitalization may be revised by the Index Provider (as defined below) at any time. To be included in the Index, a security (or issuer of a security, as applicable) should (i) have an annual dollar value traded to float-adjusted market capitalization ratio of 1 or greater; (ii) trade a minimum of 250,000 shares in each of the six months leading up to the evaluation date; (iii) have a public float of at least 10%; and (iv) have positive as-reported earnings over the most recent four consecutive quarters (measured using the sum of earnings over those quarters) and for the most recent quarter. Meeting these criteria does not guarantee automatic inclusion into the Index. Given the limited number of companies that the Index can have and that it must reflect sector representation, some eligible companies may not be added to the Index at a particular time. S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC's Index Committee makes the final determination and approval of all Index constituents. The Index is market capitalization weighted and rebalanced annually on the third Friday of December. As of July 31, 2020, a significant portion of the Fund comprised companies in the financial and health care sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 390 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

#### **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Value Stock Risk:** A "value" style of investing is subject to the risk that the returns on "value" equity securities are less than returns on other styles of investing or the overall stock market. Value stocks present the risk that they may decline in price or never reach their expected full market value because the market fails to recognize a stock's intrinsic worth.

**Large-Capitalization Securities Risk:** Returns on investments in securities of large companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of smaller and mid-sized companies. Larger companies may be unable to respond as quickly as smaller and mid-sized companies to competitive challenges or to changes in business, product, financial, or other market conditions. Larger companies may not be able to maintain growth at the high rates that may be achieved by well-managed smaller and mid-sized companies.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times



when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Financial Sector Risk:** Financial services companies are subject to extensive governmental regulation which may limit both the amounts and types of loans and other financial commitments they can make, the interest rates and fees they can charge, the scope of their activities, the prices they can charge and the amount of capital they must maintain. Profitability is largely dependent on the availability and cost of capital funds and can fluctuate significantly when interest rates change or due to increased competition. In addition, deterioration of the credit markets generally may cause an adverse impact in a broad range of markets, including U.S. and international credit and interbank money markets generally, thereby affecting a wide range of financial institutions and markets. Certain events in the financial sector may cause an unusually high degree of volatility in the financial markets, both domestic and foreign, and cause certain financial services companies to incur large losses. Securities of financial services companies may experience a dramatic decline in value when such companies experience substantial declines in the valuations of their assets, take action to raise capital (such as the issuance of debt or equity securities), or cease operations. Credit losses resulting from financial difficulties of borrowers and financial losses associated with investment activities can negatively impact the sector. Insurance companies may be subject to severe price competition. Adverse economic, business or political developments could adversely affect financial institutions engaged in mortgage finance or other lending or investing activities directly or indirectly connected to the value of real estate.

**Health Care Sector Risk:** Companies in the health care sector are subject to extensive government regulation and their profitability can be significantly affected by restrictions on government reimbursement for medical expenses, rising costs of medical products and services, pricing pressure (including price discounting), limited product lines and an increased emphasis on the delivery of healthcare through outpatient services. Companies in the health care sector are heavily dependent on obtaining and defending patents, which may be time consuming and costly, and the expiration of patents may also adversely affect the profitability of these companies. Health care companies are also subject to extensive litigation based on product liability and similar claims. In addition, their products can become obsolete due to industry innovation, changes in technologies or other market developments. Many new products in the health care sector require significant research and development and may be subject to regulatory approvals, all of which may be time consuming and costly with no guarantee that any product will come to market.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully



invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

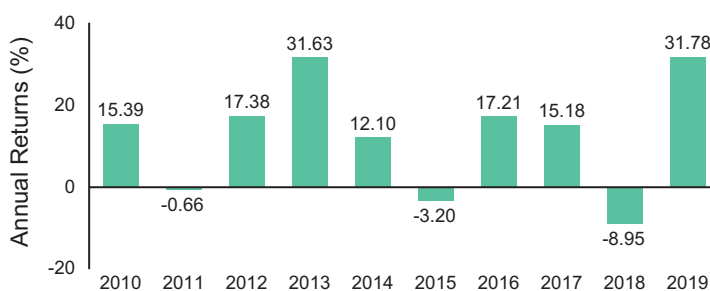
**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes "non-diversified," the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

**Unconstrained Sector Risk:** The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets within one or more economic sectors or industries, which may change from time to time. Greater investment focus on one or more sectors or industries increases the potential for volatility and the risk that events negatively affecting such sectors or industries could reduce returns, potentially causing the value of the Fund's Shares to decrease, perhaps significantly.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 12.87% (Q1, 2012)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -16.26% (Q3, 2011)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -11.46%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Effective December 17, 2010 (the "Benchmark Index Change Date"), the Fund's benchmark index changed from the Dow Jones U.S. Large-Cap Value Total Stock Market Index (the "Previous Benchmark Index") to the S&P 500 Value Index, consistent with a change in the Fund's principal investment strategy to track the performance of the current index. Performance of the Fund prior to the Benchmark Index Change Date is therefore based on the Fund's investment strategy to track the Previous Benchmark Index.

|  | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Return Before Taxes  | 31.78%      | 9.41%         | 12.03%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions  | 30.95%      | 8.66%         | 11.38%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares  | 19.20%      | 7.24%         | 9.85%        |
| S&P 500 Value Index/Dow Jones U.S. Large-Cap Value Total Stock Market Index <sup>1</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 31.93%      | 9.52%         | 12.21%       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)  | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.56%       |

<sup>1</sup> Returns shown are reflective of the Index for periods beginning on the Benchmark Index Change Date and the Previous Benchmark Index for periods prior to the Benchmark Index Change Date.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Mark Krivitsky.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

Mark Krivitsky is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group and the Tax-Efficient Market Capture Group. He joined the Adviser in 1996.

## PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

## TAX INFORMATION

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

## PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# SPDR® Portfolio S&P 600 Small Cap ETF

(formerly, SPDR Portfolio Small Cap ETF)

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR Portfolio S&P 600 Small Cap ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of small capitalization exchange traded U.S. equity securities.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.05% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.05% |

## EXAMPLE:

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| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$5    | \$16   | \$28   | \$64    |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 80% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P SmallCap 600 Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

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The Index is float-adjusted market capitalization weighted. Index constituents are added and removed on an as-needed basis. The Index is rebalanced on a quarterly basis in March, June, September and December. As of July 31, 2020, a significant portion of the Index comprised companies in the financial, industrial and consumer discretionary sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 601 stocks.

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**Small-Capitalization Securities Risk:** The securities of small-capitalization companies may be more volatile and may involve more risk than the securities of larger companies. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger companies, and may depend on a few key employees. In addition, these companies may have been recently organized and may have little or no track record of success. The securities of smaller companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Some securities of smaller issuers may be illiquid or may be restricted as to resale, and their values may have significant volatility. The Fund may be unable to liquidate its positions in such securities at any time, or at a favorable price, in order to meet the Fund's obligations. Returns on investments in securities of small-capitalization companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of larger companies.

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**Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk:** The success of consumer product manufacturers and retailers is tied closely to the performance of the overall global economy, interest rates, competition and consumer confidence. Success depends heavily on disposable household income and consumer spending. Also, companies in the consumer discretionary sector may be subject to severe competition, which may have an adverse impact on their respective profitability. Changes in demographics and consumer tastes can also affect the demand for, and success of, consumer products and services in the marketplace.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

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**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Industrial Sector Risk:** Industrial companies are affected by supply and demand both for their specific product or service and for industrial sector products in general. Government regulation, world events, exchange rates and economic conditions, technological developments and liabilities for environmental damage and general civil liabilities will likewise affect the performance of these companies. Aerospace and defense companies, a



component of the industrial sector, can be significantly affected by government spending policies because companies involved in this industry rely, to a significant extent, on U.S. and foreign government demand for their products and services. Thus, the financial condition of, and investor interest in, aerospace and defense companies are heavily influenced by governmental defense spending policies which are typically under pressure from efforts to control the U.S. (and other) government budgets. Transportation securities, a component of the industrial sector, are cyclical and have occasional sharp price movements which may result from changes in the economy, fuel prices, labor agreements and insurance costs.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes "non-diversified," the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

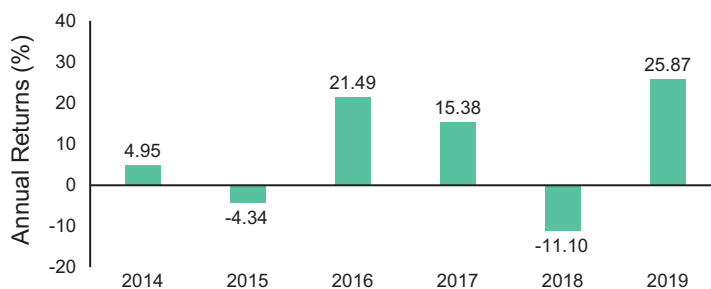
**Unconstrained Sector Risk:** The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets within one or more economic sectors or industries, which may change from time to time. Greater investment focus on one or more sectors or industries increases the potential for volatility and the risk that events negatively affecting such sectors or industries could reduce returns, potentially causing the value of the Fund's Shares to decrease, perhaps significantly.

**Valuation Risk:** Some portfolio holdings, potentially a large portion of the Fund's investment portfolio, may be valued on the basis of factors other than market quotations. This may occur more often in times of market turmoil or reduced liquidity. There are multiple methods that can be used to value a portfolio holding when market quotations are not readily available. The value established for any portfolio holding at a point in time might differ from what would be produced using a different methodology or if it had been priced using market quotations. Portfolio holdings that are valued using techniques other than market quotations, including "fair valued" securities, may be subject to greater fluctuation in their valuations from one day to the next than if market quotations were used. In addition, there is no assurance that the Fund could sell or close out a portfolio position for the value established for it at any time, and it is possible that the Fund would incur a loss because a portfolio position is sold or closed out at a discount to the valuation established by the Fund at that time.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

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**ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS** (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 15.04% (Q1, 2019)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -20.08% (Q4, 2018)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -15.29%.

## AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Effective November 16, 2017, the Fund's benchmark index changed from the



Russell 2000 Index to the SSGA Small Cap Index. Effective January 24, 2020, the Fund's benchmark index changed from the SSGA Small Cap Index to the S&P SmallCap 600 Index. Each benchmark index change was consistent with a change in the Fund's principal investment strategy to track the performance of a new index. Performance of the Fund prior to January 24, 2020 is therefore based on the Fund's investment strategy to track the applicable prior indexes.

|  | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Since Inception<br>(7/8/13) |
|--|-------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes  | 25.87%      | 8.46%         | 9.73%                       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions  | 25.25%      | 7.81%         | 9.08%                       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares  | 15.51%      | 6.40%         | 7.52%                       |
| SSGA Small Cap Index/Russell 2000 Index <sup>1</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 26.02%      | 8.43%         | 9.72%                       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)  | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.32%                      |

<sup>1</sup> Returns shown are reflective of the SSGA Small Cap Index for the period from November 16, 2017 to December 31, 2019, and the Russell 2000 Index for periods prior to November 16, 2017.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

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Teddy Wong is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. He joined the Adviser in 2001.

## PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

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Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

## TAX INFORMATION

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

## PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# SPDR® Russell 1000® Low Volatility Focus ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR Russell 1000 Low Volatility Focus ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of the Russell 1000 Low Volatility Focused Factor Index.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.20% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.20% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$20   | \$64   | \$113  | \$255   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 28% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the Russell 1000 Low Volatility Focused Factor Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index (including common stock, preferred stock, depositary receipts and shares of other investment companies), cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the Index, the

Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index is designed to reflect the performance of a segment of large-capitalization U.S. equity securities demonstrating a combination of core factors (high value, high quality, and low size characteristics), with a focus factor comprising low volatility characteristics (the "Factor Characteristics"). To construct the Index, Frank Russell Company (the "Index Provider") utilizes a rules-based multi-factor scoring process that seeks to increase exposure (or "tilt") to companies in the Russell 1000 Index demonstrating the Factor Characteristics. The Russell 1000 Index is a market-capitalization index that measures the performance of the large-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. Within the multi-factor scoring process, a specific focus is applied towards a company's volatility factor. Volatility is a statistical measurement of the magnitude of movements in a stock's price over time. Each stock's factor scores are multiplied by the stock's free float market cap weight in the Russell 1000 Index to determine each constituent's weight in the multi-factor Index. Companies in the Russell 1000 Index are excluded from the Index if they do not meet a minimum weight in the Index. A company's volatility factor score is based on the standard deviation of weekly total returns to a company's stock price over the trailing five years ending on the last business day of the month prior to the Index rebalancing month. A company's value factor score is based on cash flow yield, earnings yield, and country relative sales to price ratio, calculated based on the company's total market capitalization and information reported in the company's most recent annual financial statement as of the last business day of the month prior to the Index rebalancing month. A company's quality factor score is based on return on assets, change in asset turnover, accruals, and leverage, calculated based on information reported in the company's most recent annual financial statement as of the last business day of the month prior to the Index rebalancing month. A company's size factor score is based on total market capitalization as of the last business day of the month prior to the Index rebalancing month.

The weight of each individual stock in the Index is capped at 2000% of the stock's weight in the Russell 1000 Index, and any weight exceeding this limit will be redistributed to all stocks below the limit in proportion to their combination of market capitalization and factor scoring. The weight of each industry in the Index is capped at 120% of the industry's weight in the Russell 1000 Index plus an additional 5%, and any weight exceeding this limit is redistributed to all other industries below the limit in proportion to their combination of market capitalization and factor scoring. The weight of each industry in the Index must be at least 80% of the industry's weight in the Russell 1000 Index less 5%. The weights of any industries below this minimum will be increased to the minimum by redistributing the weights of industries above the minimum in proportion to their combination of market capitalization and factor scoring. The Index is rebalanced annually in June. As of July 31, 2020, a significant portion of the Fund comprised companies in the financial and consumer discretionary sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of July 31, 2020 there were approximately 460 securities in the Index.

The Index is sponsored by the Index Provider, which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Low Volatility Risk:** Although subject to the risks of common stocks, low volatility stocks are seen as having a lower risk profile than the overall markets. However, a portfolio comprised of low volatility stocks may not produce investment exposure that has lower variability to changes in such stocks' price levels. Low volatility stocks are likely to underperform the broader market during periods of rapidly rising stock prices.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk:** The success of consumer product manufacturers and retailers is tied closely to the performance of the overall global economy, interest rates, competition and consumer confidence. Success depends heavily on disposable household income and consumer spending. Also, companies in the consumer discretionary sector may be subject to severe competition, which may have an adverse impact on their respective profitability. Changes in demographics and consumer tastes can also affect the demand for, and success of, consumer products and services in the marketplace.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

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**Large-Capitalization Securities Risk:** Returns on investments in securities of large companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of smaller and mid-sized companies. Larger companies may be unable to respond as quickly as smaller and mid-sized companies to competitive challenges or to changes in business, product, financial, or other market conditions. Larger companies may not be able to maintain growth at the high rates that may be achieved by well-managed smaller and mid-sized companies.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

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**Quality Risk:** A "quality" style of investing emphasizes companies with high returns on equity, stable earnings per share growth, and low financial leverage. This style of investing is subject to the risk that the past performance of these companies does not continue or that the returns on "quality" equity securities are less than returns on other styles of investing or the overall stock market.

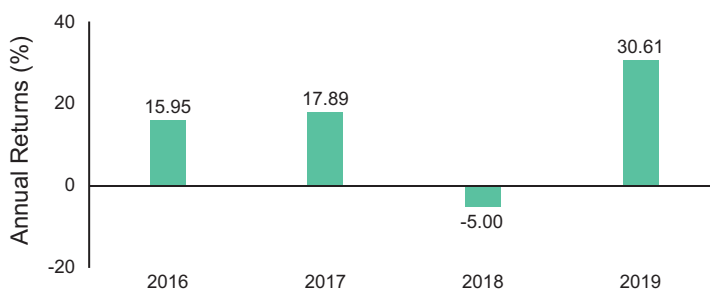
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**Value Stock Risk:** A "value" style of investing is subject to the risk that the returns on "value" equity securities are less than returns on other styles of investing or the overall stock market. Value stocks present the risk that they may decline in price or never reach their expected full market value because the market fails to recognize a stock's intrinsic worth.

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| Return Before Taxes  | 30.61%      | 13.39%                        |
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| Russell 1000 Low Volatility Focused Factor Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 30.94%      | 13.66%                        |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                                    | 31.49%      | 13.69%                        |

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**PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.



# SPDR® Russell 1000® Momentum Focus ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR Russell 1000 Momentum Focus ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of the Russell 1000 Momentum Focused Factor Index.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.20% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.20% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$20   | \$64   | \$113  | \$255   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 42% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the Russell 1000 Momentum Focused Factor Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index (including common stock, preferred stock, depositary receipts and shares of other investment companies), cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the Index, the

Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index is designed to reflect the performance of a segment of large-capitalization U.S. equity securities demonstrating a combination of core factors (high value, high quality, and low size characteristics), with a focus factor comprising high momentum characteristics (the "Factor Characteristics"). To construct the Index, Frank Russell Company (the "Index Provider") utilizes a rules-based multi-factor scoring process that seeks to increase exposure (or "tilt") to companies in the Russell 1000 Index demonstrating the Factor Characteristics. The Russell 1000 Index is a market-capitalization index that measures the performance of the large-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. Within the multi-factor scoring process, a specific focus is applied towards a company's momentum factor. Companies with higher momentum are those whose securities have had higher recent price performance compared to other securities. Each stock's factor scores are multiplied by the stock's free float market cap weight in the Russell 1000 Index to determine each constituent's weight in the multi-factor Index. Companies in the Russell 1000 Index are excluded from the Index if they do not meet a minimum weight in the Index. A company's momentum factor score is based on historical total return over the 11 months ending on the last business day of the month prior to the Index rebalancing month. A company's value factor score is based on cash flow yield, earnings yield, and country relative sales to price ratio, calculated based on the company's total market capitalization and information reported in the company's most recent annual financial statement as of the last business day of the month prior to the Index rebalancing month. A company's quality factor score is based on return on assets, change in asset turnover, accruals, and leverage, calculated based on information reported in the company's most recent annual financial statement as of the last business day of the month prior to the Index rebalancing month. A company's size factor score is based on total market capitalization as of the last business day of the month prior to the Index rebalancing month.

The weight of each individual stock in the Index is capped at 2000% of the stock's weight in the Russell 1000 Index, and any weight exceeding this limit will be redistributed to all stocks below the limit in proportion to their combination of market capitalization and factor scoring. The weight of each industry in the Index is capped at 120% of the industry's weight in the Russell 1000 Index plus an additional 5%, and any weight exceeding this limit is redistributed to all other industries below the limit in proportion to their combination of market capitalization and factor scoring. The weight of each industry in the Index must be at least 80% of the industry's weight in the Russell 1000 Index less 5%. The weights of any industries below this minimum will be increased to the minimum by redistributing the weights of industries above the minimum in proportion to their combination of market capitalization and factor scoring. The Index is rebalanced semi-annually in June and December. As of July 31, 2020, a significant portion of the Fund comprised companies in the consumer discretionary and technology sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of July 31, 2020 there were approximately 931 securities in the Index.

The Index is sponsored by the Index Provider, which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Momentum Risk:** The Fund employs a “momentum” style of investing that emphasizes investing in securities that have had higher recent price performance compared to other securities. This style of investing is subject to the risk that these securities may be more volatile than a broad cross-section of securities or that the returns on securities that have previously exhibited price momentum are less than returns on other styles of investing or the overall stock market. Momentum can turn quickly and cause significant variation from other types of investments.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund’s daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk:** The success of consumer product manufacturers and retailers is tied closely to the performance of the overall global economy, interest rates, competition and consumer confidence. Success depends heavily on disposable household income and consumer spending. Also, companies in the consumer discretionary sector may be subject to severe competition, which may have an adverse impact on their respective profitability. Changes in demographics and consumer tastes can also affect the demand for, and success of, consumer products and services in the marketplace.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund’s margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund’s performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund’s return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund’s return and that of the Index.

**Large-Capitalization Securities Risk:** Returns on investments in securities of large companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of smaller and mid-sized companies. Larger companies may be unable to respond as quickly as smaller and mid-sized companies to competitive challenges or to changes in business, product, financial, or other market conditions. Larger companies may not be able to maintain growth at the high rates that may be achieved by well-managed smaller and mid-sized companies.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund’s holdings may limit the

ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes “non-diversified,” the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

**Quality Risk:** A “quality” style of investing emphasizes companies with high returns on equity, stable earnings per share growth, and low financial leverage. This style of investing is subject to the risk that the past performance of these companies does not continue or that the returns on “quality” equity securities are less than returns on other styles of investing or the overall stock market.

**Technology Sector Risk:** Market or economic factors impacting technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund’s investments. The value of stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly vulnerable to rapid changes in technology product cycles, rapid product obsolescence, government regulation and competition, both domestically and internationally, including competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Technology companies are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights, the loss or impairment of which may adversely affect profitability. Additionally, companies in the technology sector may face dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel.

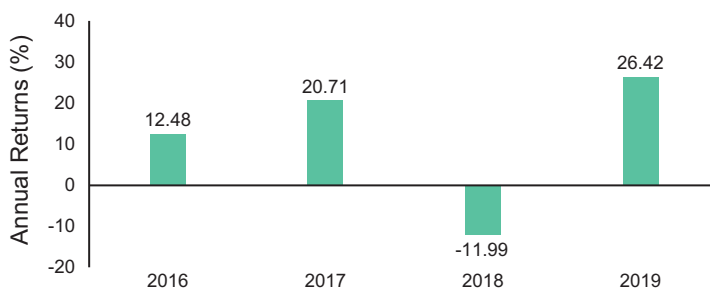
**Unconstrained Sector Risk:** The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets within one or more economic sectors or industries, which may change from time to time. Greater investment focus on one or more sectors or industries increases the potential for volatility and the risk that events negatively affecting such sectors or industries could reduce returns, potentially causing the value of the Fund’s Shares to decrease, perhaps significantly.

**Value Stock Risk:** A “value” style of investing is subject to the risk that the returns on “value” equity securities are less than returns on other styles of investing or the overall stock market. Value stocks present the risk that they may decline in price or never reach their expected full market value because the market fails to recognize a stock’s intrinsic worth.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund’s performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund’s average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund’s past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

**ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS** (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 13.63% (Q1, 2019)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -16.84% (Q4, 2018)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund’s Calendar Year-To-Date return was -5.42%.

## AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|  | One<br>Year | Since Inception<br>(12/02/15) |
|--|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes  | 26.42%      | 10.11%                        |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions  | 25.91%      | 9.19%                         |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares                                    | 15.97%      | 7.76%                         |
| Russell 1000 Momentum Focused Factor Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 26.73%      | 10.37%                        |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                              | 31.49%      | 13.69%                        |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Emiliano Rabinovich.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

Emiliano Rabinovich, CFA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. He joined the Adviser in 2006.

## PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

## TAX INFORMATION

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

## PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

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# SPDR® Russell 1000® Yield Focus ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR Russell 1000 Yield Focus ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of the Russell 1000 Yield Focused Factor Index.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.20% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.20% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$20   | \$64   | \$113  | \$255   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 34% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the Russell 1000 Yield Focused Factor Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index (including common stock, preferred stock, depositary receipts and shares of other investment companies), cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the Index, the

Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

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**Dividend Paying Securities Risk:** Securities that pay dividends, as a group, can fall out of favor with the market, causing such companies to underperform companies that do not pay dividends. In addition, changes in the dividend policies of the companies held by the Fund or the capital resources available for such company's dividend payments may adversely affect the Fund.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

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**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Large-Capitalization Securities Risk:** Returns on investments in securities of large companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of smaller and mid-sized companies. Larger companies may be unable to respond as quickly as smaller and mid-sized companies to competitive challenges or to changes in business, product, financial, or other market conditions. Larger companies may not be able to maintain growth at the high rates that may be achieved by well-managed smaller and mid-sized companies.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations

on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes “non-diversified,” the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

**Quality Risk:** A “quality” style of investing emphasizes companies with high returns on equity, stable earnings per share growth, and low financial leverage. This style of investing is subject to the risk that the past performance of these companies does not continue or that the returns on “quality” equity securities are less than returns on other styles of investing or the overall stock market.

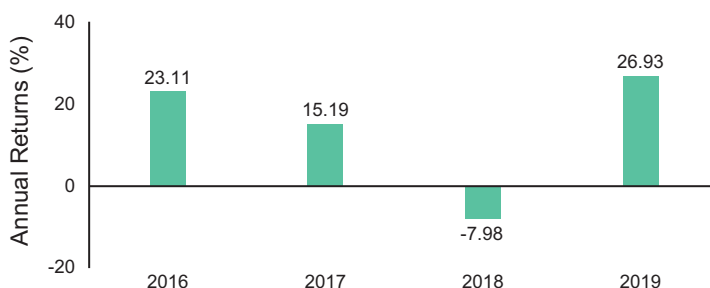
**Unconstrained Sector Risk:** The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets within one or more economic sectors or industries, which may change from time to time. Greater investment focus on one or more sectors or industries increases the potential for volatility and the risk that events negatively affecting such sectors or industries could reduce returns, potentially causing the value of the Fund’s Shares to decrease, perhaps significantly.

**Value Stock Risk:** A “value” style of investing is subject to the risk that the returns on “value” equity securities are less than returns on other styles of investing or the overall stock market. Value stocks present the risk that they may decline in price or never reach their expected full market value because the market fails to recognize a stock’s intrinsic worth.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund’s performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund’s average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund’s past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

**ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS** (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 12.44% (Q1, 2019)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -13.24% (Q4, 2018)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund’s Calendar Year-To-Date return was -18.52%.

## AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|   | One<br>Year | Since Inception<br>(12/02/15) |
|---|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes   | 26.93%      | 12.39%                        |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions   | 25.79%      | 10.33%                        |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares                                 | 16.44%      | 9.04%                         |
| Russell 1000 Yield Focused Factor Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 27.26%      | 12.68%                        |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                           | 31.49%      | 13.69%                        |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

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**PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

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John Law, CFA, is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. He joined the Adviser in 2016.

**PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION**

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

**TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

**PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.



# SPDR® S&P 1500 Momentum Tilt ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P 1500 Momentum Tilt ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of U.S. equity securities exhibiting price momentum.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.12% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.12% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$12   | \$39   | \$68   | \$154   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 65% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P 1500 Positive Momentum Tilt Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the Index, the Fund’s assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index applies an alternative weighting methodology to the S&P Composite 1500 Index so that stocks with relatively high momentum are overweight relative to the S&P Composite 1500 Index and stocks with relatively low momentum are underweight. The S&P Composite 1500 Index, one of the leading indices of the U.S. equity market, is a capitalization-weighted combination of the large-cap S&P 500 Index, the S&P MidCap 400 Index, and the S&P SmallCap 600 Index. A “momentum” style of investing emphasizes investing in securities that have had higher recent price performance compared to other securities. In constructing the Index, the Index Provider (as defined below) estimates the momentum of each stock in the S&P Composite 1500 Index based on its price performance over the 11 months ending on the rebalancing reference date and ranks all 1,500 Index constituents in order of momentum. S&P then forms 20 sub-portfolios of approximately equal market capitalization, grouped by momentum. S&P defines a sub-portfolio allocation factor so that a sub-portfolio with relatively high momentum will have a higher allocation factor than a sub-portfolio with relatively low momentum. The weight of each stock in the Index is proportionate to its market capitalization and to its sub-portfolio allocation factor. The Index is rebalanced quarterly, effective after the close on the third Friday of January, April, July, and October. As of July 31, 2020, a significant portion of the Fund comprised companies in the technology and health care sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of July 31, 2020, there were approximately 1,505 securities in the Index.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the “Index Provider”), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund’s investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Momentum Risk:** The Fund employs a “momentum” style of investing that emphasizes investing in securities that have had higher recent price performance compared to other securities. This style of investing is subject to the risk that these securities may be more volatile than a broad cross-section of securities or that the returns on securities that have previously exhibited price momentum are less than returns on other styles of investing or the overall stock market. Momentum can turn quickly and cause significant variation from other types of investments.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund’s daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Health Care Sector Risk:** Companies in the health care sector are subject to extensive government regulation and their profitability can be significantly affected by restrictions on government reimbursement for medical expenses, rising costs of medical products and services, pricing pressure (including price discounting), limited product lines and an increased emphasis on the delivery of healthcare through outpatient services. Companies in the health care sector are heavily dependent on obtaining and defending patents, which may be time consuming and costly, and the expiration of patents may also adversely affect the profitability of these companies. Health care companies are also subject to extensive litigation based on product liability and similar claims. In addition, their products can become obsolete due to industry innovation, changes in technologies or other market developments. Many new products in the health care sector require significant research and development and may be subject to regulatory approvals, all of which may be time consuming and costly with no guarantee that any product will come to market.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** As a "non-diversified" fund, the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (*e.g.*, changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

**Technology Sector Risk:** Market or economic factors impacting technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund's investments. The value of stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly vulnerable to rapid changes in technology product cycles, rapid product obsolescence, government regulation and competition, both domestically and internationally, including competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Technology companies are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights, the loss or impairment of which may adversely affect

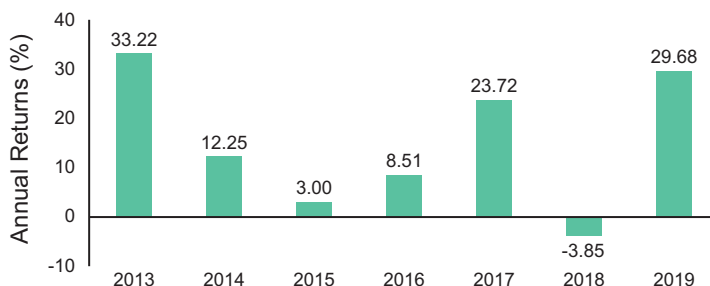
profitability. Additionally, companies in the technology sector may face dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel.

**Unconstrained Sector Risk:** The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets within one or more economic sectors or industries, which may change from time to time. Greater investment focus on one or more sectors or industries increases the potential for volatility and the risk that events negatively affecting such sectors or industries could reduce returns, potentially causing the value of the Fund's Shares to decrease, perhaps significantly.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

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### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 14.39% (Q1, 2019)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -15.51% (Q4, 2018)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was 8.66%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

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|   | One Year | Five Years | Since Inception (10/24/12) |
|---|----------|------------|----------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes   | 29.68%   | 11.51%     | 14.24%                     |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions   | 29.17%   | 11.01%     | 13.69%                     |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares                               | 17.89%   | 9.04%      | 11.53%                     |
| S&P 1500 Positive Momentum Tilt Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 29.83%   | 11.64%     | 14.49%                     |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                         | 31.49%   | 11.70%     | 14.60%                     |

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# SPDR® S&P 1500 Value Tilt ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P 1500 Value Tilt ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of U.S. equity securities exhibiting “value” characteristics.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.12% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.12% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$12   | \$39   | \$68   | \$154   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 16% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P 1500 Low Valuation Tilt Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the Index, the Fund’s assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index applies an alternative weighting methodology to the S&P Composite 1500 Index so that stocks with relatively low valuations (*i.e.*, relatively “cheap”) are overweight relative to the S&P Composite 1500 Index and stocks with relatively high valuations (*i.e.*, relatively “rich”) are underweight. The S&P Composite 1500 Index, one of the leading indices of the U.S. equity market, is a capitalization-weighted combination of the large-cap S&P 500 Index, the S&P MidCap 400 Index, and the S&P SmallCap 600 Index. In constructing the Index, the Index Provider (as defined below) estimates the valuation of each stock in the S&P Composite 1500 Index based on the ratio of its price to its level of earnings, cash flow, sales, book value, and dividends. S&P weights this data from the last five calendar years to create a composite valuation measure, and ranks all 1,500 index constituents in order of composite valuation. S&P then forms 20 sub-portfolios of approximately equal market capitalization, grouped by composite valuations. S&P derives a sub-portfolio allocation factor using each sub-portfolio’s composite valuation, so that a sub-portfolio with relatively low valuation will have a higher allocation factor than a sub-portfolio with relatively high valuation. The weight of each stock in the Index is proportionate to its market capitalization and to its sub-portfolio allocation factor. The Index is rebalanced annually after the close of business on the third Friday of April. As of July 31, 2020, a significant portion of the Fund comprised companies in the financial sector, although this may change from time to time. As of July 31, 2020, there were approximately 1,483 securities in the Index.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the “Index Provider”), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund’s investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Value Stock Risk:** A “value” style of investing is subject to the risk that the returns on “value” equity securities are less than returns on other styles of investing or the overall stock market. Value stocks present the risk that they may decline in price or never reach their expected full market value because the market fails to recognize a stock’s intrinsic worth.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund’s daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a

derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Financial Sector Risk:** Financial services companies are subject to extensive governmental regulation which may limit both the amounts and types of loans and other financial commitments they can make, the interest rates and fees they can charge, the scope of their activities, the prices they can charge and the amount of capital they must maintain. Profitability is largely dependent on the availability and cost of capital funds and can fluctuate significantly when interest rates change or due to increased competition. In addition, deterioration of the credit markets generally may cause an adverse impact in a broad range of markets, including U.S. and international credit and interbank money markets generally, thereby affecting a wide range of financial institutions and markets. Certain events in the financial sector may cause an unusually high degree of volatility in the financial markets, both domestic and foreign, and cause certain financial services companies to incur large losses. Securities of financial services companies may experience a dramatic decline in value when such companies experience substantial declines in the valuations of their assets, take action to raise capital (such as the issuance of debt or equity securities), or cease operations. Credit losses resulting from financial difficulties of borrowers and financial losses associated with investment activities can negatively impact the sector. Insurance companies may be subject to severe price competition. Adverse economic, business or political developments could adversely affect financial institutions engaged in mortgage finance or other lending or investing activities directly or indirectly connected to the value of real estate.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

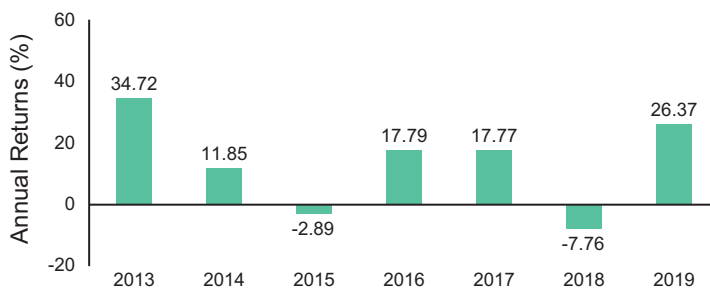
**Non-Diversification Risk:** As a "non-diversified" fund, the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

**Unconstrained Sector Risk:** The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets within one or more economic sectors or industries, which may change from time to time. Greater investment focus on one or more sectors or industries increases the potential for volatility and the risk that events negatively affecting such sectors or industries could reduce returns, potentially causing the value of the Fund's Shares to decrease, perhaps significantly.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

## ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 11.71% (Q1, 2013)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -13.91% (Q4, 2018)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -8.48%.

## AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|   | One Year | Five Years | Since Inception (10/24/12) |
|---|----------|------------|----------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes   | 26.37%   | 9.44%      | 13.08%                     |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions   | 25.64%   | 8.56%      | 11.98%                     |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares                           | 16.02%   | 7.21%      | 10.30%                     |
| S&P 1500 Low Valuation Tilt Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 26.44%   | 9.54%      | 13.32%                     |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                     | 31.49%   | 11.70%     | 14.60%                     |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and John Law.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

John Law, CFA, is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. He joined the Adviser in 2016.

## PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary

market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the “bid-ask spread”). Recent information regarding the Fund’s NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

#### **TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund’s distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

#### **PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.



# SPDR® S&P 400 Mid Cap Growth ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P 400 Mid Cap Growth ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of medium capitalization exchange traded U.S. equity securities exhibiting “growth” characteristics.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.15% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.15% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$15   | \$48   | \$85   | \$192   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 45% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P MidCap 400 Growth Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index measures the performance of the mid-capitalization growth segment of the U.S. equity market. The Index consists of those stocks in the S&P MidCap 400 Index exhibiting the strongest growth characteristics based on: (i) sales growth; (ii) earnings change to price; and (iii) momentum. The selection universe for the S&P MidCap 400 Index includes all U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), NASDAQ Capital Market, Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX with market capitalizations between \$2.4 billion and \$8.2 billion at the time of inclusion. This capitalization range may be revised by the Index Provider (as defined below) at any time. To be included in the Index, a security (or issuer of a security, as applicable) should (i) have an annual dollar value traded to float adjusted market capitalization ratio of 1 or greater; (ii) trade a minimum of 250,000 shares in each of the six months leading up to the evaluation date; (iii) have a public float of at least 10%; and (iv) have positive as-reported earnings over the most recent four consecutive quarters (measured using the sum of earnings over those quarters) and for the most recent quarter. The Index is market capitalization weighted and rebalanced annually on the third Friday of December. As of July 31, 2020, a significant portion of the Fund comprised companies in the consumer discretionary, industrial and health care sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 240 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk:** The securities of mid-capitalization companies may be more volatile and may involve more risk than the securities of larger companies. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger companies, and may depend on a few key employees. In addition, these companies may have been recently organized and may have little or no track record of success. The securities of mid-sized companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Some securities of mid-sized issuers may be illiquid or may be restricted as to resale, and their values may be volatile.

**Growth Stock Risk:** The prices of growth stocks may be based largely on expectations of future earnings, and their prices can decline rapidly and significantly in reaction to negative news. Growth stocks may underperform value stocks and stocks in other broad style categories (and the stock market as a whole) over any period of time and may shift in and out of favor with investors generally, sometimes rapidly, depending on changes in market, economic, and other factors.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times

when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk:** The success of consumer product manufacturers and retailers is tied closely to the performance of the overall global economy, interest rates, competition and consumer confidence. Success depends heavily on disposable household income and consumer spending. Also, companies in the consumer discretionary sector may be subject to severe competition, which may have an adverse impact on their respective profitability. Changes in demographics and consumer tastes can also affect the demand for, and success of, consumer products and services in the marketplace.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Health Care Sector Risk:** Companies in the health care sector are subject to extensive government regulation and their profitability can be significantly affected by restrictions on government reimbursement for medical expenses, rising costs of medical products and services, pricing pressure (including price discounting), limited product lines and an increased emphasis on the delivery of healthcare through outpatient services. Companies in the health care sector are heavily dependent on obtaining and defending patents, which may be time consuming and costly, and the expiration of patents may also adversely affect the profitability of these companies. Health care companies are also subject to extensive litigation based on product liability and similar claims. In addition, their products can become obsolete due to industry innovation, changes in technologies or other market developments. Many new products in the health care sector require significant research and development and may be subject to regulatory approvals, all of which may be time consuming and costly with no guarantee that any product will come to market.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Industrial Sector Risk:** Industrial companies are affected by supply and demand both for their specific product or service and for industrial sector products in general. Government regulation, world events, exchange rates and economic conditions, technological developments and liabilities for environmental damage and general civil liabilities will likewise affect the performance of these companies. Aerospace and defense companies, a component of the industrial sector, can be significantly affected by government spending policies because

companies involved in this industry rely, to a significant extent, on U.S. and foreign government demand for their products and services. Thus, the financial condition of, and investor interest in, aerospace and defense companies are heavily influenced by governmental defense spending policies which are typically under pressure from efforts to control the U.S. (and other) government budgets. Transportation securities, a component of the industrial sector, are cyclical and have occasional sharp price movements which may result from changes in the economy, fuel prices, labor agreements and insurance costs.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes "non-diversified," the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

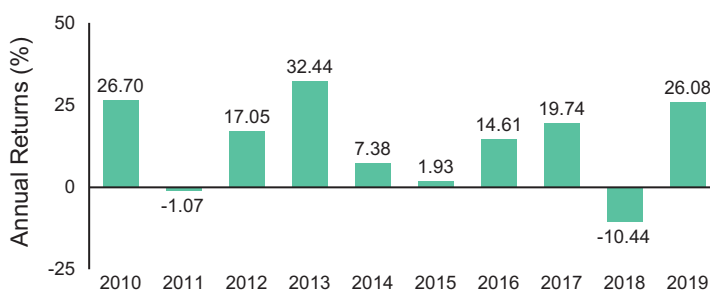
**Unconstrained Sector Risk:** The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets within one or more economic sectors or industries, which may change from time to time. Greater investment focus on one or more sectors or industries increases the potential for volatility and the risk that events negatively affecting such sectors or industries could reduce returns, potentially causing the value of the Fund's Shares to decrease, perhaps significantly.

**Valuation Risk:** Some portfolio holdings, potentially a large portion of the Fund's investment portfolio, may be valued on the basis of factors other than market quotations. This may occur more often in times of market turmoil or reduced liquidity. There are multiple methods that can be used to value a portfolio holding when market quotations are not readily available. The value established for any portfolio holding at a point in time might differ from what would be produced using a different methodology or if it had been priced using market quotations. Portfolio holdings that are valued using techniques other than market quotations, including "fair valued" securities, may be subject to greater fluctuation in their valuations from one day to the next than if market quotations were used. In addition, there is no assurance that the Fund could sell or close out a portfolio position for the value established for it at any time, and it is possible that the Fund would incur a loss because a portfolio position is sold or closed out at a discount to the valuation established by the Fund at that time.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

**ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS** (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 14.90% (Q1, 2019)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -18.77% (Q3, 2011)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was 1.22%.

## AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Effective December 17, 2010 (the "Benchmark Index Change Date"), the Fund's benchmark index changed from the Dow Jones U.S. Mid-Cap Growth Total Stock Market Index (the "Previous



Benchmark Index”) to the S&P MidCap 400 Growth Index, consistent with a change in the Fund’s principal investment strategy to track the performance of the current index. Performance of the Fund prior to the Benchmark Index Change Date is therefore based on the Fund’s investment strategy to track the Previous Benchmark Index.

|   | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Return Before Taxes   | 26.08%      | 9.57%         | 12.66%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions   | 25.62%      | 9.05%         | 12.27%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares   | 15.61%      | 7.43%         | 10.49%       |
| S&P MidCap 400 Growth Index/Dow Jones U.S. Mid-Cap Growth Total Stock Market Index <sup>1</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 26.29%      | 9.72%         | 12.85%       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)   | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.56%       |

<sup>1</sup> Returns shown are reflective of the Index for periods beginning on the Benchmark Index Change Date and the Previous Benchmark Index for periods prior to the Benchmark Index Change Date.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

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### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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Juan Acevedo is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. He joined the Adviser in 2000.

## PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as “Creation Units.” Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value (“NAV”), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the “bid-ask spread”). Recent information regarding the Fund’s NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

## TAX INFORMATION

The Fund’s distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

## PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.



# SPDR® S&P 400 Mid Cap Value ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P 400 Mid Cap Value ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of medium capitalization exchange traded U.S. equity securities exhibiting “value” characteristics.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.15% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.15% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$15   | \$48   | \$85   | \$192   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 45% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P MidCap 400 Value Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index measures the performance of the mid-capitalization value segment of the U.S. equity market. The Index consists of those stocks in the S&P MidCap 400 Index exhibiting the strongest value characteristics based on: (i) book value to price ratio; (ii) earnings to price ratio; and (iii) sales to price ratio. The selection universe for the S&P MidCap 400 Index includes all U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), NASDAQ Capital Market, Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX with market capitalizations between \$2.4 billion and \$8.2 billion at the time of inclusion. This capitalization range may be revised by the Index Provider (as defined below) at any time. To be included in the Index, a security (or issuer of a security, as applicable) should (i) have an annual dollar value traded to float adjusted market capitalization ratio of 1 or greater; (ii) trade a minimum of 250,000 shares in each of the six months leading up to the evaluation date; (iii) have a public float of at least 10%; and (iv) have positive as-reported earnings over the most recent four consecutive quarters (measured using the sum of earnings over those quarters) and for the most recent quarter. The Index is market capitalization weighted and rebalanced annually on the third Friday of December. As of July 31, 2020, a significant portion of the Fund comprised companies in the financial sector, although this may change from time to time. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 295 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk:** The securities of mid-capitalization companies may be more volatile and may involve more risk than the securities of larger companies. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger companies, and may depend on a few key employees. In addition, these companies may have been recently organized and may have little or no track record of success. The securities of mid-sized companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Some securities of mid-sized issuers may be illiquid or may be restricted as to resale, and their values may be volatile.

**Value Stock Risk:** A "value" style of investing is subject to the risk that the returns on "value" equity securities are less than returns on other styles of investing or the overall stock market. Value stocks present the risk that they may decline in price or never reach their expected full market value because the market fails to recognize a stock's intrinsic worth.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Financial Sector Risk:** Financial services companies are subject to extensive governmental regulation which may limit both the amounts and types of loans and other financial commitments they can make, the interest rates and fees they can charge, the scope of their activities, the prices they can charge and the amount of capital they must maintain. Profitability is largely dependent on the availability and cost of capital funds and can fluctuate significantly when interest rates change or due to increased competition. In addition, deterioration of the credit markets generally may cause an adverse impact in a broad range of markets, including U.S. and international credit and interbank money markets generally, thereby affecting a wide range of financial institutions and markets. Certain events in the financial sector may cause an unusually high degree of volatility in the financial markets, both domestic and foreign, and cause certain financial services companies to incur large losses. Securities of financial services companies may experience a dramatic decline in value when such companies experience substantial declines in the valuations of their assets, take action to raise capital (such as the issuance of debt or equity securities), or cease operations. Credit losses resulting from financial difficulties of borrowers and financial losses associated with investment activities can negatively impact the sector. Insurance companies may be subject to severe price competition. Adverse economic, business or political developments could adversely affect financial institutions engaged in mortgage finance or other lending or investing activities directly or indirectly connected to the value of real estate.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes "non-diversified," the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more

diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

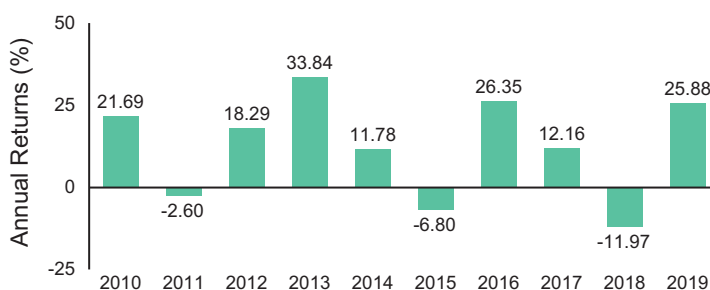
**Unconstrained Sector Risk:** The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets within one or more economic sectors or industries, which may change from time to time. Greater investment focus on one or more sectors or industries increases the potential for volatility and the risk that events negatively affecting such sectors or industries could reduce returns, potentially causing the value of the Fund's Shares to decrease, perhaps significantly.

**Valuation Risk:** Some portfolio holdings, potentially a large portion of the Fund's investment portfolio, may be valued on the basis of factors other than market quotations. This may occur more often in times of market turmoil or reduced liquidity. There are multiple methods that can be used to value a portfolio holding when market quotations are not readily available. The value established for any portfolio holding at a point in time might differ from what would be produced using a different methodology or if it had been priced using market quotations. Portfolio holdings that are valued using techniques other than market quotations, including "fair valued" securities, may be subject to greater fluctuation in their valuations from one day to the next than if market quotations were used. In addition, there is no assurance that the Fund could sell or close out a portfolio position for the value established for it at any time, and it is possible that the Fund would incur a loss because a portfolio position is sold or closed out at a discount to the valuation established by the Fund at that time.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 15.74% (Q4, 2011)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -20.91% (Q3, 2011)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -19.41%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

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|   | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Return Before Taxes   | 25.88%      | 7.91%         | 11.87%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions   | 25.23%      | 7.01%         | 11.04%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares   | 15.61%      | 5.87%         | 9.52%        |
| S&P MidCap 400 Value Index/Dow Jones U.S. Mid-Cap Value Total Stock Market Index <sup>1</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 26.08%      | 8.07%         | 12.06%       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)   | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.56%       |

<sup>1</sup> Returns shown are reflective of the Index for periods beginning on the Benchmark Index Change Date and the Previous Benchmark Index for periods prior to the Benchmark Index Change Date.

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# SPDR® S&P 500® ESG ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P 500 ESG ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that provides exposure to securities that meet certain sustainability criteria (criteria related to environmental, social and governance (“ESG”) factors) while maintaining similar overall industry group weights as the S&P 500 Index.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.10% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses <sup>1</sup>           | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.10% |

<sup>1</sup> “Other expenses” are based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

|  | Year 1 | Year 3 |
|--|--------|--------|
|  | \$10   | \$32   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. The Fund commenced operations on July 28, 2020 and, as a result, does not have a portfolio turnover rate to report as of the most recent fiscal year end.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P 500 ESG Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase

agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index is designed to measure the performance of securities meeting certain sustainability criteria (criteria related to ESG factors), while maintaining similar overall industry group weights as the S&P 500 Index. Securities eligible for inclusion in the Index comprise all constituents of the S&P 500 Index except for companies that:

- Have involvement with tobacco-related products and services, based on certain levels of production, revenue or ownership, as determined by Sustainalytics;
- Are involved in controversial weapons, including cluster weapons, landmines, biological or chemical weapons, depleted uranium weapons, white phosphorus weapons, or nuclear weapons, or hold certain ownership stakes in a company involved in these activities, as determined by Sustainalytics;
- Have a United Nations Global Compact ("UNGC") score in the bottom 5% of all UNGC-scored companies globally, as determined by Arabesque;
- Have an S&P DJI ESG Score, as assigned by SAM, that falls within the worst 25% from each Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) industry group among the combined constituents of the S&P Global LargeMidCap Index and the S&P Global 1200 Index;
- Generate 5% or greater of their revenue from thermal coal extraction or power generation, as determined by Sustainalytics; or
- Do not have (i) Sustainalytics coverage for tobacco-, controversial weapons- and thermal coal-related involvement; (ii) a UNGC score determined by Arabesque; or (iii) an S&P DJI ESG Score.

UNGC scores provided by Arabesque implement quantitative models and data to arrive at a company score based on the normative principles of the UNGC: human rights, labor rights, the environment, and anti-corruption. S&P DJI ESG Scores are assigned by SAM, an ESG scoring business unit of S&P Global Inc. (an affiliate of the Index Provider (defined below)), using its Corporate Sustainability Assessment, which is an annual evaluation of a company, based on ESG factors that SAM determines are financially material to the company, relative to its industry peer companies as determined by SAM.

After implementing the exclusion criteria described above, the remaining companies are then ranked based on their S&P DJI ESG Score. For each GICS industry group, companies are selected for inclusion in the Index primarily in decreasing order of S&P DJI ESG Score until approximately 75% of the float adjusted market capitalization of the industry group is reached.

The Index is float-adjusted market capitalization weighted. The Index is reconstituted and rebalanced annually on the last business day in April. In addition, between Index rebalances, Index constituents may be removed from the Index for their involvement in economic crime and corruption, fraud, illegal commercial practices, human rights abuses, labor disputes, workplace safety catastrophic accidents, environmental disasters, and certain other activities associated with environmental, social and governance risks. Any companies removed from the Index on account of such activities are not eligible for inclusion in the Index until one full calendar year from the next rebalancing of the Index. As of July 31, 2020, a significant portion of the Fund comprised companies in the technology sector, although this may change from time to time. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 310 stocks.

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## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely

affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**ESG Investing Risk:** The Index's incorporation of ESG considerations in its methodology may cause the Fund to make different investments than funds that do not incorporate such considerations in their strategy or investment processes. Under certain economic conditions, this could cause the Fund's investment performance to be worse than funds that do not incorporate such considerations. The Index's incorporation of ESG considerations may affect the Fund's exposure to certain sectors and/or types of investments, and may adversely impact the Fund's performance depending on whether such sectors or investments are in or out of favor in the market.

**Large-Capitalization Securities Risk:** Returns on investments in securities of large companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of smaller and mid-sized companies. Larger companies may be unable to respond as quickly as smaller and mid-sized companies to competitive challenges or to changes in business, product, financial, or other market conditions. Larger companies may not be able to maintain growth at the high rates that may be achieved by well-managed smaller and mid-sized companies.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**New Fund Risk:** The Fund is new and there is no assurance that the Fund will grow quickly. When the Fund's size is small, the Fund may experience low trading volume, which could lead to wider bid/ask spreads. In addition, the Fund may face the risk of being delisted if the Fund does not meet certain conditions of the listing exchange. Any resulting liquidation of the Fund could cause elevated transaction costs for the Fund and negative tax consequences for its shareholders.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes "non-diversified," the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

**Technology Sector Risk:** Market or economic factors impacting technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund's investments. The value of stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly vulnerable to rapid changes in technology product cycles, rapid product obsolescence, government regulation and competition, both domestically and internationally, including competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Technology companies are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights, the loss or impairment of which may adversely affect profitability. Additionally, companies in the technology sector may face dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel.

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## FUND PERFORMANCE

The Fund has not yet completed a full calendar year of operations and therefore does not have any performance history. Once the Fund has completed a full calendar year of operations, a bar chart and table will be included that will provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing the variability of the Fund's returns based on net assets and comparing the Fund's performance to the Index. Updated performance information may be obtained by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting the Fund's website: <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Emiliano Rabinovich, Karl Schneider and Olga Winner.

Emiliano Rabinovich, CFA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. He joined the Adviser in 2006.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

Olga Winner, CFA, is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. She joined the Adviser in 2007.

**PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION**

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

**TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

**PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.



# SPDR® S&P 500® Fossil Fuel Reserves Free ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P 500 Fossil Fuel Reserves Free ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of the S&P 500 Fossil Fuel Free Index.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Management fees                          | 0.25%   |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees    | None    |
| Other expenses                           | 0.00%   |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses     | 0.25%   |
| Less contractual fee waiver <sup>1</sup> | (0.05)% |
| Net annual Fund operating expenses       | 0.20%   |

<sup>1</sup> SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or “Adviser”) has contractually agreed to waive a portion of its management fee and/or reimburse certain expenses, until October 31, 2021, so that the net annual Fund operating expenses, before application of any fees and expenses not paid by the Adviser pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement, if any, are limited to 0.20% of the Fund’s average daily net assets. The contractual fee waiver and/or reimbursement does not provide for the recoupment by the Adviser of any fees the Adviser previously waived. The Adviser may continue the waiver and/or reimbursement from year to year, but there is no guarantee that the Adviser will do so and the waiver and/or reimbursement may be cancelled or modified at any time after October 31, 2021. This waiver and/or reimbursement may not be terminated prior to October 31, 2021 except with the approval of the Fund’s Board of Trustees.

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. The Example reflects the Fund’s contractual fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement only in the periods for which the contractual fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement is expected to continue. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$20   | \$75   | \$136  | \$313   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 4% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P 500 Fossil Fuel Free Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index

in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index (including common stock, preferred stock, depositary receipts and shares of other investment companies), cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the Index, the Fund’s assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index is designed to measure the performance of companies in the S&P 500 Index that are “fossil fuel free”, which are defined as companies that do not own fossil fuel reserves (either proven or probable). For purposes of the composition of the Index, fossil fuel reserves are defined as (i) thermal coal reserves, (ii) other non-metallurgical coal reserves (e.g., coal for chemical biproducts, coal briquettes, residential use, liquid fuel, cement production, paper manufacturing, pharmaceutical, alumina refineries, ferrochrome, anthracite) (iii) conventional or unconventional oil reserves (e.g., natural gas liquids, oil sands, condensates and liquid petroleum gas), (iv) natural gas reserves, (v) shale gas reserves, and (vi) oil and gas reserves that have not been disclosed transparently as specific types of oil or gas, or are disclosed as one aggregate quantity of oil and gas reserves combined. The Index is a subset of the S&P 500 Index (the “Underlying Index”), which serves as the initial universe of eligible securities for the Index. The Underlying Index focuses on the large capitalization U.S. equity market, including common stock and real estate investment trusts (“REITs”). The selection universe for the S&P 500 Index includes all U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, NASDAQ Capital Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX with unadjusted market capitalizations of at least \$8.2 billion and float-adjusted market capitalizations of at least \$4.1 billion at the time of inclusion. The minimum required capitalization may be revised by the Index Provider (as defined below) at any time. In constructing the Index, the initial universe is screened in an effort to exclude companies with any ownership of fossil fuel reserves, including for third-party and in-house power generation, as determined by publicly available information, such as annual reports and other company publications.

The Index is weighted by float-adjusted market capitalization. The Index is rebalanced quarterly after the close of business on the third Friday of March, June, September, and December. The rebalancing reference dates are after the close of the third Friday of February, May, August, and November, respectively. New additions to the Underlying Index are reviewed for inclusion in the Index each quarter, provided they have been added to the Underlying Index by the Index rebalancing reference dates. Fossil fuel reserve ownership information is updated as part of each quarterly rebalancing. As of July 31, 2020, a significant portion of the Fund comprised companies in the technology sector, although this may change from time to time. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 487 stocks.

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**Fossil Fuel Reserves Free Ownership Risk:** The lack of ownership of fossil fuel reserves may potentially have an adverse effect on a company's profitability. The returns on a portfolio of securities that seeks to exclude companies that own fossil fuel reserves may trail the returns on a portfolio of securities that includes companies that own fossil fuel reserves. Investing in a portfolio of securities of companies that do not own fossil fuel reserves may affect the Fund's exposure to certain types of investments and may impact the Fund's relative investment performance depending on whether such investments are in or out of favor in the market.

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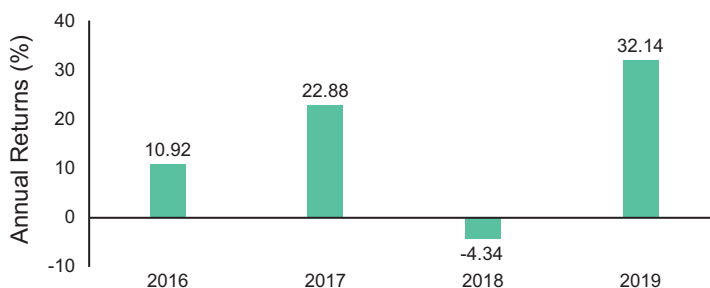
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## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund’s performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund’s average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund’s past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 13.54% (Q1, 2019)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -13.50% (Q4, 2018)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund’s Calendar Year-To-Date return was 6.92%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|  | One<br>Year | Since Inception<br>(11/30/2015) |
|--|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes  | 32.14%      | 13.87%                          |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions  | 31.62%      | 13.37%                          |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares                        | 19.35%      | 10.91%                          |
| S&P 500 Fossil Fuel Free Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 32.48%      | 14.13%                          |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                  | 31.49%      | 13.67%                          |

## **PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**

### **INVESTMENT ADVISER**

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### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and John Law.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

John Law, CFA, is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. He joined the Adviser in 2016.

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### **PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.



# SPDR® S&P 600 Small Cap ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of small capitalization exchange traded U.S. equity securities.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.15% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.15% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$15   | \$48   | \$85   | \$192   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 15% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P SmallCap 600 Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index measures the performance of the small-capitalization segment of the U.S. equity market. The selection universe for the Index includes all U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, NASDAQ Capital Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX with unadjusted market capitalizations between \$600 million and \$2.4 billion and float-adjusted market capitalizations of at least \$300 million at the time of inclusion. These capitalization ranges may be revised by the Index Provider (as defined below) at any time. To be included in the Index, a security (or issuer of a security, as applicable) should (i) have an annual dollar value traded to float-adjusted market capitalization ratio of 1 or greater; (ii) trade a minimum of 250,000 shares in each of the six months leading up to the evaluation date; (iii) have a public float of at least 10%; and (iv) have positive aggregate earnings over the four most recent quarters and for the most recent quarter. In selecting securities for inclusion in the Index, the Index Provider also considers sector balance by comparing the weight of each GICS (Global Industry Classification Standard) sector in the Index to its weight in the relevant market capitalization range of the S&P Total Market Index.

The Index is float-adjusted market capitalization weighted. Index constituents are added and removed on an as-needed basis. The Index is rebalanced on a quarterly basis in March, June, September and December. As of July 31, 2020, a significant portion of the Fund comprised companies in the consumer discretionary, industrial and financial sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 601 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Small-Capitalization Securities Risk:** The securities of small-capitalization companies may be more volatile and may involve more risk than the securities of larger companies. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger companies, and may depend on a few key employees. In addition, these companies may have been recently organized and may have little or no track record of success. The securities of smaller companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Some securities of smaller issuers may be illiquid or may be restricted as to resale, and their values may have significant volatility. The Fund may be unable to liquidate its positions in such securities at any time, or at a favorable price, in order to meet the Fund's obligations. Returns on investments in securities of small-capitalization companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of larger companies.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk:** The success of consumer product manufacturers and retailers is tied closely to the performance of the overall global economy, interest rates, competition and consumer confidence. Success depends heavily on disposable household income and consumer spending. Also, companies in the consumer discretionary sector may be subject to severe competition, which may have an adverse impact on their respective profitability. Changes in demographics and consumer tastes can also affect the demand for, and success of, consumer products and services in the marketplace.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Financial Sector Risk:** Financial services companies are subject to extensive governmental regulation which may limit both the amounts and types of loans and other financial commitments they can make, the interest rates and fees they can charge, the scope of their activities, the prices they can charge and the amount of capital they must maintain. Profitability is largely dependent on the availability and cost of capital funds and can fluctuate significantly when interest rates change or due to increased competition. In addition, deterioration of the credit markets generally may cause an adverse impact in a broad range of markets, including U.S. and international credit and interbank money markets generally, thereby affecting a wide range of financial institutions and markets. Certain events in the financial sector may cause an unusually high degree of volatility in the financial markets, both domestic and foreign, and cause certain financial services companies to incur large losses. Securities of financial services companies may experience a dramatic decline in value when such companies experience substantial declines in the valuations of their assets, take action to raise capital (such as the issuance of debt or equity securities), or cease operations. Credit losses resulting from financial difficulties of borrowers and financial losses associated with investment activities can negatively impact the sector. Insurance companies may be subject to severe price competition. Adverse economic, business or political developments could adversely affect financial institutions engaged in mortgage finance or other lending or investing activities directly or indirectly connected to the value of real estate.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Industrial Sector Risk:** Industrial companies are affected by supply and demand both for their specific product or service and for industrial sector products in general. Government regulation, world events, exchange rates and economic conditions, technological developments and liabilities for environmental damage and general civil liabilities will likewise affect the performance of these companies. Aerospace and defense companies, a

component of the industrial sector, can be significantly affected by government spending policies because companies involved in this industry rely, to a significant extent, on U.S. and foreign government demand for their products and services. Thus, the financial condition of, and investor interest in, aerospace and defense companies are heavily influenced by governmental defense spending policies which are typically under pressure from efforts to control the U.S. (and other) government budgets. Transportation securities, a component of the industrial sector, are cyclical and have occasional sharp price movements which may result from changes in the economy, fuel prices, labor agreements and insurance costs.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes "non-diversified," the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

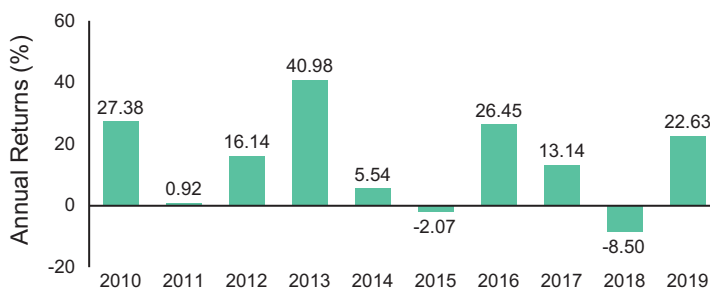
**Unconstrained Sector Risk:** The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets within one or more economic sectors or industries, which may change from time to time. Greater investment focus on one or more sectors or industries increases the potential for volatility and the risk that events negatively affecting such sectors or industries could reduce returns, potentially causing the value of the Fund's Shares to decrease, perhaps significantly.

**Valuation Risk:** Some portfolio holdings, potentially a large portion of the Fund's investment portfolio, may be valued on the basis of factors other than market quotations. This may occur more often in times of market turmoil or reduced liquidity. There are multiple methods that can be used to value a portfolio holding when market quotations are not readily available. The value established for any portfolio holding at a point in time might differ from what would be produced using a different methodology or if it had been priced using market quotations. Portfolio holdings that are valued using techniques other than market quotations, including "fair valued" securities, may be subject to greater fluctuation in their valuations from one day to the next than if market quotations were used. In addition, there is no assurance that the Fund could sell or close out a portfolio position for the value established for it at any time, and it is possible that the Fund would incur a loss because a portfolio position is sold or closed out at a discount to the valuation established by the Fund at that time.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 17.07% (Q4, 2011)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -20.10% (Q4, 2018)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -15.19%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Effective December 17, 2010 (the "Benchmark Index Change Date"), the



Fund's benchmark index changed from the Dow Jones U.S. Small-Cap Total Stock Market Index (the "Previous Benchmark Index") to the S&P SmallCap 600 Index, consistent with a change in the Fund's principal investment strategy to track the performance of the current index. Performance of the Fund prior to the Benchmark Index Change Date is therefore based on the Fund's investment strategy to track the Previous Benchmark Index.

|   | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Return Before Taxes   | 22.63%      | 9.47%         | 13.32%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions   | 22.14%      | 8.67%         | 12.57%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares   | 13.59%      | 7.24%         | 10.91%       |
| S&P SmallCap 600 Index/Dow Jones U.S. Small-Cap Total Stock Market Index <sup>1</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 22.78%      | 9.56%         | 13.49%       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)   | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.56%       |

<sup>1</sup> Returns shown are reflective of the Index for periods beginning on the Benchmark Index Change Date and the Previous Benchmark Index for periods prior to the Benchmark Index Change Date.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Mark Krivitsky.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

Mark Krivitsky is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group and the Tax-Efficient Market Capture Group. He joined the Adviser in 1996.

## PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

## TAX INFORMATION

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

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# SPDR® S&P 600 Small Cap Growth ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap Growth ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of small capitalization exchange traded U.S. equity securities exhibiting “growth” characteristics.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.15% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.15% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$15   | \$48   | \$85   | \$192   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 50% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P SmallCap 600 Growth Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index measures the performance of the small-capitalization growth segment of the U.S. equity market. The Index consists of those stocks in the S&P SmallCap 600 Index exhibiting the strongest growth characteristics based on: (i) sales growth; (ii) earnings change to price; and (iii) momentum. The selection universe for the S&P SmallCap 600 Index includes all U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), NASDAQ Capital Market, Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX with market capitalizations between \$600 million and \$2.4 billion at the time of inclusion. This capitalization range may be revised by the Index Provider (as defined below) at any time. To be included in the Index, a security (or issuer of a security, as applicable) should (i) have an annual dollar value traded to float adjusted market capitalization ratio of 1 or greater; (ii) trade a minimum of 250,000 shares in each of the six months leading up to the evaluation date; (iii) have a public float of at least 10%; and (iv) have positive as-reported earnings over the most recent four consecutive quarters (measured using the sum of earnings over those quarters) and for the most recent quarter. The Index is market capitalization weighted and rebalanced annually on the third Friday of December. As of July 31, 2020, a significant portion of the Fund comprised companies in the consumer discretionary, technology and industrial sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 338 stocks.

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**Growth Stock Risk:** The prices of growth stocks may be based largely on expectations of future earnings, and their prices can decline rapidly and significantly in reaction to negative news. Growth stocks may underperform value stocks and stocks in other broad style categories (and the stock market as a whole) over any period of time and may shift in and out of favor with investors generally, sometimes rapidly, depending on changes in market, economic, and other factors.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times

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**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations

on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes “non-diversified,” the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

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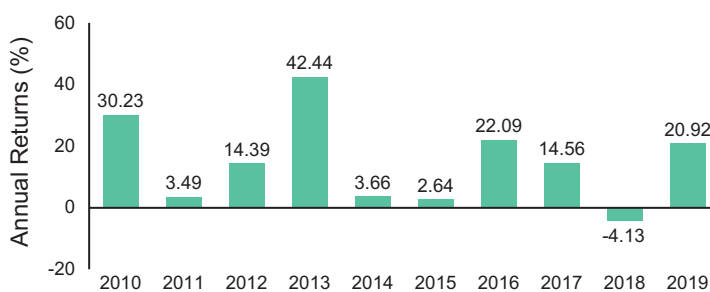
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## FUND PERFORMANCE

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**ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS** (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 16.89% (Q4, 2010)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -19.65% (Q4, 2018)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund’s Calendar Year-To-Date return was -7.96%.

## AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

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Benchmark Index”) to the S&P SmallCap 600 Growth Index, consistent with a change in the Fund’s principal investment strategy to track the performance of the current index. Performance of the Fund prior to the Benchmark Index Change Date is therefore based on the Fund’s investment strategy to track the Previous Benchmark Index.

|  | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Return Before Taxes  | 20.92%      | 10.72%        | 14.25%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions  | 20.53%      | 9.92%         | 13.60%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares  | 12.53%      | 8.29%         | 11.81%       |
| S&P SmallCap 600 Growth Index/Dow Jones U.S. Small-Cap Growth Total Stock Market Index <sup>1</sup><br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 21.13%      | 10.87%        | 14.42%       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)  | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.56%       |

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Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value (“NAV”), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the “bid-ask spread”). Recent information regarding the Fund’s NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

## TAX INFORMATION

The Fund’s distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

## PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.



# SPDR® S&P 600 Small Cap Value ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap Value ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of small capitalization exchange traded U.S. equity securities exhibiting “value” characteristics.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.15% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.15% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$15   | \$48   | \$85   | \$192   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 51% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P SmallCap 600 Value Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index measures the performance of the small-capitalization value segment of the U.S. equity market. The Index consists of those stocks in the S&P SmallCap 600 Index exhibiting the strongest value characteristics based on: (i) book value to price ratio; (ii) earnings to price ratio; and (iii) sales to price ratio. The selection universe for the S&P SmallCap 600 Index includes all U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), NASDAQ Capital Market, Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX with market capitalizations between \$600 million and \$2.4 billion at the time of inclusion. The capitalization range may be revised by the Index Provider (as defined below) at any time. To be included in the Index, a security (or issuer of a security, as applicable) should (i) have an annual dollar value traded to float adjusted market capitalization ratio of 1 or greater; (ii) trade a minimum of 250,000 shares in each of the six months leading up to the evaluation date; (iii) have a public float of at least 50%; and (iv) have positive as-reported earnings over the most recent four consecutive quarters (measured using the sum of earnings over those quarters) and for the most recent quarter. The Index is market capitalization weighted and rebalanced annually on the third Friday of December. As of July 31, 2020, a significant portion of the Fund comprised companies in the financial, industrial and consumer discretionary sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 450 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Small-Capitalization Securities Risk:** The securities of small-capitalization companies may be more volatile and may involve more risk than the securities of larger companies. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger companies, and may depend on a few key employees. In addition, these companies may have been recently organized and may have little or no track record of success. The securities of smaller companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Some securities of smaller issuers may be illiquid or may be restricted as to resale, and their values may have significant volatility. The Fund may be unable to liquidate its positions in such securities at any time, or at a favorable price, in order to meet the Fund's obligations. Returns on investments in securities of small-capitalization companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of larger companies.

**Value Stock Risk:** A "value" style of investing is subject to the risk that the returns on "value" equity securities are less than returns on other styles of investing or the overall stock market. Value stocks present the risk that they may decline in price or never reach their expected full market value because the market fails to recognize a stock's intrinsic worth.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times

when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk:** The success of consumer product manufacturers and retailers is tied closely to the performance of the overall global economy, interest rates, competition and consumer confidence. Success depends heavily on disposable household income and consumer spending. Also, companies in the consumer discretionary sector may be subject to severe competition, which may have an adverse impact on their respective profitability. Changes in demographics and consumer tastes can also affect the demand for, and success of, consumer products and services in the marketplace.

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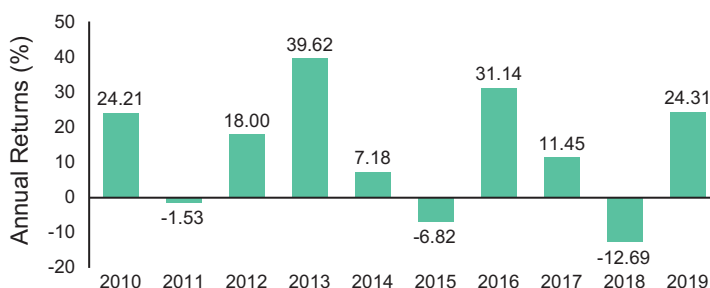
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|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|
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| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares  | 14.62%      | 5.92%         | 9.81%        |
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**PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION**

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Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value (“NAV”), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the “bid-ask spread”). Recent information regarding the Fund’s NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

**TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund’s distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.



**PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# SPDR® S&P Aerospace & Defense ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Aerospace & Defense ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the aerospace and defense segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.35% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.35% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$36   | \$113  | \$197  | \$443   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 28% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Aerospace & Defense Select Industry Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index represents the aerospace and defense segment of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The S&P TMI is designed to track the broad U.S. equity market. The aerospace & defense segment of the S&P TMI comprises the Aerospace & Defense sub-industry. The Index is one of twenty-one (21) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&P TMI constituents belonging to the Aerospace & Defense sub-industry that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) greater than or equal to 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) greater than or equal to 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&P TMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), NASDAQ Capital Market, Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX exchanges. The Index is modified equal weighted. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 31 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Aerospace and Defense Companies Risk:** Aerospace and defense companies can be significantly affected by government aerospace and defense regulation and spending policies because companies involved in this industry rely to a significant extent on U.S. (and other) government demand for their products and services. Thus, the financial condition of, and investor interest in, aerospace and defense companies are heavily influenced by governmental defense spending policies which are typically under pressure from efforts to control the U.S. (and other) government budgets.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not done so.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Industrial Sector Risk:** Industrial companies are affected by supply and demand both for their specific product or service and for industrial sector products in general. Government regulation, world events, exchange rates and economic conditions, technological developments and liabilities for environmental damage and general civil liabilities will likewise affect the performance of these companies. Aerospace and defense companies, a component of the industrial sector, can be significantly affected by government spending policies because companies involved in this industry rely, to a significant extent, on U.S. and foreign government demand for their products and services. Thus, the financial condition of, and investor interest in, aerospace and defense companies are heavily influenced by governmental defense spending policies which are typically under pressure from efforts to control the U.S. (and other) government budgets. Transportation securities, a component of the industrial sector, are cyclical and have occasional sharp price movements which may result from changes in the economy, fuel prices, labor agreements and insurance costs.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations

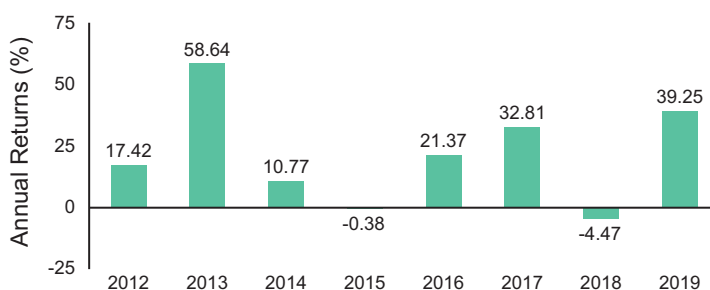
on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes “non-diversified,” the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund’s performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund’s average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund’s past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 17.76% (Q4, 2013)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -20.51% (Q4, 2018)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund’s Calendar Year-To-Date return was -19.43%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|   | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Since Inception<br>(9/28/11) |
|---|-------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes   | 39.25%      | 16.39%        | 21.26%                       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions   | 38.99%      | 16.00%        | 20.78%                       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares                                       | 23.40%      | 13.12%        | 17.95%                       |
| S&P Aerospace & Defense Select Industry Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 39.79%      | 16.81%        | 21.71%                       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                                 | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 15.71%                       |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Keith Richardson.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

Keith Richardson is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. He joined the Adviser in 1999.



## **PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION**

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## **TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

## **PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# SPDR® S&P Bank ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Bank ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of publicly traded national money centers and leading regional banks.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.35% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.35% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$36   | \$113  | \$197  | \$443   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 30% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Banks Select Industry Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index represents the banks segment of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The S&P TMI is designed to track the broad U.S. equity market. The banks segment of the S&P TMI comprises the following sub-industries: Asset Management & Custody Banks, Diversified Banks, Regional Banks, Other Diversified Financial Services, and Thrifts & Mortgage Finance. The Index is one of twenty-one (21) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&P TMI constituents belonging to the Asset Management & Custody Banks, Diversified Banks, Regional Banks, Other Diversified Financial Services, and Thrifts & Mortgage Finance sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$2 billion with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) above 100%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$1 billion or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&P TMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), NASDAQ Capital Market, Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX exchanges. The Index is modified equal weighted. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 86 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Banking Companies Risk:** The performance of bank stocks may be affected by extensive governmental regulation which may limit both the amounts and types of loans and other financial commitments they can make, and the interest rates and fees they can charge and the amount of capital they must maintain. Profitability is largely dependent on the availability and cost of capital funds, and can fluctuate significantly when interest rates change. Credit losses resulting from financial difficulties of borrowers can negatively impact banking companies. Banks may also be subject to severe price competition. Competition is high among banking companies and failure to maintain or increase market share may result in lost market value.

**Financial Institutions Risk:** Changes in the creditworthiness of financial institutions (such as banks and broker-dealers) may adversely affect the values of instruments of issuers in financial industries. Adverse developments in banking and other financial industries may cause the Fund to underperform relative to other funds that invest more broadly across different industries or have a smaller exposure to financial institutions. Changes in governmental regulation and oversight of financial institutions may have an adverse effect on the financial condition of a financial institution.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not done so.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

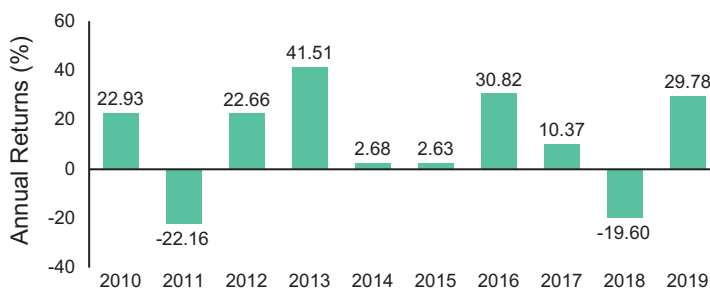
**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes "non-diversified," the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more

diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 30.75% (Q4, 2016)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -26.45% (Q3, 2011)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -36.11%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Effective October 24, 2011 (the "Benchmark Index Change Date"), the Fund's benchmark index changed from the KBW Bank Index (the "Previous Benchmark Index") to the S&P Banks Select Industry Index, consistent with a change in the Fund's principal investment strategy to track the performance of the current index. Performance of the Fund prior to the Benchmark Index Change Date is therefore based on the Fund's investment strategy to track the Previous Benchmark Index.

|   | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Return Before Taxes   | 29.78%      | 9.11%         | 10.18%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions   | 29.01%      | 8.63%         | 9.78%        |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares   | 18.10%      | 7.13%         | 8.34%        |
| S&P Banks Select Industry Index/KBW Bank Index <sup>1</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 30.19%      | 9.45%         | 10.56%       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)   | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.56%       |

<sup>1</sup> Returns shown are reflective of the Index for periods beginning on the Benchmark Index Change Date and the Previous Benchmark Index for periods prior to the Benchmark Index Change Date.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Melissa Kapitulik.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

Melissa Kapitulik is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. She joined the Adviser in 2006.



## **PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION**

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

## **TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

## **PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# SPDR® S&P Biotech ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Biotech ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the biotechnology segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.35% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.35% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$36   | \$113  | \$197  | \$443   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 66% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Biotechnology Select Industry Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index represents the biotechnology segment of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The S&P TMI is designed to track the broad U.S. equity market. The biotechnology segment of the S&P TMI comprises the Biotechnology sub-industry. The Index is one of twenty-one (21) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&P TMI constituents belonging to the Biotechnology sub-industry that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) greater than or equal to 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) greater than or equal to 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. If there are fewer than 35 stocks, stocks from the Life Sciences Tools & Services sub-industry that meet the market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are included in order of their float-adjusted market capitalization. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&P TMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), NASDAQ Capital Market, Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX exchanges. The Index is modified equal weighted. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 132 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Biotechnology Companies Risk:** Biotech companies invest heavily in research and development which may not necessarily lead to commercially successful products. These companies are also subject to increased governmental regulation which may delay or inhibit the release of new products. Many biotech companies are dependent upon their ability to use and enforce intellectual property rights and patents. Any impairment of such rights may have adverse financial consequences. Biotech stocks, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Biotech companies can be significantly affected by technological change and obsolescence, product liability lawsuits and consequential high insurance costs.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not done so.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Health Care Sector Risk:** Companies in the health care sector are subject to extensive government regulation and their profitability can be significantly affected by restrictions on government reimbursement for medical expenses, rising costs of medical products and services, pricing pressure (including price discounting), limited product lines and an increased emphasis on the delivery of healthcare through outpatient services. Companies in the health care sector are heavily dependent on obtaining and defending patents, which may be time consuming and costly, and the expiration of patents may also adversely affect the profitability of these companies. Health care companies are also subject to extensive litigation based on product liability and similar claims. In addition, their products can become obsolete due to industry innovation, changes in technologies or other market developments. Many new products in the health care sector require significant research and development and may be subject to regulatory approvals, all of which may be time consuming and costly with no guarantee that any product will come to market.

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**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations

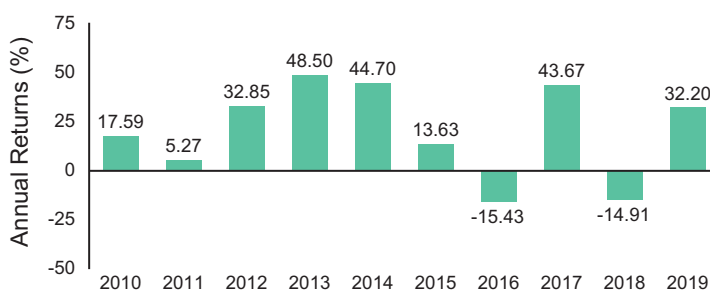
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## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund’s performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund’s average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund’s past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 25.73% (Q1, 2019)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -26.22% (Q1, 2016)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund’s Calendar Year-To-Date return was 17.10%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|   | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Return Before Taxes   | 32.20%      | 9.20%         | 18.56%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions   | 32.20%      | 9.10%         | 18.43%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares                                 | 19.06%      | 7.24%         | 15.94%       |
| S&P Biotechnology Select Industry Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 32.34%      | 9.08%         | 18.42%       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                           | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.56%       |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Raymond Donofrio.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

Raymond Donofrio is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. He joined the Adviser in 2008.



**PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION**

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**TAX INFORMATION**

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# SPDR® S&P Capital Markets ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Capital Markets ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of publicly traded companies that do business as broker-dealers, asset managers, trust and custody banks or exchanges.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.35% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.35% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$36   | \$113  | \$197  | \$443   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 20% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Capital Markets Select Industry Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index represents the capital markets segment of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The S&P TMI is designed to track the broad U.S. equity market. The capital markets segment of the S&P TMI comprises the following sub-industries: Asset Management & Custody Banks, Diversified Capital Markets, Financial Exchanges & Data, and Investment Banking & Brokerage. The Index is one of twenty-one (21) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&P TMI constituents belonging to the Asset Management & Custody Banks, Diversified Capital Markets, Financial Exchanges & Data, and Investment Banking & Brokerage sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) greater than or equal to 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) greater than or equal to 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&P TMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), NASDAQ Capital Market, Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX exchanges. The Index is modified equal weighted. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 58 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Capital Markets Companies Risk:** Capital Markets companies may be significantly affected by stock and bank trading activity, changes in governmental regulation, continuing increases in price competition, decreases in fees or fee-related business, including investment banking, brokerage, asset management and other servicing fees, fluctuation in interest rates and other factors which could adversely affect financial markets.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not done so.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Financial Sector Risk:** Financial services companies are subject to extensive governmental regulation which may limit both the amounts and types of loans and other financial commitments they can make, the interest rates and fees they can charge, the scope of their activities, the prices they can charge and the amount of capital they must maintain. Profitability is largely dependent on the availability and cost of capital funds and can fluctuate significantly when interest rates change or due to increased competition. In addition, deterioration of the credit markets generally may cause an adverse impact in a broad range of markets, including U.S. and international credit and interbank money markets generally, thereby affecting a wide range of financial institutions and markets. Certain events in the financial sector may cause an unusually high degree of volatility in the financial markets, both domestic and foreign, and cause certain financial services companies to incur large losses. Securities of financial services companies may experience a dramatic decline in value when such companies experience substantial declines in the valuations of their assets, take action to raise capital (such as the issuance of debt or equity securities), or cease operations. Credit losses resulting from financial difficulties of borrowers and financial losses associated with investment activities can negatively impact the sector. Insurance companies may be subject to severe price competition. Adverse economic, business or political developments could adversely affect financial institutions engaged in mortgage finance or other lending or investing activities directly or indirectly connected to the value of real estate.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

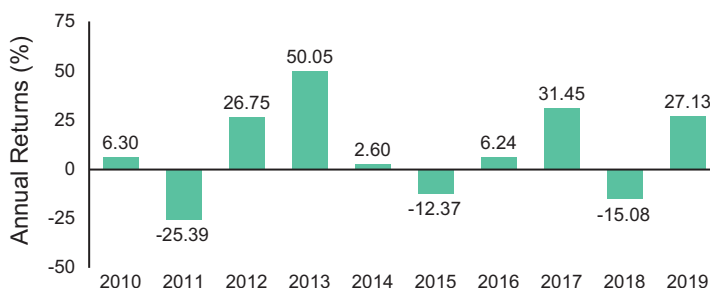
**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes "non-diversified," the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 21.90% (Q1, 2012)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -26.98% (Q3, 2011)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -0.48%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Effective October 24, 2011 (the "Benchmark Index Change Date"), the Fund's benchmark index changed from the KBW Capital Markets Index (the "Previous Benchmark Index") to the S&P Capital Markets Select Industry Index, consistent with a change in the Fund's principal investment strategy to track the performance of the current index. Performance of the Fund prior to the Benchmark Index Change Date is therefore based on the Fund's investment strategy to track the Previous Benchmark Index.

|  | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Return Before Taxes  | 27.13%      | 5.73%         | 7.41%        |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions  | 26.39%      | 5.08%         | 6.80%        |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares  | 16.52%      | 4.32%         | 5.83%        |
| S&P Capital Markets Select Industry Index/KBW Capital Markets Index <sup>1</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 27.13%      | 5.92%         | 7.68%        |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)  | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.56%       |

<sup>1</sup> Returns shown are reflective of the Index for periods beginning on the Benchmark Index Change Date and the Previous Benchmark Index for periods prior to the Benchmark Index Change Date.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Kala O'Donnell.



Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

Kala O'Donnell is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. She joined the Adviser in 1995.

#### **PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION**

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

#### **TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

#### **PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# SPDR® S&P Dividend ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Dividend ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of publicly traded issuers that have historically followed a policy of making dividend payments.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.35% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.35% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$36   | \$113  | \$197  | \$443   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 31% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P High Yield Dividend Aristocrats Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index is designed to measure the performance of the highest dividend yielding S&P Composite 1500® Index constituents that have followed a managed-dividends policy of consistently increasing dividends every year for at least 20 consecutive years. Stocks included in the Index have both capital growth and dividend income characteristics, as opposed to stocks that are pure yield, or pure capital oriented, and must meet minimum float-adjusted market capitalization and liquidity requirements. Stocks within the Index are weighted by indicated yield (annualized gross dividend payment per share divided by price per share) and weight-adjusted each quarter. The Index components are reviewed annually in January for continued inclusion in the Index and re-weighted quarterly after the closing of the last business day of January, April, July and October. If between annual reviews the Index Provider (as defined below) determines, based on publicly available information, that an Index constituent has eliminated or suspended its dividend, omitted a payment, or reduced its calendar year dividend amount and will no longer qualify for the Index at the subsequent reconstitution, the Index constituent will be removed from the index effective prior to the open of the first business day of the following month. As of July 31, 2020, a significant portion of the Fund comprised companies in the industrial and energy sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 117 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

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**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Dividend Paying Securities Risk:** Securities that pay dividends, as a group, can fall out of favor with the market, causing such companies to underperform companies that do not pay dividends. In addition, changes in the dividend policies of the companies held by the Fund or the capital resources available for such company's dividend payments may adversely affect the Fund.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Energy Sector Risk:** Issuers in energy-related industries can be significantly affected by fluctuations in energy prices and supply and demand of energy fuels. Markets for various energy-related commodities can have significant volatility, and are subject to control or manipulation by large producers or purchasers. Companies in the energy sector may need to make substantial expenditures, and to incur significant amounts of debt, in order to maintain or expand their reserves. Oil and gas exploration and production can be significantly affected by natural disasters as well as changes in exchange rates, interest rates, government regulation, world events and economic conditions. These companies may be at risk for environmental damage claims.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Industrial Sector Risk:** Industrial companies are affected by supply and demand both for their specific product or service and for industrial sector products in general. Government regulation, world events, exchange rates and economic conditions, technological developments and liabilities for environmental damage and general civil liabilities will likewise affect the performance of these companies. Aerospace and defense companies, a component of the industrial sector, can be significantly affected by government spending policies because companies involved in this industry rely, to a significant extent, on U.S. and foreign government demand for their products and services. Thus, the financial condition of, and investor interest in, aerospace and defense companies are heavily influenced by governmental defense spending policies which are typically under pressure from efforts to control the U.S. (and other) government budgets. Transportation securities, a component of the industrial sector, are cyclical and have occasional sharp price movements which may result from changes in the economy, fuel prices, labor agreements and insurance costs.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

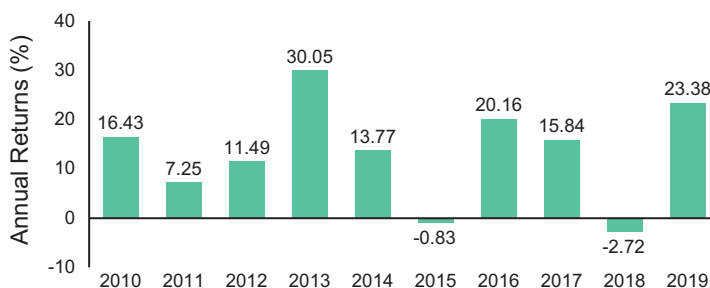
**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes "non-diversified," the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (*e.g.*, changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

**Unconstrained Sector Risk:** The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets within one or more economic sectors or industries, which may change from time to time. Greater investment focus on one or more sectors or industries increases the potential for volatility and the risk that events negatively affecting such sectors or industries could reduce returns, potentially causing the value of the Fund's Shares to decrease, perhaps significantly.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 14.22% (Q1, 2013)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -9.42% (Q3, 2011)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -12.02%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|   | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Return Before Taxes   | 23.38%      | 10.63%        | 13.06%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions   | 22.59%      | 9.49%         | 11.97%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares                                   | 14.29%      | 8.11%         | 10.55%       |
| S&P High Yield Dividend Aristocrats Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 23.88%      | 11.07%        | 13.50%       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                             | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.56%       |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

Emiliano Rabinovich, CFA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. He joined the Adviser in 2006.

## PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.



Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

#### **TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

#### **PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# SPDR® S&P Health Care Equipment ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Health Care Equipment ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the health care equipment and supplies segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.35% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.35% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$36   | \$113  | \$197  | \$443   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 25% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Health Care Equipment Select Industry Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index represents the health care equipment segment of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The S&P TMI is designed to track the broad U.S. equity market. The health care equipment segment of the S&P TMI comprises the following sub-industries: Health Care Equipment and Health Care Supplies. The Index is one of twenty-one (21) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&P TMI constituents belonging to the Health Care Equipment and Health Care Services sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) greater than or equal to 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) greater than or equal to 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&P TMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), NASDAQ Capital Market, Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX exchanges. The Index is modified equal weighted. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 72 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Health Care Equipment Companies Risk:** Health care equipment companies are affected by rising costs of medical products, devices and services and the increased emphasis on the delivery of health care through outpatient services. Competition among health care equipment companies is high and can be significantly affected by extensive government regulation or government reimbursement for medical expenses. The equipment may be subject to extensive litigation based on malpractice claims, product liability claims or other litigation. Medical equipment manufacturers are heavily dependent on patent protection and the expiration of patents may adversely affect their profitability. Many new health care products are subject to the approval of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"). The process of obtaining FDA approval is often long and expensive.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not done so.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Health Care Sector Risk:** Companies in the health care sector are subject to extensive government regulation and their profitability can be significantly affected by restrictions on government reimbursement for medical expenses, rising costs of medical products and services, pricing pressure (including price discounting), limited product lines and an increased emphasis on the delivery of healthcare through outpatient services. Companies in the health care sector are heavily dependent on obtaining and defending patents, which may be time consuming and costly, and the expiration of patents may also adversely affect the profitability of these companies. Health care companies are also subject to extensive litigation based on product liability and similar claims. In addition, their products can become obsolete due to industry innovation, changes in technologies or other market developments. Many new products in the health care sector require significant research and development and may be subject to regulatory approvals, all of which may be time consuming and costly with no guarantee that any product will come to market.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations

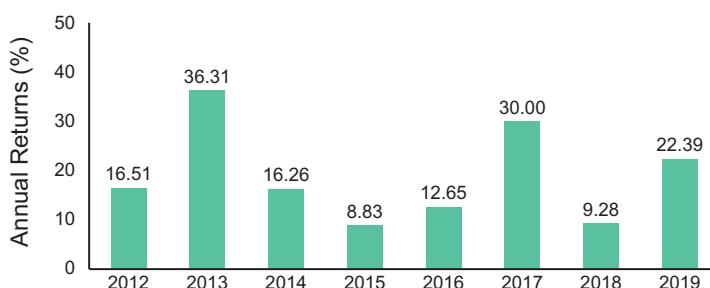
on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes “non-diversified,” the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund’s performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund’s average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund’s past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 18.26% (Q4, 2014)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -20.06% (Q4, 2018)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund’s Calendar Year-To-Date return was 13.48%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|   | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Since Inception<br>(1/26/11) |
|---|-------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes   | 22.39%      | 16.34%        | 16.31%                       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions   | 22.37%      | 15.83%        | 15.87%                       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares   | 13.26%      | 13.00%        | 13.57%                       |
| S&P Health Care Equipment Select Industry Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 22.72%      | 16.68%        | 16.67%                       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                                   | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.11%                       |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

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### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

Kala O’Donnell is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. She joined the Adviser in 1995.



**PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION**

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# SPDR® S&P Health Care Services ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Health Care Services ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the health care providers and services segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.35% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.35% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$36   | \$113  | \$197  | \$443   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 25% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Health Care Services Select Industry Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

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Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index represents the health care services segment of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The S&P TMI is designed to track the broad U.S. equity market. The health care services segment of the S&P TMI comprises the following sub-industries: Health Care Distributors, Health Care Facilities, Health Care Services, and Managed Health Care. The Index is one of twenty-one (21) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&P TMI constituents belonging to the Health Care Distributors, Health Care Facilities, Health Care Services, and Managed Health Care sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) greater than or equal to 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) greater than or equal to 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&P TMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), NASDAQ Capital Market, Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX exchanges. The Index is modified equal weighted. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 48 stocks.

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**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Health Care Sector Risk:** Companies in the health care sector are subject to extensive government regulation and their profitability can be significantly affected by restrictions on government reimbursement for medical expenses, rising costs of medical products and services, pricing pressure (including price discounting), limited product lines and an increased emphasis on the delivery of healthcare through outpatient services. Companies in the health care sector are heavily dependent on obtaining and defending patents, which may be time consuming and costly, and the expiration of patents may also adversely affect the profitability of these companies. Health care companies are also subject to extensive litigation based on product liability and similar claims. In addition, their products can become obsolete due to industry innovation, changes in technologies or other market developments. Many new products in the health care sector require significant research and development and may be subject to regulatory approvals, all of which may be time consuming and costly with no guarantee that any product will come to market.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations

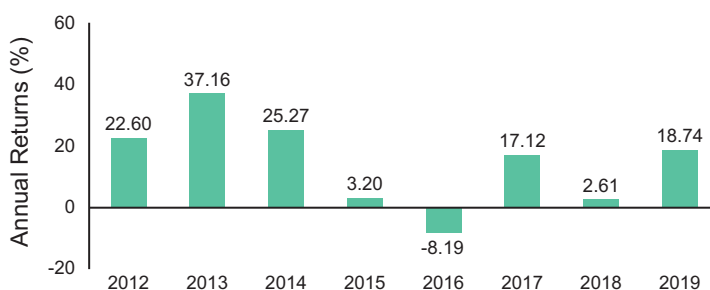
on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes “non-diversified,” the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund’s performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund’s average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund’s past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 19.23% (Q4, 2019)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -17.67% (Q4, 2018)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund’s Calendar Year-To-Date return was 6.50%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|  | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Since Inception<br>(9/28/11) |
|--|-------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes  | 18.74%      | 6.22%         | 15.16%                       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions  | 17.96%      | 5.96%         | 14.75%                       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares  | 11.44%      | 4.80%         | 12.50%                       |
| S&P Health Care Services Select Industry Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 19.18%      | 6.58%         | 15.58%                       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                                  | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 15.71%                       |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Raymond Donofrio.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

Raymond Donofrio is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. He joined the Adviser in 2008.



## **PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION**

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

## **TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

## **PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# SPDR® S&P Homebuilders ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Homebuilders ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the homebuilding segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.35% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.35% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$36   | \$113  | \$197  | \$443   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 27% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Homebuilders Select Industry Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index represents the homebuilders segment of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The S&P TMI is designed to track the broad U.S. equity market. The homebuilders segment of the S&P TMI comprises the Homebuilding sub-industry. The Index is one of twenty-one (21) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&P TMI constituents belonging to the Homebuilding sub-industry that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) greater than or equal to 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) greater than or equal to 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. If there are fewer than 35 stocks, stocks from the Building Products, Home Furnishings, Home Improvement Retail, Homefurnishing Retail, or Household Appliances sub-industries that meet the market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are included in order of their float-adjusted market capitalization. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&P TMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), NASDAQ Capital Market, Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX exchanges. The Index is modified equal weighted. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 35 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Homebuilding Companies Risk:** Homebuilding companies can be significantly affected by the national, regional and local real estate markets. This industry is also sensitive to interest rate fluctuations which can cause changes in the availability of mortgage capital and directly affect the purchasing power of potential homebuyers. The building industry can be significantly affected by changes in government spending, consumer confidence, demographic patterns and the level of new and existing home sales.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not done so.

**Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk:** The success of consumer product manufacturers and retailers is tied closely to the performance of the overall global economy, interest rates, competition and consumer confidence. Success depends heavily on disposable household income and consumer spending. Also, companies in the consumer discretionary sector may be subject to severe competition, which may have an adverse impact on their respective profitability. Changes in demographics and consumer tastes can also affect the demand for, and success of, consumer products and services in the marketplace.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

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**Industrial Sector Risk:** Industrial companies are affected by supply and demand both for their specific product or service and for industrial sector products in general. Government regulation, world events, exchange rates and economic conditions, technological developments and liabilities for environmental damage and general civil liabilities will likewise affect the performance of these companies. Aerospace and defense companies, a component of the industrial sector, can be significantly affected by government spending policies because companies involved in this industry rely, to a significant extent, on U.S. and foreign government demand for their products and services. Thus, the financial condition of, and investor interest in, aerospace and defense companies are heavily influenced by governmental defense spending policies which are typically under pressure from efforts

to control the U.S. (and other) government budgets. Transportation securities, a component of the industrial sector, are cyclical and have occasional sharp price movements which may result from changes in the economy, fuel prices, labor agreements and insurance costs.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

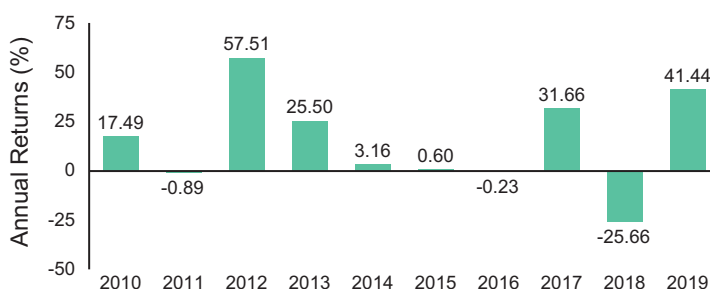
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**Retail Companies Risk:** Retail companies can be significantly affected by the performance of the domestic and international economy, consumer confidence and spending, intense competition, changes in demographics, and changing consumer tastes and preferences.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 28.86% (Q4, 2011)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -26.18% (Q3, 2011)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was 19.17%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

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|  | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Return Before Taxes  | 41.44%      | 6.80%         | 12.68%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions  | 41.11%      | 6.60%         | 12.45%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares                                | 24.73%      | 5.30%         | 10.58%       |
| S&P Homebuilders Select Industry Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 41.98%      | 7.14%         | 13.03%       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                          | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.56%       |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

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### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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# SPDR® S&P Insurance ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Insurance ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of publicly traded companies in the insurance industry.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.35% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.35% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$36   | \$113  | \$197  | \$443   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 19% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Insurance Select Industry Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index represents the insurance segment of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The S&P TMI is designed to track the broad U.S. equity market. The insurance segment of the S&P TMI comprises the following sub-industries: Insurance Brokers, Life & Health Insurance, Multi-Line Insurance, Property & Casualty Insurance, and Reinsurance. The Index is one of twenty-one (21) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&P TMI constituents belonging to the Insurance Brokers, Life & Health Insurance, Multi-Line Insurance, Property & Casualty Insurance, and Reinsurance sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$2 billion with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) above 90%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$1 billion or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&P TMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), NASDAQ Capital Market, Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX exchanges. The Index is modified equal weighted. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 51 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Insurance Companies Risk:** Insurance companies' profits are affected by many factors, including interest rate movements, the imposition of premium rate caps, competition and pressure to compete globally. Certain types of insurance companies may also be affected by weather catastrophes and other disasters and mortality rates. In addition, although insurance companies are currently subject to extensive regulation, such companies may be adversely affected by increased governmental regulations or tax law changes in the future.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times

when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not done so.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Financial Sector Risk:** Financial services companies are subject to extensive governmental regulation which may limit both the amounts and types of loans and other financial commitments they can make, the interest rates and fees they can charge, the scope of their activities, the prices they can charge and the amount of capital they must maintain. Profitability is largely dependent on the availability and cost of capital funds and can fluctuate significantly when interest rates change or due to increased competition. In addition, deterioration of the credit markets generally may cause an adverse impact in a broad range of markets, including U.S. and international credit and interbank money markets generally, thereby affecting a wide range of financial institutions and markets. Certain events in the financial sector may cause an unusually high degree of volatility in the financial markets, both domestic and foreign, and cause certain financial services companies to incur large losses. Securities of financial services companies may experience a dramatic decline in value when such companies experience substantial declines in the valuations of their assets, take action to raise capital (such as the issuance of debt or equity securities), or cease operations. Credit losses resulting from financial difficulties of borrowers and financial losses associated with investment activities can negatively impact the sector. Insurance companies may be subject to severe price competition. Adverse economic, business or political developments could adversely affect financial institutions engaged in mortgage finance or other lending or investing activities directly or indirectly connected to the value of real estate.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the

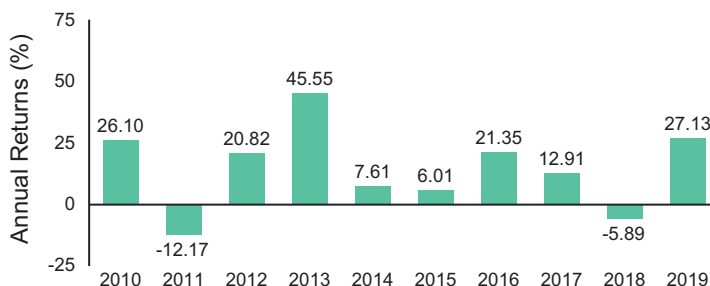
ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes “non-diversified,” the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund’s performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund’s average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund’s past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 19.16% (Q1, 2010)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -23.22% (Q3, 2011)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund’s Calendar Year-To-Date return was -19.67%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Effective October 24, 2011 (the “Benchmark Index Change Date”), the Fund’s benchmark index changed from the KBW Insurance Index (the “Previous Benchmark Index”) to the S&P Insurance Select Industry Index, consistent with a change in the Fund’s principal investment strategy to track the performance of the current index. Performance of the Fund prior to the Benchmark Index Change Date is therefore based on the Fund’s investment strategy to track the Previous Benchmark Index.

|  | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Return Before Taxes  | 27.13%      | 11.69%        | 13.80%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions  | 26.57%      | 11.64%        | 14.15%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares  | 16.42%      | 9.65%         | 12.33%       |
| S&P Insurance Select Industry Index/KBW Insurance Index <sup>1</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 27.65%      | 12.09%        | 14.23%       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)  | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.56%       |

<sup>1</sup> Returns shown are reflective of the Index for periods beginning on the Benchmark Index Change Date and the Previous Benchmark Index for periods prior to the Benchmark Index Change Date.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Raymond Donofrio.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.



Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

Raymond Donofrio is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. He joined the Adviser in 2008.

### **PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION**

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### **TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

### **PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# SPDR® S&P® Internet ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Internet ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the internet segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.35% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.35% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$36   | \$113  | \$197  | \$443   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 57% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Internet Select Industry Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

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**Internet Segment Risk:** Internet companies are subject to rapid changes in technology, worldwide competition, rapid obsolescence of products and services, loss of patent protections, cyclical market patterns, evolving industry standards and frequent new product introductions. Competitive pressures, such as technological developments, fixed-rate pricing and the ability to attract and retain skilled employees, can significantly affect internet companies, and changing domestic and international demand, research and development costs, availability and price components and product obsolescence also can affect their profitability.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Communication Services Sector Risk:** Communication services companies are particularly vulnerable to the potential obsolescence of products and services due to technological advancement and the innovation of competitors. Companies in the communication services sector may also be affected by other competitive pressures, such as pricing competition, as well as research and development costs, substantial capital requirements and government regulation. Additionally, fluctuating domestic and international demand, shifting demographics and often unpredictable changes in consumer tastes can drastically affect a communication services company's profitability. While all companies may be susceptible to network security breaches, certain companies in the communication services sector may be particular targets of hacking and potential theft of proprietary or consumer information or disruptions in service, which could have a material adverse effect on their businesses.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not done so.

**Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk:** The success of consumer product manufacturers and retailers is tied closely to the performance of the overall global economy, interest rates, competition and consumer confidence. Success depends heavily on disposable household income and consumer spending. Also, companies in the consumer discretionary sector may be subject to severe competition, which may have an adverse impact on their respective profitability. Changes in demographics and consumer tastes can also affect the demand for, and success of, consumer products and services in the marketplace.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

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**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

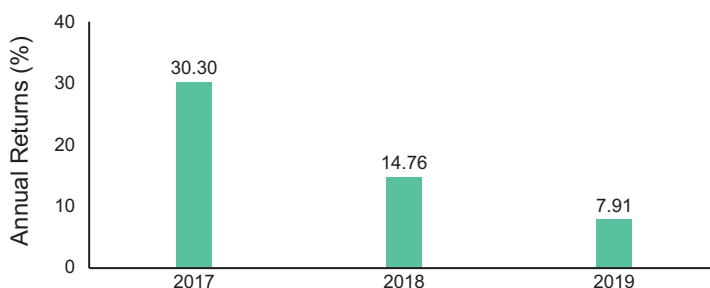
**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes "non-diversified," the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

**Technology Sector Risk:** Market or economic factors impacting technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund's investments. The value of stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly vulnerable to rapid changes in technology product cycles, rapid product obsolescence, government regulation and competition, both domestically and internationally, including competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Technology companies are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights, the loss or impairment of which may adversely affect profitability. Additionally, companies in the technology sector may face dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 16.46% (Q1, 2019)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -20.17% (Q4, 2018)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was 44.96%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|  | One<br>Year | Since Inception<br>(06/27/16) |
|--|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes  | 7.91%       | 19.63%                        |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions  | 7.67%       | 17.81%                        |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares                            | 4.75%       | 14.75%                        |
| S&P Internet Select Industry Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 7.77%       | 19.97%                        |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                      | 31.49%      | 16.95%                        |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

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**PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Raymond Donofrio.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

Raymond Donofrio is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. He joined the Adviser in 2008.

**PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION**

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

**TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

**PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# SPDR® S&P Kensho Clean Power ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Kensho Clean Power ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of the S&P Kensho Clean Power Index.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.45% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.45% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$46   | \$144  | \$252  | \$567   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 37% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Kensho Clean Power Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the Index, the Fund’s assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index is comprised of U.S.-listed equity securities (including depositary receipts) of companies domiciled across developed and emerging markets worldwide which are included in the Clean Power sector as determined by a classification standard produced by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"). The Index is designed to capture companies whose products and services are driving innovation behind clean power. In particular, the Index comprises the components of the S&P Kensho Cleantech Index and the S&P Kensho Clean Energy Index (the "Underlying Indexes") as of the Index's semi-annual selection date, on the first Friday in June and December, subject to the following liquidity thresholds for each component: (i) must be issued by a company with a minimum float market capitalization of at least \$100 million and (ii) must have a minimum three-month average daily traded value of at least \$1 million. The S&P Kensho Cleantech Index seeks to track companies focused on building technologies or products that enable generation of energy in a clean manner (solar, wind, hydro and geothermal). The S&P Kensho Clean Energy Index seeks to track companies focused on the generation and transmission of energy derived from clean sources (solar, wind, hydro and geothermal).

To determine the constituents of the Underlying Indexes, the Index Provider's classification standard utilizes an automated scan of companies' most recent annual reports filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 40-F, or S-1 filing and prospectus, as applicable, to identify specific search terms and phrases that describe a company as producing products and services related to the particular segment targeted by the Underlying Index. The resulting list of eligible securities for each Underlying Index is then filtered by eliminating companies that do not include in their annual reports a reference to a product or service that (i) is related to a search term or phrase and (ii) is used in a manner that is within the scope of the Underlying Index's objective. Each Underlying Index then screens the remaining securities to remove securities that are not listed on NYSE, NASDAQ, IEX, or CBOE exchanges (or an affiliate of one of those exchanges) or do not meet certain minimum liquidity thresholds. The Index Provider's Index Committee then reviews each remaining eligible constituent to verify the rules of the automated scan were implemented correctly.

Underlying Index constituents are then categorized as either "Core" or "Non-Core." A company is categorized as Core if its products and services related to the Underlying Index's objective are identified in its annual report as principal components of the company's strategy. Products and services are deemed to be principal components of a company's strategy if the company's annual report disclosures regarding such products and services are determined to be sufficiently prominent according to a proprietary algorithm of the Index Provider which calculates prominence based on the frequency and position of such disclosures within an annual report. All other companies are categorized as Non-Core, including companies whose products and services are identified as forming a necessary component of the supply chain of the segment targeted by the Underlying Index. An Index constituent categorized as Core by at least one of the Underlying Indexes will be categorized as Core for purposes of the Index. At the time of each rebalance, to tilt the Index's exposure toward Core Index Constituents, the Core Index Constituents are systematically overweighted relative to the Non-Core Index Constituents. Each Core Index Constituent and Non-Core Index Constituent is then equally weighted within the group of Core Index Constituents and Non-Core Index Constituents, respectively, subject to liquidity adjustments.

The Index is rebalanced semi-annually on the third Friday of June and December. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 39 securities.

The Index Provider is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider establishes and maintains rules which are used to determine the composition of the Index and relative weightings of the securities in the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Clean Power Companies Risk:** Clean power companies may be highly dependent upon government subsidies, contracts with government entities, and the successful development of new and proprietary technologies. Clean power companies may be affected by competition from new and existing market entrants, obsolescence of technology, short product cycles, changes in exchange rates, imposition of import controls, and depletion of resources. In addition, seasonal weather conditions, fluctuations in supply of and demand for clean energy products or services, and international political events may cause fluctuations in the performance of clean power companies and the prices of their securities. Risks associated with fluctuations in energy prices and supply and demand of alternative energy fuels, energy conservation, the success of exploration projects and tax and other government regulations can significantly affect clean power companies.

**Cybersecurity-Related Risk:** The companies included in the Index rely on technologies such as the Internet and depend on computer systems to perform business and operational functions, and therefore may be prone to operational and information security risks resulting from cyber-attacks and/or technological malfunctions. Cyber-attacks include, among others, stealing or corrupting data maintained online or digitally, preventing legitimate users from accessing information or services on a website, releasing confidential information without authorization, and causing operational disruption. In general, cyber-attacks are deliberate, but unintentional events may have similar effects. Successful cyber-attacks against, or security breakdowns of, a company included in the Index may result in material adverse consequences for such company, as well as other companies included in the Index, and may cause the Fund's investments to lose value.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not done so.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Depository Receipts Risk:** Investments in depository receipts may be less liquid and more volatile than the underlying securities in their primary trading market. If a depository receipt is denominated in a different currency than its underlying securities, the Fund will be subject to the currency risk of both the investment in the depository receipt and the underlying security. Holders of depository receipts may have limited or no rights to take action with respect to the underlying securities or to compel the issuer of the receipts to take action. The prices of depository receipts may differ from the prices of securities upon which they are based. To the extent the Fund invests in depository receipts based on securities included in the Index, such differences in prices may increase index tracking risk.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Emerging Markets Risk:** Risks of investing in emerging markets include, among others, greater political and economic instability, greater volatility in currency exchange rates, less developed securities markets, possible trade barriers, currency transfer restrictions, a more limited number of potential buyers and issuers, an emerging market country's dependence on revenue from particular commodities or international aid, less governmental supervision and regulation, unavailability of currency hedging techniques, differences in auditing and financial reporting standards, and less developed legal systems. There is also the potential for unfavorable action such as expropriation, nationalization, embargo, and acts of war. The securities of emerging market companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Market disruptions or substantial market corrections may limit very significantly the liquidity of securities of certain companies in a particular country or geographic region, or of all companies in the country or region. The Fund may be unable to liquidate its positions in such securities at any time, or at a favorable price, in order to meet the Fund's obligations. These risks are generally greater for investments in frontier market countries, which typically have smaller economies or less developed capital markets than traditional emerging market countries.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Industrial Sector Risk:** Industrial companies are affected by supply and demand both for their specific product or service and for industrial sector products in general. Government regulation, world events, exchange rates and economic conditions, technological developments and liabilities for environmental damage and general civil liabilities will likewise affect the performance of these companies. Aerospace and defense companies, a component of the industrial sector, can be significantly affected by government spending policies because companies involved in this industry rely, to a significant extent, on U.S. and foreign government demand for their products and services. Thus, the financial condition of, and investor interest in, aerospace and defense companies are heavily influenced by governmental defense spending policies which are typically under pressure from efforts to control the U.S. (and other) government budgets. Transportation securities, a component of the industrial sector, are cyclical and have occasional sharp price movements which may result from changes in the economy, fuel prices, labor agreements and insurance costs.

**Large-Capitalization Securities Risk:** Returns on investments in securities of large companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of smaller and mid-sized companies. Larger companies may be unable to respond as quickly as smaller and mid-sized companies to competitive challenges or to changes in business, product, financial, or other market conditions. Larger companies may not be able to maintain growth at the high rates that may be achieved by well-managed smaller and mid-sized companies.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk:** The securities of mid-capitalization companies may be more volatile and may involve more risk than the securities of larger companies. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger companies, and may depend on a few



key employees. In addition, these companies may have been recently organized and may have little or no track record of success. The securities of mid-sized companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Some securities of mid-sized issuers may be illiquid or may be restricted as to resale, and their values may be volatile.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** As a “non-diversified” fund, the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

**Non-U.S. Securities Risk:** Non-U.S. securities (including depositary receipts) are subject to political, regulatory, and economic risks not present in domestic investments. There may be less information publicly available about a non-U.S. entity than about a U.S. entity, and many non-U.S. entities are not subject to accounting, auditing, legal and financial report standards comparable to those in the United States. Further, such entities and/or their securities may be subject to risks associated with currency controls; expropriation; changes in tax policy; greater market volatility; differing securities market structures; higher transaction costs; and various administrative difficulties, such as delays in clearing and settling portfolio transactions or in receiving payment of dividends. To the extent underlying securities held by the Fund trade on foreign exchanges that are closed when the exchange on which the Fund’s shares trade is open, there may be deviations between the current price of an underlying security and the last quoted price for the underlying security on the closed foreign market. These deviations could result in the Fund experiencing premiums or discounts greater than those of ETFs that invest in domestic securities. Securities traded on foreign markets may be less liquid (harder to sell) than securities traded domestically. Foreign governments may impose restrictions on the repatriation of capital to the U.S. In addition, to the extent that the Fund buys securities denominated in a foreign currency, there are special risks such as changes in currency exchange rates and the risk that a foreign government could regulate foreign exchange transactions. In addition, to the extent investments are made in a limited number of countries, events in those countries will have a more significant impact on the Fund. Investments in depositary receipts may be less liquid and more volatile than the underlying shares in their primary trading market.

**Small-Capitalization Securities Risk:** The securities of small-capitalization companies may be more volatile and may involve more risk than the securities of larger companies. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger companies, and may depend on a few key employees. In addition, these companies may have been recently organized and may have little or no track record of success. The securities of smaller companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Some securities of smaller issuers may be illiquid or may be restricted as to resale, and their values may have significant volatility. The Fund may be unable to liquidate its positions in such securities at any time, or at a favorable price, in order to meet the Fund’s obligations. Returns on investments in securities of small-capitalization companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of larger companies.

**Technology Sector Risk:** Market or economic factors impacting technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund’s investments. The value of stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly vulnerable to rapid changes in technology product cycles, rapid product obsolescence, government regulation and competition, both domestically and internationally, including competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Technology companies are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights, the loss or impairment of which may adversely affect profitability. Additionally, companies in the technology sector may face dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel.

**Utilities Sector Risk:** Utility companies are affected by supply and demand, operating costs, government regulation, environmental factors, liabilities for environmental damage and general civil liabilities, and rate caps or rate changes. Although rate changes of a utility usually fluctuate in approximate correlation with financing costs, due to political and regulatory factors rate changes ordinarily occur only following a delay after the changes in financing costs. This factor will tend to favorably affect a regulated utility company’s earnings and dividends in times of decreasing costs, but conversely, will tend to adversely affect earnings and dividends when costs are rising. The value of regulated utility debt securities (and, to a lesser extent, equity securities) may tend to have an inverse relationship to the movement of interest rates. Certain utility companies have experienced full or partial deregulation in recent years. These utility companies are frequently more similar to industrial companies in that

they are subject to greater competition and have been permitted by regulators to diversify outside of their original geographic regions and their traditional lines of business. These opportunities may permit certain utility companies to earn more than their traditional regulated rates of return. Some companies, however, may be forced to defend their core business and may be less profitable. In addition, natural disasters, terrorist attacks, government intervention or other factors may render a utility company's equipment unusable or obsolete and negatively impact profitability.

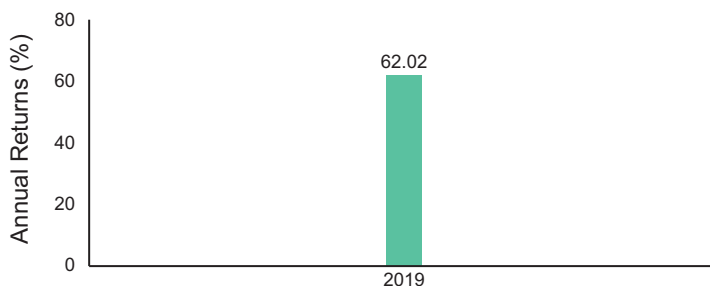
Among the risks that may affect utility companies are the following: risks of increases in fuel and other operating costs; the high cost of borrowing to finance capital construction during inflationary periods; restrictions on operations and increased costs and delays associated with compliance with environmental and nuclear safety regulations; and the difficulties involved in obtaining natural gas for resale or fuel for generating electricity at reasonable prices. Other risks include those related to the construction and operation of nuclear power plants, the effects of energy conservation and the effects of regulatory changes.

**Valuation Risk:** Some portfolio holdings, potentially a large portion of the Fund's investment portfolio, may be valued on the basis of factors other than market quotations. This may occur more often in times of market turmoil or reduced liquidity. There are multiple methods that can be used to value a portfolio holding when market quotations are not readily available. The value established for any portfolio holding at a point in time might differ from what would be produced using a different methodology or if it had been priced using market quotations. Portfolio holdings that are valued using techniques other than market quotations, including "fair valued" securities, may be subject to greater fluctuation in their valuations from one day to the next than if market quotations were used. In addition, there is no assurance that the Fund could sell or close out a portfolio position for the value established for it at any time, and it is possible that the Fund would incur a loss because a portfolio position is sold or closed out at a discount to the valuation established by the Fund at that time.

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**ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS** (year ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 18.09% (Q4, 2019)

Lowest Quarterly Return: 2.91% (Q3, 2019)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was 60.54%.

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|  | One Year | Since Inception (10/22/18) |
|--|----------|----------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes  | 62.02%   | 45.45%                     |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions  | 61.11%   | 44.65%                     |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares                      | 36.63%   | 34.52%                     |
| S&P Kensho Clean Power Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 62.95%   | 46.27%                     |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                | 31.49%   | 16.63%                     |

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Kathleen Morgan, CFA, is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. She joined the Adviser in 2017.

Mark Krivitsky is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group and the Tax-Efficient Market Capture Group. He joined the Adviser in 1996.

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Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

**TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

**PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# SPDR® S&P Kensho Final Frontiers ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Kensho Final Frontiers ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of the S&P Kensho Final Frontiers Index.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.45% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.45% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

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| \$46   | \$144  | \$252  | \$567   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 39% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Kensho Final Frontiers Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the Index, the Fund’s assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index is comprised of U.S.-listed equity securities (including depositary receipts) of companies domiciled across developed and emerging markets worldwide which are included in the Final Frontiers sector as determined by a classification standard produced by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the “Index Provider”). The Index is designed to capture companies whose products and services are driving innovation behind the exploration of deep space and deep sea. In particular, the Index comprises the components of the S&P Kensho Space Index and the deep sea exploration components of the S&P Kensho Drones Index (the “Underlying Indexes”) as of the Index’s semi-annual selection date, on the first Friday in June and December, subject to the following liquidity thresholds for each component: (i) must be issued by a company with a minimum float market capitalization of at least \$100 million and (ii) must have a minimum three-month average daily traded value of at least \$1 million. The S&P Kensho Space Index seeks to track companies that produce products and services that enable space travel and exploration, or are a necessary component of the supply chain for such products and services. The S&P Kensho Drones Index seeks to track companies that produce products and services related to the remotely-operated or unmanned aerial, underwater and surface-level drones market, or are a necessary component of the supply chain for such products and services.

To determine the constituents of the Underlying Indexes, the Index Provider’s classification standard utilizes an automated scan of companies’ most recent annual reports filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 40-F, or S-1 filing and prospectus, as applicable, to identify specific search terms and phrases that describe a company as producing products and services related to the particular segment targeted by the Underlying Index. The resulting list of eligible securities for each Underlying Index is then filtered by eliminating companies that do not include in their annual reports a reference to a product or service that (i) is related to a search term or phrase and (ii) is used in a manner that is within the scope of the Underlying Index’s objective. Each Underlying Index then screens the remaining securities to remove securities that are not listed on NYSE, NASDAQ, IEX, or CBOE exchanges (or an affiliate of one of those exchanges) or do not meet certain minimum liquidity thresholds. The Index Provider’s Index Committee then reviews each remaining eligible constituent to verify the rules of the automated scan were implemented correctly.

Underlying Index constituents are then categorized as either “Core” or “Non-Core.” A company is categorized as Core if its products and services related to the Underlying Index’s objective are identified in its annual report as principal components of the company’s strategy. Products and services are deemed to be principal components of a company’s strategy if the company’s annual report disclosures regarding such products and services are determined to be sufficiently prominent according to a proprietary algorithm of the Index Provider which calculates prominence based on the frequency and position of such disclosures within an annual report. All other companies are categorized as Non-Core, including companies whose products and services are identified as forming a necessary component of the supply chain of the segment targeted by the Underlying Index. An Index constituent categorized as Core by at least one of the Underlying Indexes will be categorized as Core for purposes of the Index. At the time of each rebalance, to tilt the Index’s exposure toward Core Index Constituents, the Core Index Constituents are systematically overweighted relative to the Non-Core Index Constituents. Each Core Index Constituent and Non-Core Index Constituent is then equally weighted within the group of Core Index Constituents and Non-Core Index Constituents, respectively, subject to liquidity adjustments.

The Index is rebalanced semi-annually on the third Friday of June and December. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 29 securities.

The Index Provider is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider establishes and maintains rules which are used to determine the composition of the Index and relative weightings of the securities in the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund’s investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.



**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Aerospace and Defense Companies Risk:** Aerospace and defense companies can be significantly affected by government aerospace and defense regulation and spending policies because companies involved in this industry rely to a significant extent on U.S. (and other) government demand for their products and services. Thus, the financial condition of, and investor interest in, aerospace and defense companies are heavily influenced by governmental defense spending policies which are typically under pressure from efforts to control the U.S. (and other) government budgets.

**Drone Companies Risk:** Drone companies may have limited product lines, markets, financial resources or personnel and are subject to the risks of changes in business cycles, world economic growth, technological progress, and government regulation. Securities of drone companies, especially smaller, start-up companies, tend to be more volatile than securities of companies that do not rely heavily on technology. These companies may face intense competition and potentially rapid product obsolescence. In addition, drone companies may be dependent on the U.S. government and its agencies for a significant portion of their sales, and their success and growth may be dependent on their ability to win future government contracts. As a result, such companies may be negatively affected by budgetary constraints, spending reductions, congressional appropriations, and administrative allocations of funds that affect the U.S. government and its agencies. Drone companies may rely on a combination of patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secret laws to establish and protect their proprietary rights in their products and technologies, and may be adversely affected by loss or impairment of those rights. Legal and regulatory changes may have an impact on a drone company's products or services. In addition, drone companies may also be subject to increasing regulatory constraints that may limit the sale or use of a company's products, including the need to obtain regulatory approvals from certain government agencies. Drone companies typically engage in significant amounts of spending on research and development, and there is no guarantee that the products or services produced by these companies will be successful.

**Cybersecurity-Related Risk:** The companies included in the Index rely on technologies such as the Internet and depend on computer systems to perform business and operational functions, and therefore may be prone to operational and information security risks resulting from cyber-attacks and/or technological malfunctions. Cyber-attacks include, among others, stealing or corrupting data maintained online or digitally, preventing legitimate users from accessing information or services on a website, releasing confidential information without authorization, and causing operational disruption. In general, cyber-attacks are deliberate, but unintentional events may have similar effects. Successful cyber-attacks against, or security breakdowns of, a company included in the Index may result in material adverse consequences for such company, as well as other companies included in the Index, and may cause the Fund's investments to lose value.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not done so.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Depository Receipts Risk:** Investments in depository receipts may be less liquid and more volatile than the underlying securities in their primary trading market. If a depository receipt is denominated in a different currency than its underlying securities, the Fund will be subject to the currency risk of both the investment in the depository receipt and the underlying security. Holders of depository receipts may have limited or no rights to take action with

respect to the underlying securities or to compel the issuer of the receipts to take action. The prices of depositary receipts may differ from the prices of securities upon which they are based. To the extent the Fund invests in depositary receipts based on securities included in the Index, such differences in prices may increase index tracking risk.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Emerging Markets Risk:** Risks of investing in emerging markets include, among others, greater political and economic instability, greater volatility in currency exchange rates, less developed securities markets, possible trade barriers, currency transfer restrictions, a more limited number of potential buyers and issuers, an emerging market country's dependence on revenue from particular commodities or international aid, less governmental supervision and regulation, unavailability of currency hedging techniques, differences in auditing and financial reporting standards, and less developed legal systems. There is also the potential for unfavorable action such as expropriation, nationalization, embargo, and acts of war. The securities of emerging market companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Market disruptions or substantial market corrections may limit very significantly the liquidity of securities of certain companies in a particular country or geographic region, or of all companies in the country or region. The Fund may be unable to liquidate its positions in such securities at any time, or at a favorable price, in order to meet the Fund's obligations. These risks are generally greater for investments in frontier market countries, which typically have smaller economies or less developed capital markets than traditional emerging market countries.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Industrial Sector Risk:** Industrial companies are affected by supply and demand both for their specific product or service and for industrial sector products in general. Government regulation, world events, exchange rates and economic conditions, technological developments and liabilities for environmental damage and general civil liabilities will likewise affect the performance of these companies. Aerospace and defense companies, a component of the industrial sector, can be significantly affected by government spending policies because companies involved in this industry rely, to a significant extent, on U.S. and foreign government demand for their products and services. Thus, the financial condition of, and investor interest in, aerospace and defense companies are heavily influenced by governmental defense spending policies which are typically under pressure from efforts to control the U.S. (and other) government budgets. Transportation securities, a component of the industrial sector, are cyclical and have occasional sharp price movements which may result from changes in the economy, fuel prices, labor agreements and insurance costs.

**Large-Capitalization Securities Risk:** Returns on investments in securities of large companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of smaller and mid-sized companies. Larger companies may be unable to respond as quickly as smaller and mid-sized companies to competitive challenges or to changes in business,

product, financial, or other market conditions. Larger companies may not be able to maintain growth at the high rates that may be achieved by well-managed smaller and mid-sized companies.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk:** The securities of mid-capitalization companies may be more volatile and may involve more risk than the securities of larger companies. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger companies, and may depend on a few key employees. In addition, these companies may have been recently organized and may have little or no track record of success. The securities of mid-sized companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Some securities of mid-sized issuers may be illiquid or may be restricted as to resale, and their values may be volatile.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** As a "non-diversified" fund, the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

**Non-U.S. Securities Risk:** Non-U.S. securities (including depositary receipts) are subject to political, regulatory, and economic risks not present in domestic investments. There may be less information publicly available about a non-U.S. entity than about a U.S. entity, and many non-U.S. entities are not subject to accounting, auditing, legal and financial report standards comparable to those in the United States. Further, such entities and/or their securities may be subject to risks associated with currency controls; expropriation; changes in tax policy; greater market volatility; differing securities market structures; higher transaction costs; and various administrative difficulties, such as delays in clearing and settling portfolio transactions or in receiving payment of dividends. To the extent underlying securities held by the Fund trade on foreign exchanges that are closed when the exchange on which the Fund's shares trade is open, there may be deviations between the current price of an underlying security and the last quoted price for the underlying security on the closed foreign market. These deviations could result in the Fund experiencing premiums or discounts greater than those of ETFs that invest in domestic securities. Securities traded on foreign markets may be less liquid (harder to sell) than securities traded domestically. Foreign governments may impose restrictions on the repatriation of capital to the U.S. In addition, to the extent that the Fund buys securities denominated in a foreign currency, there are special risks such as changes in currency exchange rates and the risk that a foreign government could regulate foreign exchange transactions. In addition, to the extent investments are made in a limited number of countries, events in those countries will have a more significant impact on the Fund. Investments in depositary receipts may be less liquid and more volatile than the underlying shares in their primary trading market.

**Small-Capitalization Securities Risk:** The securities of small-capitalization companies may be more volatile and may involve more risk than the securities of larger companies. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger companies, and may depend on a few key employees. In addition, these companies may have been recently organized and may have little or no track record of success. The securities of smaller companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Some securities of smaller issuers may be illiquid or may be restricted as to resale, and their values may have significant volatility. The Fund may be unable to liquidate its positions in such securities at any time, or at a favorable price, in order to meet the Fund's obligations. Returns on investments in securities of small-capitalization companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of larger companies.

**Technology Sector Risk:** Market or economic factors impacting technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund's investments. The value of stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly vulnerable to rapid changes in technology product cycles, rapid product obsolescence, government regulation and competition, both domestically and internationally, including competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Technology companies are heavily

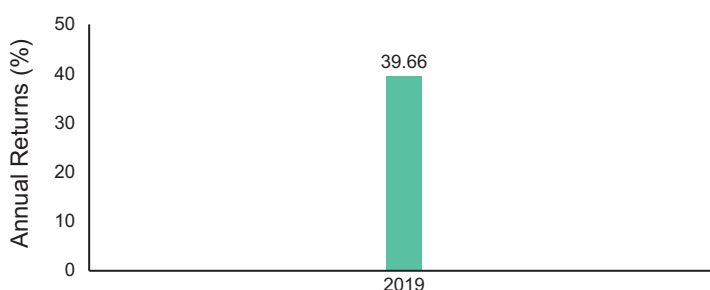
dependent on patent and intellectual property rights, the loss or impairment of which may adversely affect profitability. Additionally, companies in the technology sector may face dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel.

**Valuation Risk:** Some portfolio holdings, potentially a large portion of the Fund's investment portfolio, may be valued on the basis of factors other than market quotations. This may occur more often in times of market turmoil or reduced liquidity. There are multiple methods that can be used to value a portfolio holding when market quotations are not readily available. The value established for any portfolio holding at a point in time might differ from what would be produced using a different methodology or if it had been priced using market quotations. Portfolio holdings that are valued using techniques other than market quotations, including "fair valued" securities, may be subject to greater fluctuation in their valuations from one day to the next than if market quotations were used. In addition, there is no assurance that the Fund could sell or close out a portfolio position for the value established for it at any time, and it is possible that the Fund would incur a loss because a portfolio position is sold or closed out at a discount to the valuation established by the Fund at that time.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (year ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 16.34% (Q1, 2019)

Lowest Quarterly Return: 1.25% (Q4, 2019)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -12.29%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|  | One<br>Year | Since Inception<br>(10/22/18) |
|--|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes  | 39.66%      | 17.04%                        |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions  | 39.39%      | 16.82%                        |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares                          | 23.64%      | 13.00%                        |
| S&P Kensho Final Frontiers Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 40.38%      | 17.58%                        |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                    | 31.49%      | 16.63%                        |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Kala O'Donnell and Kathleen Morgan.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

Kala O'Donnell is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. She joined the Adviser in 1995.

Kathleen Morgan, CFA, is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. She joined the Adviser in 2017.

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# SPDR® S&P Kensho Future Security ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Kensho Future Security ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of the S&P Kensho Future Security Index.

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## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Kensho Future Security Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the Index, the Fund’s assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index is comprised of U.S.-listed equity securities (including depositary receipts) of companies domiciled across developed and emerging markets worldwide which are included in the Future Security sector as determined by a classification standard produced by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"). The Index is designed to capture companies whose products and services are driving innovation behind future security. In particular, the Index comprises the components of the S&P Kensho Cyber Security Index and the S&P Kensho Smart Borders Index, and the military components of the S&P Kensho Robotics Index, the S&P Kensho Drones Index, the S&P Kensho Space Index, the S&P Kensho Wearables Index and the S&P Kensho Virtual Reality Index (the "Underlying Indexes") as of the Index's semi-annual selection date, on the first Friday in June and December, subject to the following liquidity thresholds for each component: (i) must be issued by a company with a minimum float market capitalization of at least \$100 million and (ii) must have a minimum three-month average daily traded value of at least \$1 million. The S&P Kensho Cyber Security Index seeks to track companies that focus on protecting enterprises and devices from unauthorized access via electronic means and, produce products and services that protect enterprises, homes and portable devices from unauthorized access via electronic means, or are a necessary component of the supply chain for such products and services. The S&P Kensho Smart Borders Index seeks to track companies that produce products and services that secure borders and critical infrastructure, or are a necessary component of the supply chain for such products and services. The S&P Kensho Robotics Index seeks to track companies that produce products and services to build robotic products and their subsystems, or are a necessary component of the supply chain for such products and services. The S&P Kensho Drones Index seeks to track companies that produce products and services related to the remotely-operated or unmanned aerial, underwater and surface-level drones market and related subsystems, or are a necessary component of the supply chain for such products and services. The S&P Kensho Space Index seeks to track companies that produce products and services that enable space travel and exploration, or are a necessary component of the supply chain for such products and services. The S&P Kensho Wearables Index seeks to track companies that produce products and services related to wearable technologies for consumer, military or medical uses, or are a necessary component of the supply chain for such products and services. The S&P Kensho Virtual Reality Index seeks to track companies that produce products and services related to virtual or augmented reality activities, or are a necessary component of the supply chain for such products and services.

To determine the constituents of the Underlying Indexes, the Index Provider's classification standard utilizes an automated scan of companies' most recent annual reports filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 40-F, or S-1 filing and prospectus, as applicable, to identify specific search terms and phrases that describe a company as producing products and services related to the particular segment targeted by the Underlying Index. The resulting list of eligible securities for each Underlying Index is then filtered by eliminating companies that do not include in their annual reports a reference to a product or service that (i) is related to a search term or phrase and (ii) is used in a manner that is within the scope of the Underlying Index's objective. Each Underlying Index then screens the remaining securities to remove securities that are not listed on NYSE, NASDAQ, IEX, or CBOE exchanges (or an affiliate of one of those exchanges) or do not meet certain minimum liquidity thresholds. The Index Provider's Index Committee then reviews each remaining eligible constituent to verify the rules of the automated scan were implemented correctly.

Underlying Index constituents are then categorized as either "Core" or "Non-Core." A company is categorized as Core if its products and services related to the Underlying Index's objective are identified in its annual report as principal components of the company's strategy. Products and services are deemed to be principal components of a company's strategy if the company's annual report disclosures regarding such products and services are determined to be sufficiently prominent according to a proprietary algorithm of the Index Provider which calculates prominence based on the frequency and position of such disclosures within an annual report. All other companies are categorized as Non-Core, including companies whose products and services are identified as forming a necessary component of the supply chain of the segment targeted by the Underlying Index. An Index constituent categorized as Core by at least one of the Underlying Indexes will be categorized as Core for purposes of the Index. To tilt the Index's exposure toward Core Index Constituents, at the time of each rebalance the aggregate weighting of Core Index Constituents is based on the proportion of the number of Core Index Constituents, plus an overweight factor of up to 20%. At the time of each rebalance, each Core Index Constituent and Non-Core Index Constituent is equally weighted within the group of Core Index Constituents and Non-Core Index Constituents, respectively, subject to liquidity adjustments.

The Index is rebalanced semi-annually on the third Friday of June and December. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 66 securities.

The Index Provider is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider establishes and maintains rules which are used to determine the composition of the Index and relative weightings of the securities in the Index.

## PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Aerospace and Defense Companies Risk:** Aerospace and defense companies can be significantly affected by government aerospace and defense regulation and spending policies because companies involved in this industry rely to a significant extent on U.S. (and other) government demand for their products and services. Thus, the financial condition of, and investor interest in, aerospace and defense companies are heavily influenced by governmental defense spending policies which are typically under pressure from efforts to control the U.S. (and other) government budgets.

**Cybersecurity Companies Risk:** Companies in the cybersecurity field face intense competition, both domestically and internationally, which may have an adverse effect on profit margins. Cybersecurity companies may have limited product lines, markets, financial resources or personnel. The products of cybersecurity companies may face obsolescence due to rapid technological developments and frequent new product introduction, and such companies may face unpredictable changes in growth rates, competition for the services of qualified personnel and competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Companies in the cybersecurity field are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights. The loss or impairment of these rights may adversely affect the profitability of these companies.

**Cybersecurity-Related Risk:** The companies included in the Index rely on technologies such as the Internet and depend on computer systems to perform business and operational functions, and therefore may be prone to operational and information security risks resulting from cyber-attacks and/or technological malfunctions. Cyber-attacks include, among others, stealing or corrupting data maintained online or digitally, preventing legitimate users from accessing information or services on a website, releasing confidential information without authorization, and causing operational disruption. In general, cyber-attacks are deliberate, but unintentional events may have similar effects. Successful cyber-attacks against, or security breakdowns of, a company included in the Index may result in material adverse consequences for such company, as well as other companies included in the Index, and may cause the Fund's investments to lose value.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not done so.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund.

If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Depository Receipts Risk:** Investments in depository receipts may be less liquid and more volatile than the underlying securities in their primary trading market. If a depository receipt is denominated in a different currency than its underlying securities, the Fund will be subject to the currency risk of both the investment in the depository receipt and the underlying security. Holders of depository receipts may have limited or no rights to take action with respect to the underlying securities or to compel the issuer of the receipts to take action. The prices of depository receipts may differ from the prices of securities upon which they are based. To the extent the Fund invests in depository receipts based on securities included in the Index, such differences in prices may increase index tracking risk.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Emerging Markets Risk:** Risks of investing in emerging markets include, among others, greater political and economic instability, greater volatility in currency exchange rates, less developed securities markets, possible trade barriers, currency transfer restrictions, a more limited number of potential buyers and issuers, an emerging market country's dependence on revenue from particular commodities or international aid, less governmental supervision and regulation, unavailability of currency hedging techniques, differences in auditing and financial reporting standards, and less developed legal systems. There is also the potential for unfavorable action such as expropriation, nationalization, embargo, and acts of war. The securities of emerging market companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Market disruptions or substantial market corrections may limit very significantly the liquidity of securities of certain companies in a particular country or geographic region, or of all companies in the country or region. The Fund may be unable to liquidate its positions in such securities at any time, or at a favorable price, in order to meet the Fund's obligations. These risks are generally greater for investments in frontier market countries, which typically have smaller economies or less developed capital markets than traditional emerging market countries.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Industrial Sector Risk:** Industrial companies are affected by supply and demand both for their specific product or service and for industrial sector products in general. Government regulation, world events, exchange rates and economic conditions, technological developments and liabilities for environmental damage and general civil liabilities will likewise affect the performance of these companies. Aerospace and defense companies, a component of the industrial sector, can be significantly affected by government spending policies because companies involved in this industry rely, to a significant extent, on U.S. and foreign government demand for their products and services. Thus, the financial condition of, and investor interest in, aerospace and defense companies are heavily influenced by governmental defense spending policies which are typically under pressure from efforts



to control the U.S. (and other) government budgets. Transportation securities, a component of the industrial sector, are cyclical and have occasional sharp price movements which may result from changes in the economy, fuel prices, labor agreements and insurance costs.

**Large-Capitalization Securities Risk:** Returns on investments in securities of large companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of smaller and mid-sized companies. Larger companies may be unable to respond as quickly as smaller and mid-sized companies to competitive challenges or to changes in business, product, financial, or other market conditions. Larger companies may not be able to maintain growth at the high rates that may be achieved by well-managed smaller and mid-sized companies.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk:** The securities of mid-capitalization companies may be more volatile and may involve more risk than the securities of larger companies. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger companies, and may depend on a few key employees. In addition, these companies may have been recently organized and may have little or no track record of success. The securities of mid-sized companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Some securities of mid-sized issuers may be illiquid or may be restricted as to resale, and their values may be volatile.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** As a "non-diversified" fund, the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

**Non-U.S. Securities Risk:** Non-U.S. securities (including depositary receipts) are subject to political, regulatory, and economic risks not present in domestic investments. There may be less information publicly available about a non-U.S. entity than about a U.S. entity, and many non-U.S. entities are not subject to accounting, auditing, legal and financial report standards comparable to those in the United States. Further, such entities and/or their securities may be subject to risks associated with currency controls; expropriation; changes in tax policy; greater market volatility; differing securities market structures; higher transaction costs; and various administrative difficulties, such as delays in clearing and settling portfolio transactions or in receiving payment of dividends. To the extent underlying securities held by the Fund trade on foreign exchanges that are closed when the exchange on which the Fund's shares trade is open, there may be deviations between the current price of an underlying security and the last quoted price for the underlying security on the closed foreign market. These deviations could result in the Fund experiencing premiums or discounts greater than those of ETFs that invest in domestic securities. Securities traded on foreign markets may be less liquid (harder to sell) than securities traded domestically. Foreign governments may impose restrictions on the repatriation of capital to the U.S. In addition, to the extent that the Fund buys securities denominated in a foreign currency, there are special risks such as changes in currency exchange rates and the risk that a foreign government could regulate foreign exchange transactions. In addition, to the extent investments are made in a limited number of countries, events in those countries will have a more significant impact on the Fund. Investments in depositary receipts may be less liquid and more volatile than the underlying shares in their primary trading market.

**Small-Capitalization Securities Risk:** The securities of small-capitalization companies may be more volatile and may involve more risk than the securities of larger companies. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger companies, and may depend on a few key employees. In addition, these companies may have been recently organized and may have little or no track record of success. The securities of smaller companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Some securities of smaller issuers may be illiquid or may be restricted as to resale, and their values may have significant volatility. The Fund may be unable to liquidate its positions in such securities at any time, or at a favorable price, in order to meet the Fund's obligations. Returns on investments in securities of small-capitalization companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of larger companies.



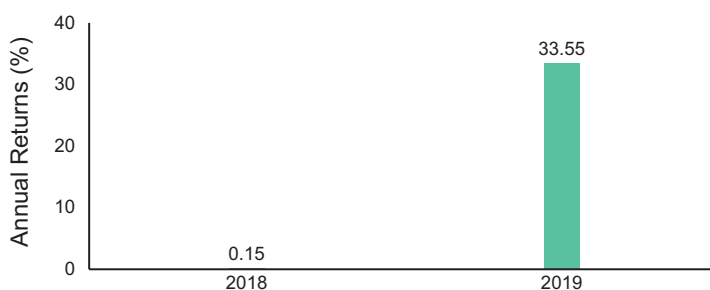
**Technology Sector Risk:** Market or economic factors impacting technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund's investments. The value of stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly vulnerable to rapid changes in technology product cycles, rapid product obsolescence, government regulation and competition, both domestically and internationally, including competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Technology companies are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights, the loss or impairment of which may adversely affect profitability. Additionally, companies in the technology sector may face dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel.

**Valuation Risk:** Some portfolio holdings, potentially a large portion of the Fund's investment portfolio, may be valued on the basis of factors other than market quotations. This may occur more often in times of market turmoil or reduced liquidity. There are multiple methods that can be used to value a portfolio holding when market quotations are not readily available. The value established for any portfolio holding at a point in time might differ from what would be produced using a different methodology or if it had been priced using market quotations. Portfolio holdings that are valued using techniques other than market quotations, including "fair valued" securities, may be subject to greater fluctuation in their valuations from one day to the next than if market quotations were used. In addition, there is no assurance that the Fund could sell or close out a portfolio position for the value established for it at any time, and it is possible that the Fund would incur a loss because a portfolio position is sold or closed out at a discount to the valuation established by the Fund at that time.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 19.62% (Q1, 2019)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -17.20% (Q4, 2018)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -4.29%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|   | One<br>Year | Since Inception<br>(12/26/17) |
|---|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes   | 33.55%      | 15.28%                        |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions   | 33.40%      | 14.84%                        |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares   | 19.96%      | 11.65%                        |
| S&P Kensho Future Security Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes other than withholding taxes on reinvested dividends) | 33.88%      | 15.53%                        |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)   | 31.49%      | 11.91%                        |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

**PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Kathleen Morgan and Kala O'Donnell.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

Kathleen Morgan, CFA, is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. She joined the Adviser in 2017.

Kala O'Donnell is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. She joined the Adviser in 1995.

**PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION**

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

**TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

**PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# SPDR® S&P Kensho Intelligent Structures ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Kensho Intelligent Structures ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of the S&P Kensho Intelligent Infrastructure Index.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.45% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.45% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$46   | \$144  | \$252  | \$567   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 26% of the average value of its portfolio.

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The Index is comprised of U.S.-listed equity securities (including depositary receipts) of companies domiciled across developed and emerging markets worldwide which are included in the Intelligent Infrastructure sector as determined by a classification standard produced by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the “Index Provider”). The Index is designed to capture companies whose products and services are driving innovation behind intelligent infrastructure. In particular, the Index comprises the components of the S&P Kensho Smart Grids Index and the S&P Kensho Smart Buildings Index (the “Underlying Indexes”) as of the Index’s semi-annual selection date, on the first Friday in June and December, subject to the following liquidity thresholds for each component: (i) must be issued by a company with a minimum float market capitalization of at least \$100 million and (ii) must have a minimum three-month average daily traded value of at least \$1 million. The S&P Kensho Smart Grids Index seeks to track companies that provide next generation products and services related to power, water and transportation infrastructures, or are a necessary component of the supply chain for such products and services. The S&P Kensho Smart Buildings Index seeks to track companies that produce products and services that enable buildings to become more connected, intelligent and adaptive, or are a necessary component of the supply chain for such products and services.

To determine the constituents of the Underlying Indexes, the Index Provider’s classification standard utilizes an automated scan of companies’ most recent annual reports filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 40-F, or S-1 filing and prospectus, as applicable, to identify specific search terms and phrases that describe a company as producing products and services related to the particular segment targeted by the Underlying Index. The resulting list of eligible securities for each Underlying Index is then filtered by eliminating companies that do not include in their annual reports a reference to a product or service that (i) is related to a search term or phrase and (ii) is used in a manner that is within the scope of the Underlying Index’s objective. Each Underlying Index then screens the remaining securities to remove securities that are not listed on NYSE, NASDAQ, IEX, or CBOE exchanges (or an affiliate of one of those exchanges) or do not meet certain minimum liquidity thresholds. The Index Provider’s Index Committee then reviews each remaining eligible constituent to verify the rules of the automated scan were implemented correctly.

Underlying Index constituents are then categorized as either “Core” or “Non-Core.” A company is categorized as Core if its products and services related to the Underlying Index’s objective are identified in its annual report as principal components of the company’s strategy. Products and services are deemed to be principal components of a company’s strategy if the company’s annual report disclosures regarding such products and services are determined to be sufficiently prominent according to a proprietary algorithm of the Index Provider which calculates prominence based on the frequency and position of such disclosures within an annual report. All other companies are categorized as Non-Core, including companies whose products and services are identified as forming a necessary component of the supply chain of the segment targeted by the Underlying Index. An Index constituent categorized as Core by at least one of the Underlying Indexes will be categorized as Core for purposes of the Index. To tilt the Index’s exposure toward Core Index Constituents, at the time of each rebalance the aggregate weighting of Core Index Constituents is based on the proportion of the number of Core Index Constituents, plus an overweight factor of up to 20%. At the time of each rebalance, each Core Index Constituent and Non-Core Index Constituent is equally weighted within the group of Core Index Constituents and Non-Core Index Constituents, respectively, subject to liquidity adjustments.

The Index is rebalanced semi-annually on the third Friday of June and December. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 45 securities.

The Index Provider is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider establishes and maintains rules which are used to determine the composition of the Index and relative weightings of the securities in the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund’s investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Infrastructure-Related Companies Risk:** Infrastructure-related companies include companies that primarily own, manage, develop and/or operate infrastructure assets, including transportation, utility, energy and/or telecommunications assets. Investment in infrastructure-related securities entails exposure to adverse economic, regulatory, political, legal, and other conditions or events affecting the issuers of such securities. Certain infrastructure-related entities, particularly telecommunications and utilities companies, are subject to extensive regulation by various governmental authorities. The costs of complying with governmental regulations, delays or failure to receive required regulatory approvals or the enactment of new adverse regulatory requirements may adversely affect infrastructure-related companies. Infrastructure-related companies may also be affected by service interruption and/or legal challenges due to environmental, operational or other conditions or events, and the imposition of special tariffs and changes in tax laws, regulatory policies and accounting standards.

**Cybersecurity-Related Risk:** The companies included in the Index rely on technologies such as the Internet and depend on computer systems to perform business and operational functions, and therefore may be prone to operational and information security risks resulting from cyber-attacks and/or technological malfunctions. Cyber-attacks include, among others, stealing or corrupting data maintained online or digitally, preventing legitimate users from accessing information or services on a website, releasing confidential information without authorization, and causing operational disruption. In general, cyber-attacks are deliberate, but unintentional events may have similar effects. Successful cyber-attacks against, or security breakdowns of, a company included in the Index may result in material adverse consequences for such company, as well as other companies included in the Index, and may cause the Fund's investments to lose value.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not done so.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Depository Receipts Risk:** Investments in depository receipts may be less liquid and more volatile than the underlying securities in their primary trading market. If a depository receipt is denominated in a different currency than its underlying securities, the Fund will be subject to the currency risk of both the investment in the depository receipt and the underlying security. Holders of depository receipts may have limited or no rights to take action with respect to the underlying securities or to compel the issuer of the receipts to take action. The prices of depository receipts may differ from the prices of securities upon which they are based. To the extent the Fund invests in depository receipts based on securities included in the Index, such differences in prices may increase index tracking risk.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.



**Emerging Markets Risk:** Risks of investing in emerging markets include, among others, greater political and economic instability, greater volatility in currency exchange rates, less developed securities markets, possible trade barriers, currency transfer restrictions, a more limited number of potential buyers and issuers, an emerging market country's dependence on revenue from particular commodities or international aid, less governmental supervision and regulation, unavailability of currency hedging techniques, differences in auditing and financial reporting standards, and less developed legal systems. There is also the potential for unfavorable action such as expropriation, nationalization, embargo, and acts of war. The securities of emerging market companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Market disruptions or substantial market corrections may limit very significantly the liquidity of securities of certain companies in a particular country or geographic region, or of all companies in the country or region. The Fund may be unable to liquidate its positions in such securities at any time, or at a favorable price, in order to meet the Fund's obligations. These risks are generally greater for investments in frontier market countries, which typically have smaller economies or less developed capital markets than traditional emerging market countries.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Industrial Sector Risk:** Industrial companies are affected by supply and demand both for their specific product or service and for industrial sector products in general. Government regulation, world events, exchange rates and economic conditions, technological developments and liabilities for environmental damage and general civil liabilities will likewise affect the performance of these companies. Aerospace and defense companies, a component of the industrial sector, can be significantly affected by government spending policies because companies involved in this industry rely, to a significant extent, on U.S. and foreign government demand for their products and services. Thus, the financial condition of, and investor interest in, aerospace and defense companies are heavily influenced by governmental defense spending policies which are typically under pressure from efforts to control the U.S. (and other) government budgets. Transportation securities, a component of the industrial sector, are cyclical and have occasional sharp price movements which may result from changes in the economy, fuel prices, labor agreements and insurance costs.

**Large-Capitalization Securities Risk:** Returns on investments in securities of large companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of smaller and mid-sized companies. Larger companies may be unable to respond as quickly as smaller and mid-sized companies to competitive challenges or to changes in business, product, financial, or other market conditions. Larger companies may not be able to maintain growth at the high rates that may be achieved by well-managed smaller and mid-sized companies.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk:** The securities of mid-capitalization companies may be more volatile and may involve more risk than the securities of larger companies. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger companies, and may depend on a few

key employees. In addition, these companies may have been recently organized and may have little or no track record of success. The securities of mid-sized companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Some securities of mid-sized issuers may be illiquid or may be restricted as to resale, and their values may be volatile.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** As a “non-diversified” fund, the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

**Non-U.S. Securities Risk:** Non-U.S. securities (including depositary receipts) are subject to political, regulatory, and economic risks not present in domestic investments. There may be less information publicly available about a non-U.S. entity than about a U.S. entity, and many non-U.S. entities are not subject to accounting, auditing, legal and financial report standards comparable to those in the United States. Further, such entities and/or their securities may be subject to risks associated with currency controls; expropriation; changes in tax policy; greater market volatility; differing securities market structures; higher transaction costs; and various administrative difficulties, such as delays in clearing and settling portfolio transactions or in receiving payment of dividends. To the extent underlying securities held by the Fund trade on foreign exchanges that are closed when the exchange on which the Fund’s shares trade is open, there may be deviations between the current price of an underlying security and the last quoted price for the underlying security on the closed foreign market. These deviations could result in the Fund experiencing premiums or discounts greater than those of ETFs that invest in domestic securities. Securities traded on foreign markets may be less liquid (harder to sell) than securities traded domestically. Foreign governments may impose restrictions on the repatriation of capital to the U.S. In addition, to the extent that the Fund buys securities denominated in a foreign currency, there are special risks such as changes in currency exchange rates and the risk that a foreign government could regulate foreign exchange transactions. In addition, to the extent investments are made in a limited number of countries, events in those countries will have a more significant impact on the Fund. Investments in depositary receipts may be less liquid and more volatile than the underlying shares in their primary trading market.

**Small-Capitalization Securities Risk:** The securities of small-capitalization companies may be more volatile and may involve more risk than the securities of larger companies. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger companies, and may depend on a few key employees. In addition, these companies may have been recently organized and may have little or no track record of success. The securities of smaller companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Some securities of smaller issuers may be illiquid or may be restricted as to resale, and their values may have significant volatility. The Fund may be unable to liquidate its positions in such securities at any time, or at a favorable price, in order to meet the Fund’s obligations. Returns on investments in securities of small-capitalization companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of larger companies.

**Technology Sector Risk:** Market or economic factors impacting technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund’s investments. The value of stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly vulnerable to rapid changes in technology product cycles, rapid product obsolescence, government regulation and competition, both domestically and internationally, including competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Technology companies are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights, the loss or impairment of which may adversely affect profitability. Additionally, companies in the technology sector may face dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel.

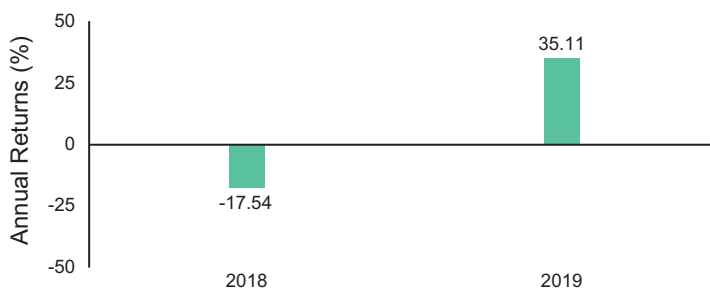
**Valuation Risk:** Some portfolio holdings, potentially a large portion of the Fund’s investment portfolio, may be valued on the basis of factors other than market quotations. This may occur more often in times of market turmoil or reduced liquidity. There are multiple methods that can be used to value a portfolio holding when market quotations are not readily available. The value established for any portfolio holding at a point in time might differ from what would be produced using a different methodology or if it had been priced using market quotations. Portfolio holdings that are valued using techniques other than market quotations, including “fair valued” securities, may be subject to greater fluctuation in their valuations from one day to the next than if market quotations were used. In addition, there is no assurance that the Fund could sell or close out a portfolio position for the value

established for it at any time, and it is possible that the Fund would incur a loss because a portfolio position is sold or closed out at a discount to the valuation established by the Fund at that time.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 13.79% (Q1, 2019)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -20.05% (Q4, 2018)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -0.66%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|  | One<br>Year | Since Inception<br>(12/26/17) |
|--|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes  | 35.11%      | 5.54%                         |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions  | 34.70%      | 5.28%                         |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares  | 21.06%      | 4.23%                         |
| S&P Kensho Intelligent Infrastructure Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes other than withholding taxes on reinvested dividends) | 35.30%      | 5.75%                         |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)  | 31.49%      | 11.91%                        |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Mark Krivitsky and Kala O'Donnell.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

Mark Krivitsky is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group and the Tax-Efficient Market Capture Group. He joined the Adviser in 1996.

Kala O'Donnell is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. She joined the Adviser in 1995.

## PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price

greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the “bid-ask spread”). Recent information regarding the Fund’s NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

#### **TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund’s distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

#### **PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.

# SPDR® S&P Kensho New Economies Composite ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Kensho New Economies Composite ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of the S&P Kensho New Economies Composite Index.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.20% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.20% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$20   | \$64   | \$113  | \$255   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 91% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Kensho New Economies Composite Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the Index, the Fund’s assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.



The Index is comprised of U.S.-listed equity securities (including depositary receipts) of companies domiciled across developed and emerging markets worldwide. The Index is designed to capture companies whose products and services are driving innovation and transforming the global economy through the use of existing and emerging technologies, and rapid developments in robotics, automation, artificial intelligence, connectedness and processing power ("New Economies companies"). In particular, the Index comprises the components included in the New Economy Subsector Indexes (each, an "Underlying Index") developed by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"). Each Underlying Index is comprised of securities of New Economies companies in a specific sector. As of July 31, 2020, the Index was comprised of 22 Underlying Indexes.

The constituents of each Underlying Index are determined by a classification standard produced by the Index Provider. The classification standard utilizes an automated scan of companies' most recent annual reports filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 40-F, or S-1 filing and prospectus, as applicable, to identify specific search terms and phrases that describe a company as producing products and services related to the particular segment targeted by the Underlying Index. The resulting list of eligible securities for each Underlying Index is then filtered by eliminating companies that do not include in their annual reports a reference to a product or service that (i) is related to a search term or phrase and (ii) is used in a manner that is within the scope of the Underlying Index's objective. Each Underlying Index then screens the remaining securities to remove securities that are not listed on NYSE, NASDAQ, IEX, or CBOE exchanges (or an affiliate of one of those exchanges) or do not meet certain minimum liquidity thresholds. The Index Provider's Index Committee then reviews each remaining eligible constituent to verify the rules of the automated scan were implemented correctly.

Underlying Index constituents are then categorized as either "Core" or "Non-Core." A company is categorized as Core if its products and services related to the Underlying Index's objective are identified in its annual report as principal components of the company's strategy. Products and services are deemed to be principal components of a company's strategy if the company's annual report disclosures regarding such products and services are determined to be sufficiently prominent according to a proprietary algorithm of the Index Provider which calculates prominence based on the frequency and position of such disclosures within an annual report. All other companies are categorized as Non-Core, including companies whose products and services are identified as forming a necessary component of the supply chain of the segment targeted by the Underlying Index. Each Underlying Index's exposure is then tilted towards Core Index Constituents.

The weight of each security in the Index is based on the relative weight given to each Underlying Index in the Index. The relative weight of each Underlying Index is determined by a proprietary process comparing the ratio of the average daily returns divided by the standard deviation of daily returns among the Underlying Indexes. Underlying Indexes with larger ratios are weighted more heavily than Underlying Indexes with smaller ratios. The weight of each security in each Underlying Index is then multiplied by the relative weight of the respective Underlying Index in the Index to determine the security's final weight in the Index. The Index is rebalanced semi-annually on the third Friday of June and December. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 396 securities.

The Index Provider is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider establishes and maintains rules which are used to determine the composition of the Index and relative weightings of the securities in the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

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**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**New Economies Companies Risk:** The companies included in the Index are engaged in emerging industries and new technologies that may be unproven. Such industries and technologies may be adversely affected by technological advances, competition, rapid product or service obsolescence, and new and evolving regulations. Companies included in the Index may rely on a combination of patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secret laws to establish and protect their proprietary rights in their products and technologies, and may be adversely affected by loss or impairment of those rights. In addition, companies in the Index may have limited product lines, markets, financial resources or personnel. The Index may include stocks of smaller, less-seasoned companies that may be more volatile than the overall market.

**Cybersecurity-Related Risk:** The companies included in the Index rely on technologies such as the Internet and depend on computer systems to perform business and operational functions, and therefore may be prone to operational and information security risks resulting from cyber-attacks and/or technological malfunctions. Cyber-attacks include, among others, stealing or corrupting data maintained online or digitally, preventing legitimate users from accessing information or services on a website, releasing confidential information without authorization, and causing operational disruption. In general, cyber-attacks are deliberate, but unintentional events may have similar effects. Successful cyber-attacks against, or security breakdowns of, a company included in the Index may result in material adverse consequences for such company, as well as other companies included in the Index, and may cause the Fund's investments to lose value.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not done so.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Depository Receipts Risk:** Investments in depository receipts may be less liquid and more volatile than the underlying securities in their primary trading market. If a depository receipt is denominated in a different currency than its underlying securities, the Fund will be subject to the currency risk of both the investment in the depository receipt and the underlying security. Holders of depository receipts may have limited or no rights to take action with respect to the underlying securities or to compel the issuer of the receipts to take action. The prices of depository receipts may differ from the prices of securities upon which they are based. To the extent the Fund invests in depository receipts based on securities included in the Index, such differences in prices may increase index tracking risk.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Emerging Markets Risk:** Risks of investing in emerging markets include, among others, greater political and economic instability, greater volatility in currency exchange rates, less developed securities markets, possible trade barriers, currency transfer restrictions, a more limited number of potential buyers and issuers, an emerging market country's dependence on revenue from particular commodities or international aid, less governmental supervision and regulation, unavailability of currency hedging techniques, differences in auditing and financial reporting standards, and less developed legal systems. There is also the potential for unfavorable action such as expropriation, nationalization, embargo, and acts of war. The securities of emerging market companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Market disruptions or substantial market corrections may limit very significantly the liquidity of securities of certain companies in a particular country or

geographic region, or of all companies in the country or region. The Fund may be unable to liquidate its positions in such securities at any time, or at a favorable price, in order to meet the Fund's obligations. These risks are generally greater for investments in frontier market countries, which typically have smaller economies or less developed capital markets than traditional emerging market countries.

**Health Care Sector Risk:** Companies in the health care sector are subject to extensive government regulation and their profitability can be significantly affected by restrictions on government reimbursement for medical expenses, rising costs of medical products and services, pricing pressure (including price discounting), limited product lines and an increased emphasis on the delivery of healthcare through outpatient services. Companies in the health care sector are heavily dependent on obtaining and defending patents, which may be time consuming and costly, and the expiration of patents may also adversely affect the profitability of these companies. Health care companies are also subject to extensive litigation based on product liability and similar claims. In addition, their products can become obsolete due to industry innovation, changes in technologies or other market developments. Many new products in the health care sector require significant research and development and may be subject to regulatory approvals, all of which may be time consuming and costly with no guarantee that any product will come to market.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Industrial Sector Risk:** Industrial companies are affected by supply and demand both for their specific product or service and for industrial sector products in general. Government regulation, world events, exchange rates and economic conditions, technological developments and liabilities for environmental damage and general civil liabilities will likewise affect the performance of these companies. Aerospace and defense companies, a component of the industrial sector, can be significantly affected by government spending policies because companies involved in this industry rely, to a significant extent, on U.S. and foreign government demand for their products and services. Thus, the financial condition of, and investor interest in, aerospace and defense companies are heavily influenced by governmental defense spending policies which are typically under pressure from efforts to control the U.S. (and other) government budgets. Transportation securities, a component of the industrial sector, are cyclical and have occasional sharp price movements which may result from changes in the economy, fuel prices, labor agreements and insurance costs.

**Large-Capitalization Securities Risk:** Returns on investments in securities of large companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of smaller and mid-sized companies. Larger companies may be unable to respond as quickly as smaller and mid-sized companies to competitive challenges or to changes in business, product, financial, or other market conditions. Larger companies may not be able to maintain growth at the high rates that may be achieved by well-managed smaller and mid-sized companies.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk:** The securities of mid-capitalization companies may be more volatile and may involve more risk than the securities of larger companies. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger companies, and may depend on a few key employees. In addition, these companies may have been recently organized and may have little or no track record of success. The securities of mid-sized companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Some securities of mid-sized issuers may be illiquid or may be restricted as to resale, and their values may be volatile.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** As a “non-diversified” fund, the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

**Non-U.S. Securities Risk:** Non-U.S. securities (including depositary receipts) are subject to political, regulatory, and economic risks not present in domestic investments. There may be less information publicly available about a non-U.S. entity than about a U.S. entity, and many non-U.S. entities are not subject to accounting, auditing, legal and financial report standards comparable to those in the United States. Further, such entities and/or their securities may be subject to risks associated with currency controls; expropriation; changes in tax policy; greater market volatility; differing securities market structures; higher transaction costs; and various administrative difficulties, such as delays in clearing and settling portfolio transactions or in receiving payment of dividends. To the extent underlying securities held by the Fund trade on foreign exchanges that are closed when the exchange on which the Fund’s shares trade is open, there may be deviations between the current price of an underlying security and the last quoted price for the underlying security on the closed foreign market. These deviations could result in the Fund experiencing premiums or discounts greater than those of ETFs that invest in domestic securities. Securities traded on foreign markets may be less liquid (harder to sell) than securities traded domestically. Foreign governments may impose restrictions on the repatriation of capital to the U.S. In addition, to the extent that the Fund buys securities denominated in a foreign currency, there are special risks such as changes in currency exchange rates and the risk that a foreign government could regulate foreign exchange transactions. In addition, to the extent investments are made in a limited number of countries, events in those countries will have a more significant impact on the Fund. Investments in depositary receipts may be less liquid and more volatile than the underlying shares in their primary trading market.

**Small-Capitalization Securities Risk:** The securities of small-capitalization companies may be more volatile and may involve more risk than the securities of larger companies. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger companies, and may depend on a few key employees. In addition, these companies may have been recently organized and may have little or no track record of success. The securities of smaller companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Some securities of smaller issuers may be illiquid or may be restricted as to resale, and their values may have significant volatility. The Fund may be unable to liquidate its positions in such securities at any time, or at a favorable price, in order to meet the Fund’s obligations. Returns on investments in securities of small-capitalization companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of larger companies.

**Technology Sector Risk:** Market or economic factors impacting technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund’s investments. The value of stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly vulnerable to rapid changes in technology product cycles, rapid product obsolescence, government regulation and competition, both domestically and internationally, including competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Technology companies are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights, the loss or impairment of which may adversely affect profitability. Additionally, companies in the technology sector may face dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel.

**Valuation Risk:** Some portfolio holdings, potentially a large portion of the Fund’s investment portfolio, may be valued on the basis of factors other than market quotations. This may occur more often in times of market turmoil or reduced liquidity. There are multiple methods that can be used to value a portfolio holding when market quotations are not readily available. The value established for any portfolio holding at a point in time might differ from what would be produced using a different methodology or if it had been priced using market quotations. Portfolio holdings that are valued using techniques other than market quotations, including “fair valued” securities,

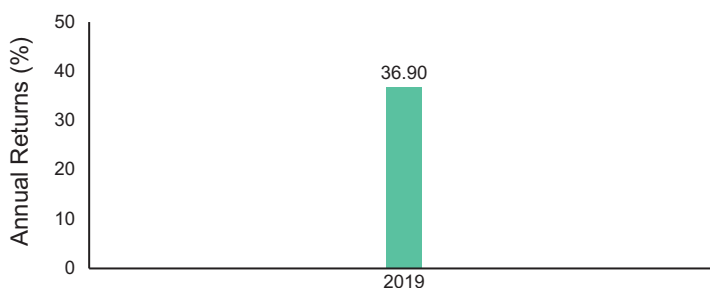


may be subject to greater fluctuation in their valuations from one day to the next than if market quotations were used. In addition, there is no assurance that the Fund could sell or close out a portfolio position for the value established for it at any time, and it is possible that the Fund would incur a loss because a portfolio position is sold or closed out at a discount to the valuation established by the Fund at that time.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (year ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 18.02% (Q1, 2019)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -0.39% (Q3, 2019)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was 19.13%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|  | One Year | Since Inception (10/22/18) |
|--|----------|----------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes  | 36.90%   | 17.25%                     |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions  | 36.54%   | 16.97%                     |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares                                  | 21.94%   | 13.12%                     |
| S&P Kensho New Economies Composite Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 37.29%   | 17.54%                     |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                            | 31.49%   | 16.63%                     |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Mark Krivitsky and Kala O'Donnell.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

Mark Krivitsky is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group and the Tax-Efficient Market Capture Group. He joined the Adviser in 1996.

Kala O'Donnell is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. She joined the Adviser in 1995.

## PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.



Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

#### **TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

#### **PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# SPDR® S&P Kensho Smart Mobility ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Kensho Smart Mobility ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of the S&P Kensho Smart Transportation Index.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.45% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.45% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$46   | \$144  | \$252  | \$567   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 29% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Kensho Smart Transportation Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the Index, the Fund’s assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index is comprised of U.S.-listed equity securities (including depositary receipts) of companies domiciled across developed and emerging markets worldwide which are included in the Smart Transportation sector as determined by a classification standard produced by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the “Index Provider”). The Index is designed to capture companies whose products and services are driving innovation behind smart transportation. In particular, the Index comprises the components of the S&P Kensho Autonomous Vehicles Index, the S&P Kensho Advanced Transport Systems Index, the S&P Kensho Electric Vehicles Index and the civilian/commercially focused components of the S&P Kensho Drones Index (the “Underlying Indexes”) as of the Index’s semi-annual selection date, on the first Friday in June and December, subject to the following liquidity thresholds for each component: (i) must be issued by a company with a minimum float market capitalization of at least \$100 million and (ii) must have a minimum three-month average daily traded value of at least \$1 million. The S&P Kensho Autonomous Vehicles Index seeks to track companies that build autonomous and connected vehicles and that provide the products and services that enable these vehicles to become more efficient and intelligent, or are a necessary component of the supply chain for such products and services. The S&P Kensho Advanced Transport Systems Index seeks to track companies that produce products and services that optimize the efficiency of managing large fleets of vehicles, cargo transportation, and mass transit, or are a necessary component of the supply chain for such products and services. The S&P Kensho Electric Vehicles Index seeks to track companies that produce products and services related to the development of electric vehicles, clean fuel systems, and related systems, or are a necessary component of the supply chain for such products and services. The S&P Kensho Drones Index seeks to track companies that produce products and services related to the remotely-operated or unmanned aerial, underwater and surface-level drones market and related subsystems, or are a necessary component of the supply chain for such products and services.

To determine the constituents of the Underlying Indexes, the Index Provider’s classification standard utilizes an automated scan of companies’ most recent annual reports filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 40-F, or S-1 filing and prospectus, as applicable, to identify specific search terms and phrases that describe a company as producing products and services related to the particular segment targeted by the Underlying Index. The resulting list of eligible securities for each Underlying Index is then filtered by eliminating companies that do not include in their annual reports a reference to a product or service that (i) is related to a search term or phrase and (ii) is used in a manner that is within the scope of the Underlying Index’s objective. Each Underlying Index then screens the remaining securities to remove securities that are not listed on NYSE, NASDAQ, IEX, or CBOE exchanges (or an affiliate of one of those exchanges) or do not meet certain minimum liquidity thresholds. The Index Provider’s Index Committee then reviews each remaining eligible constituent to verify the rules of the automated scan were implemented correctly.

Underlying Index constituents are then categorized as either “Core” or “Non-Core.” A company is categorized as Core if its products and services related to the Underlying Index’s objective are identified in its annual report as principal components of the company’s strategy. Products and services are deemed to be principal components of a company’s strategy if the company’s annual report disclosures regarding such products and services are determined to be sufficiently prominent according to a proprietary algorithm of the Index Provider which calculates prominence based on the frequency and position of such disclosures within an annual report. All other companies are categorized as Non-Core, including companies whose products and services are identified as forming a necessary component of the supply chain of the segment targeted by the Underlying Index. An Index constituent categorized as Core by at least one of the Underlying Indexes will be categorized as Core for purposes of the Index. To tilt the Index’s exposure toward Core Index Constituents, at the time of each rebalance the aggregate weighting of Core Index Constituents is based on the proportion of the number of Core Index Constituents, plus an overweight factor of up to 20%. At the time of each rebalance, each Core Index Constituent and Non-Core Index Constituent is equally weighted within the group of Core Index Constituents and Non-Core Index Constituents, respectively, subject to liquidity adjustments.

The Index is rebalanced semi-annually on the third Friday of June and December. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 58 securities.

The Index Provider is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider establishes and maintains rules which are used to determine the composition of the Index and relative weightings of the securities in the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund’s investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth

or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Transportation Companies Risk:** Transportation companies can be significantly affected by changes in the economy, fuel prices, labor relations, technology developments, exchange rates, insurance costs, industry competition and government regulation.

**Cybersecurity-Related Risk:** The companies included in the Index rely on technologies such as the Internet and depend on computer systems to perform business and operational functions, and therefore may be prone to operational and information security risks resulting from cyber-attacks and/or technological malfunctions. Cyber-attacks include, among others, stealing or corrupting data maintained online or digitally, preventing legitimate users from accessing information or services on a website, releasing confidential information without authorization, and causing operational disruption. In general, cyber-attacks are deliberate, but unintentional events may have similar effects. Successful cyber-attacks against, or security breakdowns of, a company included in the Index may result in material adverse consequences for such company, as well as other companies included in the Index, and may cause the Fund's investments to lose value.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not done so.

**Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk:** The success of consumer product manufacturers and retailers is tied closely to the performance of the overall global economy, interest rates, competition and consumer confidence. Success depends heavily on disposable household income and consumer spending. Also, companies in the consumer discretionary sector may be subject to severe competition, which may have an adverse impact on their respective profitability. Changes in demographics and consumer tastes can also affect the demand for, and success of, consumer products and services in the marketplace.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Depository Receipts Risk:** Investments in depository receipts may be less liquid and more volatile than the underlying securities in their primary trading market. If a depository receipt is denominated in a different currency than its underlying securities, the Fund will be subject to the currency risk of both the investment in the depository receipt and the underlying security. Holders of depository receipts may have limited or no rights to take action with respect to the underlying securities or to compel the issuer of the receipts to take action. The prices of depository receipts may differ from the prices of securities upon which they are based. To the extent the Fund invests in depository receipts based on securities included in the Index, such differences in prices may increase index tracking risk.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a

derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Emerging Markets Risk:** Risks of investing in emerging markets include, among others, greater political and economic instability, greater volatility in currency exchange rates, less developed securities markets, possible trade barriers, currency transfer restrictions, a more limited number of potential buyers and issuers, an emerging market country's dependence on revenue from particular commodities or international aid, less governmental supervision and regulation, unavailability of currency hedging techniques, differences in auditing and financial reporting standards, and less developed legal systems. There is also the potential for unfavorable action such as expropriation, nationalization, embargo, and acts of war. The securities of emerging market companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Market disruptions or substantial market corrections may limit very significantly the liquidity of securities of certain companies in a particular country or geographic region, or of all companies in the country or region. The Fund may be unable to liquidate its positions in such securities at any time, or at a favorable price, in order to meet the Fund's obligations. These risks are generally greater for investments in frontier market countries, which typically have smaller economies or less developed capital markets than traditional emerging market countries.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Industrial Sector Risk:** Industrial companies are affected by supply and demand both for their specific product or service and for industrial sector products in general. Government regulation, world events, exchange rates and economic conditions, technological developments and liabilities for environmental damage and general civil liabilities will likewise affect the performance of these companies. Aerospace and defense companies, a component of the industrial sector, can be significantly affected by government spending policies because companies involved in this industry rely, to a significant extent, on U.S. and foreign government demand for their products and services. Thus, the financial condition of, and investor interest in, aerospace and defense companies are heavily influenced by governmental defense spending policies which are typically under pressure from efforts to control the U.S. (and other) government budgets. Transportation securities, a component of the industrial sector, are cyclical and have occasional sharp price movements which may result from changes in the economy, fuel prices, labor agreements and insurance costs.

**Large-Capitalization Securities Risk:** Returns on investments in securities of large companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of smaller and mid-sized companies. Larger companies may be unable to respond as quickly as smaller and mid-sized companies to competitive challenges or to changes in business, product, financial, or other market conditions. Larger companies may not be able to maintain growth at the high rates that may be achieved by well-managed smaller and mid-sized companies.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.



**Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk:** The securities of mid-capitalization companies may be more volatile and may involve more risk than the securities of larger companies. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger companies, and may depend on a few key employees. In addition, these companies may have been recently organized and may have little or no track record of success. The securities of mid-sized companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Some securities of mid-sized issuers may be illiquid or may be restricted as to resale, and their values may be volatile.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** As a “non-diversified” fund, the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

**Non-U.S. Securities Risk:** Non-U.S. securities (including depositary receipts) are subject to political, regulatory, and economic risks not present in domestic investments. There may be less information publicly available about a non-U.S. entity than about a U.S. entity, and many non-U.S. entities are not subject to accounting, auditing, legal and financial report standards comparable to those in the United States. Further, such entities and/or their securities may be subject to risks associated with currency controls; expropriation; changes in tax policy; greater market volatility; differing securities market structures; higher transaction costs; and various administrative difficulties, such as delays in clearing and settling portfolio transactions or in receiving payment of dividends. To the extent underlying securities held by the Fund trade on foreign exchanges that are closed when the exchange on which the Fund’s shares trade is open, there may be deviations between the current price of an underlying security and the last quoted price for the underlying security on the closed foreign market. These deviations could result in the Fund experiencing premiums or discounts greater than those of ETFs that invest in domestic securities. Securities traded on foreign markets may be less liquid (harder to sell) than securities traded domestically. Foreign governments may impose restrictions on the repatriation of capital to the U.S. In addition, to the extent that the Fund buys securities denominated in a foreign currency, there are special risks such as changes in currency exchange rates and the risk that a foreign government could regulate foreign exchange transactions. In addition, to the extent investments are made in a limited number of countries, events in those countries will have a more significant impact on the Fund. Investments in depositary receipts may be less liquid and more volatile than the underlying shares in their primary trading market.

**Small-Capitalization Securities Risk:** The securities of small-capitalization companies may be more volatile and may involve more risk than the securities of larger companies. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger companies, and may depend on a few key employees. In addition, these companies may have been recently organized and may have little or no track record of success. The securities of smaller companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Some securities of smaller issuers may be illiquid or may be restricted as to resale, and their values may have significant volatility. The Fund may be unable to liquidate its positions in such securities at any time, or at a favorable price, in order to meet the Fund’s obligations. Returns on investments in securities of small-capitalization companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of larger companies.

**Technology Sector Risk:** Market or economic factors impacting technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund’s investments. The value of stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly vulnerable to rapid changes in technology product cycles, rapid product obsolescence, government regulation and competition, both domestically and internationally, including competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Technology companies are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights, the loss or impairment of which may adversely affect profitability. Additionally, companies in the technology sector may face dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel.

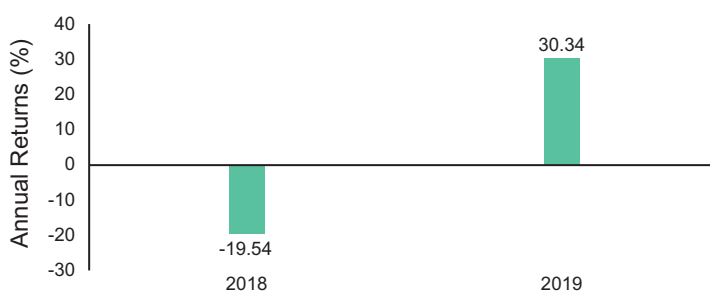
**Valuation Risk:** Some portfolio holdings, potentially a large portion of the Fund’s investment portfolio, may be valued on the basis of factors other than market quotations. This may occur more often in times of market turmoil or reduced liquidity. There are multiple methods that can be used to value a portfolio holding when market quotations are not readily available. The value established for any portfolio holding at a point in time might differ from what would be produced using a different methodology or if it had been priced using market quotations. Portfolio holdings that are valued using techniques other than market quotations, including “fair valued” securities,

may be subject to greater fluctuation in their valuations from one day to the next than if market quotations were used. In addition, there is no assurance that the Fund could sell or close out a portfolio position for the value established for it at any time, and it is possible that the Fund would incur a loss because a portfolio position is sold or closed out at a discount to the valuation established by the Fund at that time.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 16.99% (Q1, 2019)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -21.27% (Q4, 2018)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was 25.40%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|  | One Year | Since Inception (12/26/17) |
|--|----------|----------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes  | 30.34%   | 2.10%                      |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions  | 29.89%   | 1.50%                      |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares  | 18.14%   | 1.39%                      |
| S&P Kensho Smart Transportation Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes other than withholding taxes on reinvested dividends) | 30.19%   | 2.26%                      |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)  | 31.49%   | 11.91%                     |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Mark Krivitsky and Kathleen Morgan.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

Mark Krivitsky is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group and the Tax-Efficient Market Capture Group. He joined the Adviser in 1996.

Kathleen Morgan, CFA, is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. She joined the Adviser in 2017.

## PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

#### **TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

#### **PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# SPDR® S&P Metals & Mining ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Metals & Mining ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the metals and mining segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.35% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.35% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$36   | \$113  | \$197  | \$443   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 41% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Metals & Mining Select Industry Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the Index, the Fund’s assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index represents the metals and mining segment of the S&P Total Market Index (“S&P TMI”). The S&P TMI is designed to track the broad U.S. equity market. The metals & mining segment of the S&P TMI comprises the following sub-industries: Aluminum, Coal & Consumable Fuels, Copper, Diversified Metals & Mining, Gold, Precious Metals & Minerals, Silver, and Steel. The Index is one of twenty-one (21) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the “Select Industry Indices”), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standard (“GICS”). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&P TMI constituents belonging to the Aluminum, Coal & Consumable Fuels, Copper, Diversified Metals & Mining, Gold, Precious Metals & Minerals, Silver, and Steel sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) greater than or equal to 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) greater than or equal to 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&P TMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), NASDAQ Capital Market, Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX exchanges. The Index is modified equal weighted. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 22 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the “Index Provider”), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund’s investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Metals and Mining Companies Risk:** Metals and mining companies can be significantly affected by events relating to international political and economic developments, energy conservation, the success of exploration projects, commodity prices, and tax and other government regulations. Investments in metals and mining companies may be speculative and may be subject to greater price volatility than investments in other types of companies. Risks of metals and mining investments include: changes in international monetary policies or economic and political conditions that can affect the supply of precious metals and consequently the value of metals and mining company investments; the United States or foreign governments may pass laws or regulations limiting metals investments for strategic or other policy reasons; and increased environmental or labor costs may depress the value of metals and mining investments.



**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not done so.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Materials Sector Risk:** Many materials companies are significantly affected by the level and volatility of commodity prices, exchange rates, import controls, worldwide competition, environmental policies and consumer demand. At times, worldwide production of industrial materials has exceeded demand as a result of over-building or economic downturns, leading to poor investment returns or losses. Other risks may include liabilities for environmental damage and general civil liabilities, depletion of resources, and mandated expenditures for safety and pollution control. The materials sector may also be affected by economic cycles, technical progress, labor relations, and government regulations.

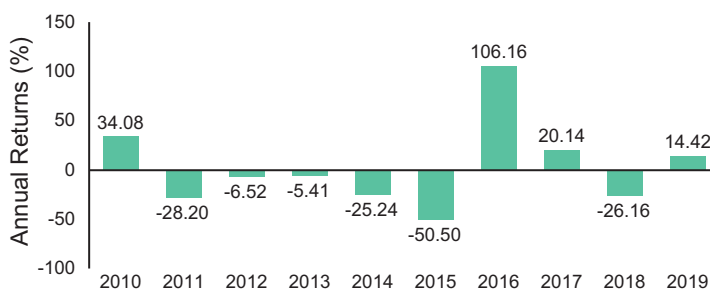
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number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 37.40% (Q1, 2016)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -35.34% (Q3, 2011)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -19.62%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|   | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Return Before Taxes   | 14.42%      | 0.70%         | -4.08%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions   | 13.64%      | 0.17%         | -4.48%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares                                   | 8.89%       | 0.40%         | -2.99%       |
| S&P Metals & Mining Select Industry Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 14.83%      | 0.68%         | -4.07%       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                             | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.56%       |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Raymond Donofrio.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

Raymond Donofrio is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. He joined the Adviser in 2008.

## PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price

greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the “bid-ask spread”). Recent information regarding the Fund’s NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

#### **TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund’s distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

#### **PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.

# SPDR® S&P Oil & Gas Equipment & Services ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Equipment & Services ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the oil and gas equipment and services segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.35% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.35% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$36   | \$113  | \$197  | \$443   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 51% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Oil & Gas Equipment & Services Select Industry Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index represents the oil and gas equipment and services segment of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The S&P TMI is designed to track the broad U.S. equity market. The oil and gas equipment and services segment of the S&P TMI comprises the Oil & Gas Drilling sub-industry and the Oil & Gas Equipment & Services sub-industry. The Index is one of twenty-one (21) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&P TMI constituents belonging to the Oil & Gas Drilling sub-industry and the Oil & Gas Equipment & Services sub-industry that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) greater than or equal to 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) greater than or equal to 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&P TMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), NASDAQ Capital Market, Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX exchanges. The Index is modified equal weighted. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 22 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Oil and Gas Companies Risk:** Oil and gas companies develop and produce crude oil and natural gas and provide drilling and other energy resources production and distribution related services. Stock prices for these types of companies are affected by supply and demand both for their specific product or service and for energy products in general. The price of oil and gas, exploration and production spending, government regulation, world events and economic conditions will likewise affect the performance of these companies. Correspondingly, securities of companies in the energy field are subject to swift price and supply fluctuations caused by events relating to international politics, energy conservation, the success of exploration projects, and tax and other governmental regulatory policies. Weak demand for the companies' products or services or for energy products and services in



general, as well as negative developments in these other areas, would adversely impact the Fund's performance. Oil and gas equipment and services can be significantly affected by natural disasters as well as changes in exchange rates, interest rates, government regulation, world events and economic conditions. These companies may be at risk for environmental damage claims.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not done so.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Energy Sector Risk:** Issuers in energy-related industries can be significantly affected by fluctuations in energy prices and supply and demand of energy fuels. Markets for various energy-related commodities can have significant volatility, and are subject to control or manipulation by large producers or purchasers. Companies in the energy sector may need to make substantial expenditures, and to incur significant amounts of debt, in order to maintain or expand their reserves. Oil and gas exploration and production can be significantly affected by natural disasters as well as changes in exchange rates, interest rates, government regulation, world events and economic conditions. These companies may be at risk for environmental damage claims.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations

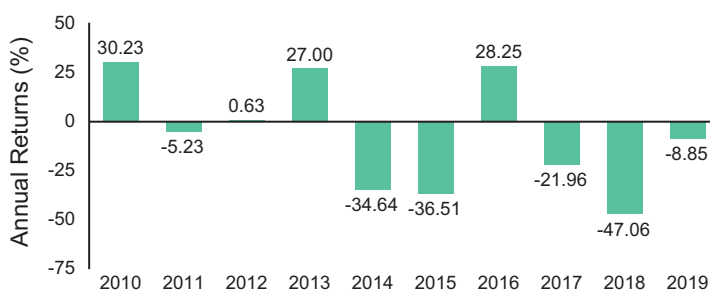
on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes “non-diversified,” the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund’s performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund’s average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund’s past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 28.36% (Q1, 2019)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -45.98% (Q4, 2018)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund’s Calendar Year-To-Date return was -64.82%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|  | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Return Before Taxes  | -8.85%      | -21.06%       | -10.88%      |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions  | -9.16%      | -21.36%       | -11.12%      |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares  | -5.03%      | -13.88%       | -6.92%       |
| S&P Oil & Gas Equipment & Services Select Industry Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | -8.64%      | -20.96%       | -10.73%      |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)  | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.56%       |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Melissa Kapitulik.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

Melissa Kapitulik is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. She joined the Adviser in 2006.

**PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION**

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

**TAX INFORMATION**

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# SPDR® S&P® Oil & Gas Exploration & Production ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Exploration & Production ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the oil and gas exploration and production segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.35% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.35% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$36   | \$113  | \$197  | \$443   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 41% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Oil & Gas Exploration & Production Select Industry Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index represents the oil and gas exploration and production segment of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The S&P TMI is designed to track the broad U.S. equity market. The oil and gas exploration and production segment of the S&P TMI comprises the following sub-industries: Integrated Oil & Gas, Oil & Gas Exploration & Production, and Oil & Gas Refining & Marketing. The Index is one of twenty-one (21) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&P TMI constituents belonging to the Integrated Oil & Gas, Oil & Gas Exploration & Production, and Oil & Gas Refining & Marketing sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) greater than or equal to 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) greater than or equal to 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&P TMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), NASDAQ Capital Market, Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX exchanges. The Index is modified equal weighted. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 41 stocks.

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**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Energy Sector Risk:** Issuers in energy-related industries can be significantly affected by fluctuations in energy prices and supply and demand of energy fuels. Markets for various energy-related commodities can have significant volatility, and are subject to control or manipulation by large producers or purchasers. Companies in the energy sector may need to make substantial expenditures, and to incur significant amounts of debt, in order to maintain or expand their reserves. Oil and gas exploration and production can be significantly affected by natural disasters as well as changes in exchange rates, interest rates, government regulation, world events and economic conditions. These companies may be at risk for environmental damage claims.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations

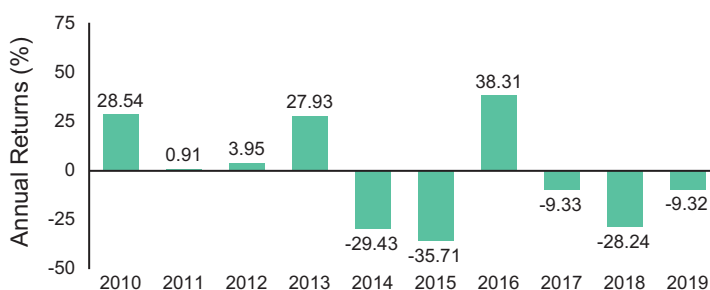
on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes “non-diversified,” the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund’s performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund’s average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund’s past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 24.94% (Q4, 2010)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -38.55% (Q4, 2018)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund’s Calendar Year-To-Date return was -54.54%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|  | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Return Before Taxes  | -9.32%      | -12.10%       | -4.39%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions  | -9.63%      | -12.37%       | -4.65%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares  | -5.30%      | -8.58%        | -3.08%       |
| S&P Oil & Gas Exploration & Production Select Industry Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | -9.15%      | -11.99%       | -4.25%       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)  | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.56%       |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

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### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

Olga Winner, CFA, is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. She joined the Adviser in 2007.

**PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION**

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

**TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

**PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# SPDR® S&P® Pharmaceuticals ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Pharmaceuticals ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the pharmaceuticals segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.35% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.35% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$36   | \$113  | \$197  | \$443   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 31% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Pharmaceuticals Select Industry Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index represents the pharmaceuticals segment of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The S&P TMI is designed to track the broad U.S. equity market. The pharmaceuticals segment of the S&P TMI comprises the Pharmaceuticals sub-industry. The Index is one of twenty-one (21) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&P TMI constituents belonging to the Pharmaceuticals sub-industry that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) greater than or equal to 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) greater than or equal to 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&P TMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), NASDAQ Capital Market, Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX exchanges. The Index is modified equal weighted. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 40 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Pharmaceuticals Companies Risk:** Pharmaceutical companies are heavily dependent on patent protection. The expiration of patents may adversely affect the profitability of the companies. Pharmaceutical companies are also subject to extensive litigation based on product liability and other similar claims. Many new products are subject to approval of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"). The process of obtaining FDA approval can be long and costly and approved products are susceptible to obsolescence. Pharmaceutical companies are also subject to heavy competitive forces that may make it difficult to raise prices and, in fact, may result in price discounting.



**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not done so.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Health Care Sector Risk:** Companies in the health care sector are subject to extensive government regulation and their profitability can be significantly affected by restrictions on government reimbursement for medical expenses, rising costs of medical products and services, pricing pressure (including price discounting), limited product lines and an increased emphasis on the delivery of healthcare through outpatient services. Companies in the health care sector are heavily dependent on obtaining and defending patents, which may be time consuming and costly, and the expiration of patents may also adversely affect the profitability of these companies. Health care companies are also subject to extensive litigation based on product liability and similar claims. In addition, their products can become obsolete due to industry innovation, changes in technologies or other market developments. Many new products in the health care sector require significant research and development and may be subject to regulatory approvals, all of which may be time consuming and costly with no guarantee that any product will come to market.

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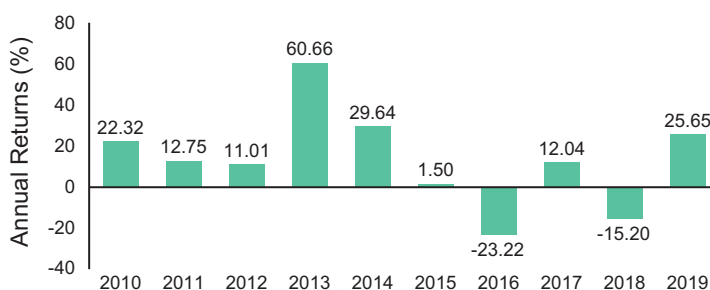
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## FUND PERFORMANCE

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### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 28.59% (Q4, 2019)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -24.56% (Q3, 2015)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund’s Calendar Year-To-Date return was -4.54%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|   | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Return Before Taxes   | 25.65%      | -1.44%        | 11.49%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions   | 25.44%      | -2.10%        | 10.77%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares                                   | 15.31%      | -1.30%        | 9.34%        |
| S&P Pharmaceuticals Select Industry Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 25.84%      | -1.27%        | 11.70%       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                             | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.56%       |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

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**PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION**

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**TAX INFORMATION**

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# SPDR® S&P Regional Banking ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Regional Banking ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the regional banking segment of the U.S. banking industry.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.35% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.35% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$36   | \$113  | \$197  | \$443   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 35% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Regional Banks Select Industry Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index represents the regional banks segment of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The S&P TMI is designed to track the broad U.S. equity market. The regional banks segment of the S&P TMI comprises the Regional Banks sub-industry. The Index is one of twenty-one (21) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&P TMI constituents belonging to the Regional Banks sub-industry that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) greater than or equal to 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) greater than or equal to 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&P TMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), NASDAQ Capital Market, Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX exchanges. The Index is modified equal weighted. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 130 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Banking Companies Risk:** The performance of bank stocks may be affected by extensive governmental regulation which may limit both the amounts and types of loans and other financial commitments they can make, and the interest rates and fees they can charge and the amount of capital they must maintain. Profitability is largely dependent on the availability and cost of capital funds, and can fluctuate significantly when interest rates change. Credit losses resulting from financial difficulties of borrowers can negatively impact banking companies. Banks may also be subject to severe price competition. Competition is high among banking companies and failure to maintain or increase market share may result in lost market value.



**Financial Institutions Risk:** Changes in the creditworthiness of financial institutions (such as banks and broker-dealers) may adversely affect the values of instruments of issuers in financial industries. Adverse developments in banking and other financial industries may cause the Fund to underperform relative to other funds that invest more broadly across different industries or have a smaller exposure to financial institutions. Changes in governmental regulation and oversight of financial institutions may have an adverse effect on the financial condition of a financial institution.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not done so.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

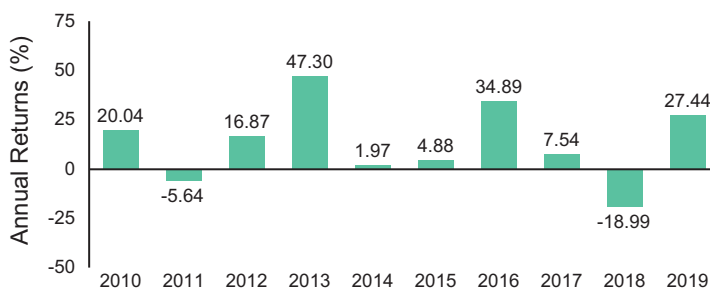
**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes "non-diversified," the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more

diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 32.01% (Q4, 2016)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -23.65% (Q3, 2011)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -36.84%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Effective October 24, 2011 (the "Benchmark Index Change Date"), the Fund's benchmark index changed from the KBW Regional Banking Index (the "Previous Benchmark Index") to the S&P Regional Banks Select Industry Index, consistent with a change in the Fund's principal investment strategy to track the performance of the current index. Performance of the Fund prior to the Benchmark Index Change Date is therefore based on the Fund's investment strategy to track the Previous Benchmark Index.

|  | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Return Before Taxes  | 27.44%      | 9.45%         | 12.06%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions  | 26.73%      | 8.95%         | 11.61%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares  | 16.68%      | 7.40%         | 9.97%        |
| S&P Regional Banks Select Industry Index/KBW Regional Banking Index <sup>1</sup> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 27.64%      | 9.83%         | 12.45%       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)  | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.56%       |

<sup>1</sup> Returns shown are reflective of the Index for periods beginning on the Benchmark Index Change Date and the Previous Benchmark Index for periods prior to the Benchmark Index Change Date.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Kala O'Donnell.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

Kala O'Donnell is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. She joined the Adviser in 1995.

**PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION**

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

**TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

**PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# SPDR® S&P Retail ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Retail ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the retail segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.35% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.35% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$36   | \$113  | \$197  | \$443   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 43% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Retail Select Industry Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index represents the retail segment of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The S&P TMI is designed to track the broad U.S. equity market. The retail segment of the S&P TMI comprises the following sub-industries: Apparel Retail, Automotive Retail, Computer & Electronic Retail, Department Stores, Drug Retail, Food Retailers, General Merchandise Stores, Hypermarkets & Super Centers, Internet & Direct Marketing Retail, and Specialty Stores. The Index is one of twenty-one (21) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&P TMI constituents belonging to the Apparel Retail, Automotive Retail, Computer & Electronic Retail, Department Stores, Drug Retail, Food Retailers, General Merchandise Stores, Hypermarkets & Super Centers, Internet & Direct Marketing Retail, and Specialty Stores sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) greater than or equal to 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) greater than or equal to 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&P TMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), NASDAQ Capital Market, Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX exchanges. The Index is modified equal weighted. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 82 stocks.

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**Retail Companies Risk:** Retail companies can be significantly affected by the performance of the domestic and international economy, consumer confidence and spending, intense competition, changes in demographics, and changing consumer tastes and preferences.



**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not done so.

**Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk:** The success of consumer product manufacturers and retailers is tied closely to the performance of the overall global economy, interest rates, competition and consumer confidence. Success depends heavily on disposable household income and consumer spending. Also, companies in the consumer discretionary sector may be subject to severe competition, which may have an adverse impact on their respective profitability. Changes in demographics and consumer tastes can also affect the demand for, and success of, consumer products and services in the marketplace.

**Consumer Staples Sector Risk:** Consumer staples companies are subject to government regulation affecting their products which may negatively impact such companies' performance. For instance, government regulations may affect the permissibility of using various food additives and production methods of companies that make food products, which could affect company profitability. Tobacco companies may be adversely affected by the adoption of proposed legislation and/or by litigation. Also, the success of food, beverage, household and personal product companies may be strongly affected by consumer interest, marketing campaigns and other factors affecting supply and demand, including performance of the overall domestic and global economy, interest rates, competition and consumer confidence and spending.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

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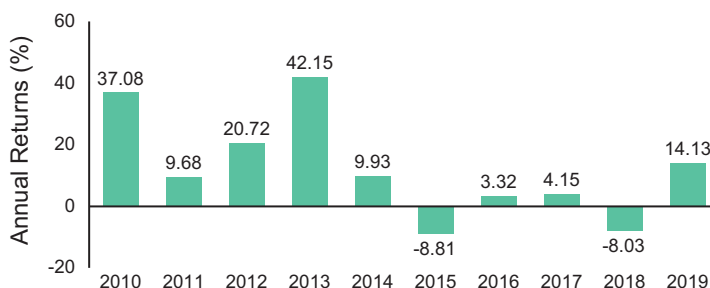
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## FUND PERFORMANCE

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### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 17.48% (Q3, 2010)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -19.38% (Q4, 2018)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was 8.97%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|  | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Return Before Taxes  | 14.13%      | 0.59%         | 11.32%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions  | 13.47%      | 0.14%         | 10.90%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares                          | 8.44%       | 0.32%         | 9.28%        |
| S&P Retail Select Industry Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 13.97%      | 0.64%         | 11.47%       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                    | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.56%       |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

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### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Ted Janowsky.

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### **PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION**

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### **TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

### **PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# SPDR® S&P Semiconductor ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Semiconductor ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the semiconductor segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.35% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.35% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$36   | \$113  | \$197  | \$443   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 21% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Semiconductor Select Industry Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index represents the semiconductors segment of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The S&P TMI is designed to track the broad U.S. equity market. The semiconductors segment of the S&P TMI comprises the Semiconductors sub-industry. The Index is one of twenty-one (21) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&P TMI constituents belonging to the Semiconductors sub-industry that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) greater than or equal to 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) greater than or equal to 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. If there are fewer than 35 stocks, stocks from the Semiconductor Equipment sub-industry that meet the market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are included in order of their float-adjusted market capitalization. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&P TMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), NASDAQ Capital Market, Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX exchanges. The Index is modified equal weighted. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 36 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Semiconductor Companies Risk:** The Fund is subject to the risk that market or economic factors impacting semiconductor companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund's investments. The value of stocks of semiconductor companies and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly vulnerable to rapid changes in product cycles, rapid product obsolescence, government regulation and competition, both domestically and internationally, including competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Semiconductor companies and companies that rely heavily on technology,



especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Additionally, semiconductor companies may face dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not done so.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

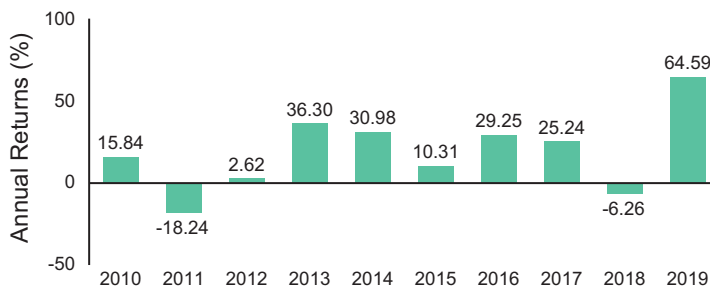
**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes "non-diversified," the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

**Technology Sector Risk:** Market or economic factors impacting technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund's investments. The value of stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly vulnerable to rapid changes in technology product cycles, rapid product obsolescence, government regulation and competition, both domestically and internationally, including competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Technology companies are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights, the loss or impairment of which may adversely affect profitability. Additionally, companies in the technology sector may face dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 21.41% (Q1, 2019)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -24.13% (Q3, 2011)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was 19.01%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|   | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Return Before Taxes   | 64.59%      | 22.47%        | 16.93%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions   | 64.36%      | 22.25%        | 16.75%       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares                                 | 38.36%      | 18.42%        | 14.43%       |
| S&P Semiconductor Select Industry Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 65.23%      | 22.72%        | 17.18%       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                           | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.56%       |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Kala O'Donnell.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

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Kala O'Donnell is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. She joined the Adviser in 1995.

**PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION**

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# SPDR® S&P Software & Services ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Software & Services ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the computer software segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.35% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.35% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$36   | \$113  | \$197  | \$443   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 31% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Software & Services Select Industry Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index represents the software and services segment of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The S&P TMI is designed to track the broad U.S. equity market. The software and services segment of the S&P TMI comprises the following sub-industries: Application Software, Data Processing & Outsourced Services, Interactive Home Entertainment, IT Consulting & Other Services, and Systems Software. The Index is one of twenty-one (21) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&P TMI constituents belonging to the Application Software, Data Processing & Outsourced Services, Interactive Home Entertainment, IT Consulting & Other Services, and Systems Software sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) greater than or equal to 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) greater than or equal to 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&P TMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), NASDAQ Capital Market, Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX exchanges. The Index is modified equal weighted. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 167 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

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**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Computer Software/Services Companies Risk:** Computer software/services companies can be significantly affected by competitive pressures, aggressive pricing, technological developments, changing domestic demand, the ability to attract and retain skilled employees and availability and price of components. The market for products produced by computer software/services companies is characterized by rapidly changing technology, rapid product obsolescence, cyclical market patterns, evolving industry standards and frequent new product introductions. The success of computer software/services companies depends in substantial part on the timely and successful introduction of new products and the ability to service such products. An unexpected change in one or more of the



technologies affecting an issuer's products or in the market for products based on a particular technology could have a material adverse effect on a participant's operating results.

Many computer software/services companies rely on a combination of patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secret laws to establish and protect their proprietary rights in their products and technologies. There can be no assurance that the steps taken by computer software/services companies to protect their proprietary rights will be adequate to prevent misappropriation of their technology or that competitors will not independently develop technologies that are substantially equivalent or superior to such companies' technology.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not done so.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

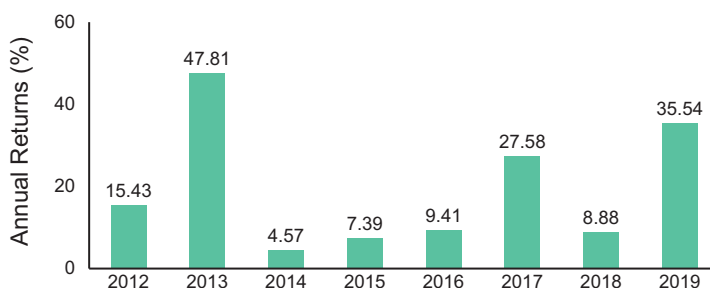
**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes “non-diversified,” the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

**Technology Sector Risk:** Market or economic factors impacting technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund’s investments. The value of stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly vulnerable to rapid changes in technology product cycles, rapid product obsolescence, government regulation and competition, both domestically and internationally, including competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Technology companies are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights, the loss or impairment of which may adversely affect profitability. Additionally, companies in the technology sector may face dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund’s performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund’s average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund’s past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

**ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS** (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 25.62% (Q1, 2019)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -17.08% (Q4, 2018)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund’s Calendar Year-To-Date return was 17.90%.

## AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|   | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Since Inception<br>(9/28/11) |
|---|-------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes   | 35.54%      | 17.21%        | 19.74%                       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions   | 35.50%      | 17.07%        | 19.38%                       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares                                       | 21.06%      | 13.92%        | 16.60%                       |
| S&P Software & Services Select Industry Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 35.93%      | 17.49%        | 20.07%                       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                                 | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 15.71%                       |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

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### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Melissa Kapitulik.

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Melissa Kapitulik is a Vice President of the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. She joined the Adviser in 2006.

#### **PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION**

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

#### **TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

#### **PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# SPDR® S&P Telecom ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Telecom ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the telecommunications segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.35% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.35% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$36   | \$113  | \$197  | \$443   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 44% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Telecom Select Industry Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index represents the telecommunications segment of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The S&P TMI is designed to track the broad U.S. equity market. The telecommunications segment of the S&P TMI comprises the following sub-industries: Alternative Carriers, Communications Equipment, Integrated Telecommunication Services, and Wireless Telecommunication Services. The Index is one of twenty-one (21) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&P TMI constituents belonging to the Alternative Carriers, Communications Equipment, Integrated Telecommunication Services, and Wireless Telecommunication Services sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) greater than or equal to 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) greater than or equal to 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&P TMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), NASDAQ Capital Market, Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX exchanges. The Index is modified equal weighted. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 43 stocks.

Should the Index not contain the required minimum of 35 qualifying companies, it may contain members of the Communications Equipment sub-industry.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Telecommunications Sector Risk:** The telecommunications industry is subject to extensive government regulation. The costs of complying with governmental regulations, delays or failure to receive required regulatory approvals or the enactment of new adverse regulatory requirements may adversely affect the business of the telecommunications companies. The telecommunications industry can also be significantly affected by intense



competition, including competition with alternative technologies such as wireless communications, product compatibility, consumer preferences, rapid product obsolescence and research and development of new products. Technological innovations may make the products and services of telecommunications companies obsolete. Other risks include uncertainties resulting from such companies' diversification into new domestic and international businesses, as well as agreements by any such companies linking future rate increases to inflation or other factors not directly related to the actual operating profits of the enterprise.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not done so.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

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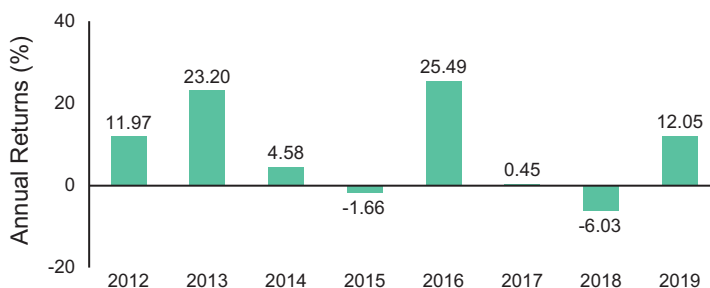
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diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 12.81% (Q3, 2016)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -17.11% (Q4, 2018)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -2.86%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|   | One Year | Five Years | Since Inception (1/26/11) |
|---|----------|------------|---------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes   | 12.05%   | 5.47%      | 5.08%                     |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions   | 11.80%   | 5.02%      | 4.68%                     |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares                           | 7.30%    | 4.16%      | 3.93%                     |
| S&P Telecom Select Industry Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 12.39%   | 5.43%      | 5.21%                     |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                     | 31.49%   | 11.70%     | 13.11%                    |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

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Michael Finocchi is a Principal of the Adviser and a Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. He joined the Adviser in 2005.

## PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

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market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the “bid-ask spread”). Recent information regarding the Fund’s NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

#### **TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund’s distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

#### **PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

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# SPDR® S&P Transportation ETF

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Transportation ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the transportation segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.35% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.35% |

## EXAMPLE:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$36   | \$113  | \$197  | \$443   |

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 29% of the average value of its portfolio.

## THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Transportation Select Industry Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index represents the transportation segment of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The S&P TMI is designed to track the broad U.S. equity market. The transportation segment of the S&P TMI comprises the following sub-industries: Air Freight & Logistics, Airlines, Airport Services, Highways & Rail Tracks, Marine, Marine Ports & Services, Railroads, and Trucking. The Index is one of twenty-one (21) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&P TMI constituents belonging to the Air Freight & Logistics, Airlines, Airport Services, Highways & Rail Tracks, Marine, Marine Ports & Services, Railroads, and Trucking sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) greater than or equal to 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) greater than or equal to 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&P TMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, Investors Exchange (IEX), NASDAQ Capital Market, Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX exchanges. The Index is modified equal weighted. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 42 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

As with all investments, there are certain risks of investing in the Fund. Fund Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Transportation Companies Risk:** Transportation companies can be significantly affected by changes in the economy, fuel prices, labor relations, technology developments, exchange rates, insurance costs, industry competition and government regulation.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times



when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not done so.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Industrial Sector Risk:** Industrial companies are affected by supply and demand both for their specific product or service and for industrial sector products in general. Government regulation, world events, exchange rates and economic conditions, technological developments and liabilities for environmental damage and general civil liabilities will likewise affect the performance of these companies. Aerospace and defense companies, a component of the industrial sector, can be significantly affected by government spending policies because companies involved in this industry rely, to a significant extent, on U.S. and foreign government demand for their products and services. Thus, the financial condition of, and investor interest in, aerospace and defense companies are heavily influenced by governmental defense spending policies which are typically under pressure from efforts to control the U.S. (and other) government budgets. Transportation securities, a component of the industrial sector, are cyclical and have occasional sharp price movements which may result from changes in the economy, fuel prices, labor agreements and insurance costs.

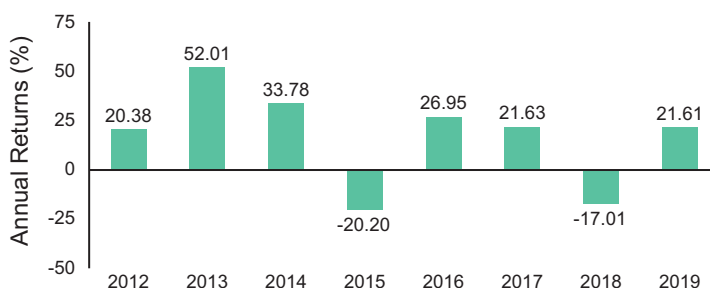
**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes “non-diversified,” the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund’s performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund’s average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund’s past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 21.72% (Q1, 2013)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -19.88% (Q4, 2018)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund’s Calendar Year-To-Date return was -9.22%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|  | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Since Inception<br>(1/26/11) |
|--|-------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes  | 21.61%      | 4.46%         | 11.81%                       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions  | 21.25%      | 4.23%         | 11.62%                       |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares                                  | 13.02%      | 3.43%         | 9.75%                        |
| S&P Transportation Select Industry Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 22.05%      | 4.80%         | 12.20%                       |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                            | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.11%                       |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Michael Finocchi.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

Michael Finocchi is a Principal of the Adviser and a Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. He joined the Adviser in 2005.

## PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as “Creation Units.” Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

#### **TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

#### **PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# SPDR® Wells Fargo® Preferred Stock ETF

**INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The SPDR Wells Fargo Preferred Stock ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index based upon Preferred Securities (as defined below).

**FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND**

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“Fund Shares”). You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

**ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fees                       | 0.45% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None  |
| Other expenses                        | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses  | 0.45% |

**EXAMPLE:**

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then sell all of your Fund Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$46   | \$144  | \$252  | \$567   |

**PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:**

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 36% of the average value of its portfolio.

**THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

In seeking to track the performance of Wells Fargo Hybrid and Preferred Securities Aggregate Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”) either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective. The Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; however, the Fund may become “non-diversified” solely as a result of tracking the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities). When the Fund is non-diversified, it may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a limited number of issuers.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the

Index, the Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts (a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index is a modified market capitalization weighted index designed to measure the performance of non-convertible preferred stock and securities that are functionally equivalent to preferred stock, including, but not limited to, depositary preferred securities, perpetual subordinated debt and certain securities issued by banks and other financial institutions that are eligible for capital treatment with respect to such instruments akin to that received for issuance of straight preferred stock (collectively, "Preferred Securities"). Preferred Securities generally pay fixed rate distributions and typically have "preference" over common stock in the payment of distributions and the liquidation of a company's assets — preference means that a company must pay distributions on its Preferred Securities before paying dividends on its common stock, and the claims of Preferred Securities holders are ahead of common stockholders' claims on assets in a corporate liquidation. The Index includes Preferred Securities that meet the following criteria: (i) are non-convertible; (ii) have a par amount of \$25; (iii) are listed on the New York Stock Exchange or NYSE Arca, Inc. ("NYSE Arca"); (iv) maintain a minimum par value of \$250 million; (v) are U.S. dollar denominated; (vi) are rated investment grade by one of Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or Standard & Poor's Financial Services, LLC ratings services; (vii) are publicly registered or exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933; and (viii) have a minimum monthly trading volume during each of the last six months of at least 250,000 trading units. The Index does not include auction rate preferred securities, convertible preferred shares, securities subject to sinking fund provisions, shares in closed-end funds, municipal securities, or repackaged securities linked to a security, a basket of securities or an index. The Index is rebalanced monthly, on the final NYSE Arca trading day of each month. Issuers of Preferred Securities may be either U.S. based or foreign. As of July 31, 2020, a significant portion of the Fund comprised companies in the financial and utilities sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of July 31, 2020, the Index comprised 163 Preferred Securities.

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## PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Preferred Securities Risk:** Generally, Preferred Security holders have no or limited voting rights with respect to the issuing company. In addition, Preferred Securities are subordinated to bonds and other debt instruments in a company's capital structure and therefore will be subject to greater credit risk than those debt instruments. Dividend payments on a Preferred Security typically must be declared by the issuer's board of directors. In the event an issuer of Preferred Securities experiences economic difficulties, the issuer's Preferred Securities may lose substantial value due to the reduced likelihood that the issuer's board of directors will declare a dividend and the fact that the Preferred Security may be subordinated to other securities of the same issuer. Further, because many Preferred Securities pay dividends at a fixed rate, their market price can be sensitive to changes in interest rates in a manner similar to bonds — that is, as interest rates rise, the value of the Preferred Securities held by the Fund are likely to decline. In addition, because many Preferred Securities allow holders to convert the Preferred Securities into common stock of the issuer, their market price can be sensitive to changes in the value of the issuer's common stock and, therefore, declining common stock values may also cause the value of the Fund's



investments to decline. Preferred securities often have call features which allow the issuer to redeem the security at its discretion. The redemption of a Preferred Security having a higher than average yield may cause a decrease in the Fund's yield.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Counterparty Risk:** The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and other transactions. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, the Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, or to recover collateral posted to the counterparty, resulting in a loss to the Fund. If the Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty.

**Depository Receipts Risk:** Investments in depository receipts may be less liquid and more volatile than the underlying securities in their primary trading market. If a depository receipt is denominated in a different currency than its underlying securities, the Fund will be subject to the currency risk of both the investment in the depository receipt and the underlying security. Holders of depository receipts may have limited or no rights to take action with respect to the underlying securities or to compel the issuer of the receipts to take action. The prices of depository receipts may differ from the prices of securities upon which they are based. To the extent the Fund invests in depository receipts based on securities included in the Index, such differences in prices may increase index tracking risk.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivative transactions can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. The counterparty to a derivatives contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations. A derivatives transaction may not behave in the manner anticipated by the Adviser or may not have the effect on the Fund anticipated by the Adviser.

**Financial Sector Risk:** Financial services companies are subject to extensive governmental regulation which may limit both the amounts and types of loans and other financial commitments they can make, the interest rates and fees they can charge, the scope of their activities, the prices they can charge and the amount of capital they must maintain. Profitability is largely dependent on the availability and cost of capital funds and can fluctuate significantly when interest rates change or due to increased competition. In addition, deterioration of the credit markets generally may cause an adverse impact in a broad range of markets, including U.S. and international credit and interbank money markets generally, thereby affecting a wide range of financial institutions and markets. Certain events in the financial sector may cause an unusually high degree of volatility in the financial markets, both domestic and foreign, and cause certain financial services companies to incur large losses. Securities of financial services companies may experience a dramatic decline in value when such companies experience substantial declines in the valuations of their assets, take action to raise capital (such as the issuance of debt or equity securities), or cease operations. Credit losses resulting from financial difficulties of borrowers and financial losses associated with investment activities can negatively impact the sector. Insurance companies may be subject to severe price competition. Adverse economic, business or political developments could adversely affect financial institutions engaged in mortgage finance or other lending or investing activities directly or indirectly connected to the value of real estate.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may

be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (*i.e.*, achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid securities and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** To the extent the Fund becomes "non-diversified," the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. The Fund may become non-diversified for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

**Non-U.S. Securities Risk:** Non-U.S. securities (including depositary receipts) are subject to political, regulatory, and economic risks not present in domestic investments. There may be less information publicly available about a non-U.S. entity than about a U.S. entity, and many non-U.S. entities are not subject to accounting, auditing, legal and financial report standards comparable to those in the United States. Further, such entities and/or their securities may be subject to risks associated with currency controls; expropriation; changes in tax policy; greater market volatility; differing securities market structures; higher transaction costs; and various administrative difficulties, such as delays in clearing and settling portfolio transactions or in receiving payment of dividends. To the extent underlying securities held by the Fund trade on foreign exchanges that are closed when the exchange on which the Fund's shares trade is open, there may be deviations between the current price of an underlying security and the last quoted price for the underlying security on the closed foreign market. These deviations could result in the Fund experiencing premiums or discounts greater than those of ETFs that invest in domestic securities. Securities traded on foreign markets may be less liquid (harder to sell) than securities traded domestically. Foreign governments may impose restrictions on the repatriation of capital to the U.S. In addition, to the extent that the Fund buys securities denominated in a foreign currency, there are special risks such as changes in currency exchange rates and the risk that a foreign government could regulate foreign exchange transactions. In addition, to the extent investments are made in a limited number of countries, events in those countries will have a more significant impact on the Fund. Investments in depositary receipts may be less liquid and more volatile than the underlying shares in their primary trading market.

**Unconstrained Sector Risk:** The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets within one or more economic sectors or industries, which may change from time to time. Greater investment focus on one or more sectors or industries increases the potential for volatility and the risk that events negatively affecting such sectors or industries could reduce returns, potentially causing the value of the Fund's Shares to decrease, perhaps significantly.

**Utilities Sector Risk:** Utility companies are affected by supply and demand, operating costs, government regulation, environmental factors, liabilities for environmental damage and general civil liabilities, and rate caps or rate changes. Although rate changes of a utility usually fluctuate in approximate correlation with financing costs, due to political and regulatory factors rate changes ordinarily occur only following a delay after the changes in financing costs. This factor will tend to favorably affect a regulated utility company's earnings and dividends in times of decreasing costs, but conversely, will tend to adversely affect earnings and dividends when costs are rising. The value of regulated utility debt securities (and, to a lesser extent, equity securities) may tend to have an inverse relationship to the movement of interest rates. Certain utility companies have experienced full or partial deregulation in recent years. These utility companies are frequently more similar to industrial companies in that they are subject to greater competition and have been permitted by regulators to diversify outside of their original geographic regions and their traditional lines of business. These opportunities may permit certain utility companies to earn more than their traditional regulated rates of return. Some companies, however, may be forced to defend

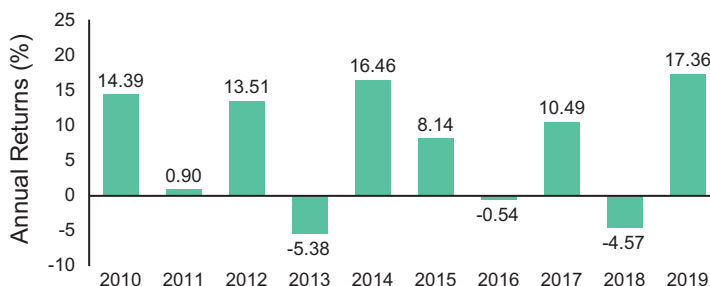
their core business and may be less profitable. In addition, natural disasters, terrorist attacks, government intervention or other factors may render a utility company's equipment unusable or obsolete and negatively impact profitability.

Among the risks that may affect utility companies are the following: risks of increases in fuel and other operating costs; the high cost of borrowing to finance capital construction during inflationary periods; restrictions on operations and increased costs and delays associated with compliance with environmental and nuclear safety regulations; and the difficulties involved in obtaining natural gas for resale or fuel for generating electricity at reasonable prices. Other risks include those related to the construction and operation of nuclear power plants, the effects of energy conservation and the effects of regulatory changes.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Index and of a relevant broad-based securities index. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by calling 1-866-787-2257 or visiting our website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

### ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)\*



Highest Quarterly Return: 10.56% (Q3, 2010)

Lowest Quarterly Return: -5.63% (Q4, 2016)

\* As of 9/30/2020, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was 1.98%.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/19)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares.

|   | One<br>Year | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Return Before Taxes   | 17.36%      | 5.89%         | 6.75%        |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions   | 15.26%      | 3.95%         | 4.67%        |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares   | 10.73%      | 3.90%         | 4.57%        |
| Wells Fargo Hybrid and Preferred Securities Aggregate Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 17.74%      | 6.25%         | 7.02%        |
| S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)   | 31.49%      | 11.70%        | 13.56%       |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Amy Scofield.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He worked at the Adviser from 1997 to 2006 and rejoined in 2010.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He joined the Adviser in 1997.

Amy Scofield is a Principal of the Adviser and a Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. She joined the Adviser in 2010.

## **PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION**

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash.

Individual Fund Shares may only be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc., other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund Shares trade at market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"), Fund Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Fund Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Fund Shares (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs>.

## **TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund's distributions are expected to be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Any withdrawals made from such tax-advantaged arrangement may be taxable to you.

## **PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase Fund Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for certain activities related to the Fund, including educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems, or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

## ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES INFORMATION

### PRINCIPAL STRATEGIES

*General.* Please see each Fund's "The Fund's Principal Investment Strategy" section under "Fund Summaries" above for a complete discussion of each Fund's principal investment strategies. A Fund may invest in various types of securities and engage in various investment techniques which are not the principal focus of the Fund and therefore are not described in this Prospectus. These securities, techniques and practices, together with their risks, are described in the Statement of Additional Information (the "SAI"), which you may obtain free of charge by contacting shareholder services (see the back cover of this Prospectus for the address and phone number).

The Adviser seeks to track the performance of each Fund's Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, obtain a high degree of correlation with the Index). A number of factors may affect a Fund's ability to achieve a high degree of correlation with its Index, and there can be no guarantee that a Fund will achieve a high degree of correlation. For example, a Fund may not be able to achieve a high degree of correlation with its Index when there are practical difficulties or substantial costs involved in compiling a portfolio of securities to follow the Index, when a security in the Index becomes temporarily illiquid, unavailable or less liquid, or legal restrictions exist that prohibit the Fund from investing in a security in the Index.

The Adviser will utilize a sampling strategy in managing the Funds. Sampling means that the Adviser uses quantitative analysis to select securities, including securities in the Index, outside of the Index and derivatives that have a similar investment profile as the relevant Index in terms of key risk factors, performance attributes and other economic characteristics. These include industry weightings, market capitalization, and other financial characteristics of securities. The quantity of holdings in a Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. In addition, from time to time, securities are added to or removed from each Index. The Adviser may sell securities that are represented in an Index, or purchase securities that are not yet represented in an Index, in anticipation of their removal from or addition to an Index. Further, the Adviser may choose to overweight securities in an Index, purchase or sell securities not in an Index, or utilize various combinations of other available techniques, in seeking to track an Index.

Certain of the Funds, as described in the SAI, have adopted a non-fundamental investment policy to invest at least 80% of their respective net assets, plus the amount of borrowings for investment purposes, in investments suggested by their respective names, measured at the time of investment. A Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any change in this non-fundamental 80% investment policy. The Board of Trustees of the Trust (the "Board") may change a Fund's investment strategy, Index and other policies without shareholder approval, except as otherwise indicated in this Prospectus or in the SAI. The Board may also change a Fund's investment objective without shareholder approval.

### NON-PRINCIPAL STRATEGIES

*Certain Other Investments.* Each Fund may invest in structured notes (notes on which the amount of principal repayment and interest payments are based on the movement of one or more specified factors such as the movement of a particular security or index), swaps, options and futures contracts. Swaps, options and futures contracts and structured notes may be used by a Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to its Index and in managing cash flows.

*Temporary Defensive Positions.* In certain situations or market conditions, a Fund may temporarily depart from its normal investment policies and strategies, provided that the alternative is consistent with the Fund's investment objective and is in the best interest of the Fund. For example, a Fund may make larger than normal investments in derivatives to maintain exposure to its Index if it is unable to invest directly in a component security.

*Borrowing Money.* Each Fund may borrow money from a bank as permitted by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended ("1940 Act"), or other governing statute, by the Rules thereunder, or by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") or other regulatory agency with authority over the Fund, but only for temporary or emergency purposes. Each Fund may also invest in reverse repurchase agreements, which are considered borrowings under the 1940 Act. Although the 1940 Act presently allows a Fund to borrow from any bank (including pledging, mortgaging or



hypothecating assets) in an amount up to 33 1/3% of its total assets (not including temporary borrowings not in excess of 5% of its total assets), and there is no percentage limit on Fund assets that can be used in connection with reverse repurchase agreements, under normal circumstances any borrowings by a Fund will not exceed 10% of the Fund's total assets.

*Lending of Securities.* Each Fund may lend its portfolio securities in an amount not to exceed 40% of the value of its net assets via a securities lending program through its securities lending agent, State Street Bank and Trust Company ("State Street" or the "Lending Agent"), to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions desiring to borrow securities to complete transactions and for other purposes. A securities lending program allows a Fund to receive a portion of the income generated by lending its securities and investing the respective collateral. A Fund will receive collateral for each loaned security which is at least equal to the market value of that security, marked to market each trading day. In the securities lending program, the borrower generally has the right to vote the loaned securities; however, a Fund may call loans to vote proxies if a material issue affecting the Fund's economic interest in the investment is to be voted upon. Security loans may be terminated at any time by a Fund.

## ADDITIONAL RISK INFORMATION

The following section provides information regarding the principal risks identified under "Principal Risks of Investing in the Fund" in each Fund Summary along with additional risk information. Risk information is applicable to all Funds unless otherwise noted.

### PRINCIPAL RISKS

The tables below identify the principal risks of investing in each Fund.

| Fund Name  | SPDR Dow Jones REIT ETF | SPDR FactSet Innovative Technology ETF | SPDR Global Dow ETF | SPDR MSCI USA Strategic Factors ETF | SPDR NYSE Technology ETF | SPDR Portfolio S&P 1500 Composite Stock Market ETF | SPDR Portfolio S&P 400 Mid Cap ETF | SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 ETF |
|--|-------------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Aerospace and Defense Companies Risk</b>      |                         |  |                     |                                     |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| <b>Banking Companies Risk</b>                    |                         |  |                     |                                     |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| <b>Biotechnology Companies Risk</b>              |                         |  |                     |                                     |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| <b>Capital Markets Companies Risk</b>            |                         |  |                     |                                     |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| <b>Clean Power Companies Risk</b>                |                         |  |                     |                                     |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| <b>Communication Services Sector Risk</b>        |                         |  |                     |                                     |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| <b>Computer Software/Services Companies Risk</b> |                         |  |                     |                                     |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| <b>Concentration Risk</b>                        | x                       | x                                      |                     |                                     | x                        |  |                                    |                            |
| <b>Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk</b>        |                         |  |                     |                                     | x                        |  |                                    |                            |
| <b>Consumer Staples Sector Risk</b>              |                         |  |                     |                                     |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| <b>Counterparty Risk</b>                         | x                       | x                                      | x                   | x                                   | x                        | x  | x                                  | x                          |
| <b>Currency Risk</b>                             |                         |  | x                   |                                     |                          |  |                                    |                            |

| Fund Name   | SPDR Dow Jones REIT ETF | SPDR FactSet Innovative Technology ETF | SPDR Global Dow ETF | SPDR MSCI USA StrategicFactors ETF | SPDR NYSE Technology ETF | SPDR Portfolio S&P 1500 Composite Stock Market ETF | SPDR Portfolio S&P 400 Mid Cap ETF | SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 ETF |
|---|-------------------------|--|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cybersecurity Companies Risk                                      |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Cybersecurity-Related Risk  |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Depository Receipts Risk  |                         | x                                      | x                   |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Derivatives Risk  | x                       | x                                      | x                   | x                                  | x                        | x  | x                                  | x                          |
| Futures Contract Risk; Other Exchange-Traded Derivatives Risk     | x                       | x                                      | x                   | x                                  | x                        | x  | x                                  | x                          |
| Dividend Paying Securities Risk                                   |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Drone Companies Risk  |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Electronics Companies Risk  |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Emerging Markets Risk   |                         |  | x                   |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Energy Sector Risk  |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Equity Investing Risk   | x                       | x                                      | x                   | x                                  | x                        | x  | x                                  | x                          |
| ESG Investing Risk  |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Financial Institutions Risk                                       |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Financial Sector Risk   |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk | x                       | x                                      | x                   | x                                  | x                        | x  | x                                  | x                          |
| Fossil Fuel Reserves Free Ownership Risk                          |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Growth Stock Risk   |                         | x                                      |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Health Care Equipment Companies Risk                              |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Health Care Sector Risk   |                         |  |                     | x                                  |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Health Care Services Companies Risk                               |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Homebuilding Companies Risk                                       |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk                             | x                       | x                                      | x                   | x                                  | x                        | x  | x                                  | x                          |
| Industrial Sector Risk  |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  | x                                  |                            |
| Infrastructure-Related Companies Risk                             |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Insurance Companies Risk  |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Internet Segment Risk   |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Large-Capitalization Securities Risk                              |                         |  |                     | x                                  |                          |  |                                    | x                          |

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Leveraging Risk                      | X                       | X                                      | X                   | X                                  | X                        | X  | X                                  | X                          |
| Liquidity Risk                       | X                       | X                                      | X                   | X                                  | X                        | X  | X                                  | X                          |
| Low Volatility Risk                  |                         |  |                     | X                                  |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Market Risk                          | X                       | X                                      | X                   | X                                  | X                        | X  | X                                  | X                          |
| Materials Sector Risk                |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Metals and Mining Companies Risk     |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk   |                         |  |                     | X                                  |                          |  | X                                  |                            |
| Momentum Risk                        |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| New Economies Companies Risk         |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| New Fund Risk                        |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Non-Diversification Risk             | X                       | X                                      | X                   | X                                  | X                        | X  | X                                  | X                          |
| Non-U.S. Securities Risk             |                         |  | X                   |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Oil and Gas Companies Risk           |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Pharmaceuticals Companies Risk       |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Preferred Securities Risk            |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Quality Risk                         |                         |  |                     | X                                  |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Real Estate Sector Risk              | X                       |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| REIT Risk                            | X                       |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Retail Companies Risk                |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Semiconductor Companies Risk         |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Settlement Risk                      |                         |  | X                   |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Small-Capitalization Securities Risk |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Technology Sector Risk               |                         | X                                      |                     | X                                  | X                        | X  | X                                  | X                          |
| Electronic Media Companies Risk      |                         | X                                      |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Telecommunications Sector Risk       |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Transportation Companies Risk        |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |
| Unconstrained Sector Risk            |                         |  | X                   | X                                  |                          | X  | X                                  | X                          |
| Utilities Sector Risk                |                         |  |                     |                                    |                          |  |                                    |                            |

| Fund Name        | <i>SPDR Dow Jones REIT ETF</i> | <i>SPDR FactSet Innovative Technology ETF</i> | <i>SPDR Global Dow ETF</i> | <i>SPDR MSCI USA StrategicFactors ETF</i> | <i>SPDR NYSE Technology ETF</i> | <i>SPDR Portfolio S&amp;P 1500 Composite Stock Market ETF</i> | <i>SPDR Portfolio S&amp;P 400 Mid Cap ETF</i> | <i>SPDR Portfolio S&amp;P 500 ETF</i> |
|------------------|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| Valuation Risk   |                                |   | X                          | X   |                                 |   | X   |                                       |
| Value Stock Risk |                                |   |                            | X   |                                 |   |   |                                       |

| Fund Name   | SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 Growth ETF | SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 High Dividend ETF | SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 Value ETF | SPDR Portfolio S&P 600 Small Cap ETF | SPDR Russell 1000 Low Volatility Focus ETF | SPDR Russell 1000 Momentum Focus ETF | SPDR Russell 1000 Yield Focus ETF | SPDR S&P 1500 Momentum Tilt ETF |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Aerospace and Defense Companies Risk                              |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Banking Companies Risk  |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Biotechnology Companies Risk                                      |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Capital Markets Companies Risk                                    |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Clean Power Companies Risk  |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Communication Services Sector Risk                                |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Computer Software/Services Companies Risk                         |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Concentration Risk  |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk                                | x                                 |  |                                  | x                                    | x  | x                                    | x                                 |                                 |
| Consumer Staples Sector Risk                                      |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Counterparty Risk   | x                                 | x  | x                                | x                                    | x  | x                                    | x                                 | x                               |
| Currency Risk   |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Cybersecurity Companies Risk                                      |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Cybersecurity-Related Risk  |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Depository Receipts Risk  |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Derivatives Risk  | x                                 | x  | x                                | x                                    | x  | x                                    | x                                 | x                               |
| Futures Contract Risk; Other Exchange-Traded Derivatives Risk     | x                                 | x  | x                                | x                                    | x  | x                                    | x                                 | x                               |
| Dividend Paying Securities Risk                                   |                                   | x  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      | x                                 |                                 |
| Drone Companies Risk  |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Electronics Companies Risk  |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Emerging Markets Risk   |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Energy Sector Risk  |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Equity Investing Risk   | x                                 | x  | x                                | x                                    | x  | x                                    | x                                 | x                               |
| ESG Investing Risk  |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Financial Institutions Risk                                       |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Financial Sector Risk   |                                   | x  | x                                | x                                    | x  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk | x                                 | x  | x                                | x                                    | x  | x                                    | x                                 | x                               |
| Fossil Fuel Reserves Free Ownership Risk                          |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Growth Stock Risk   | x                                 |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |



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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Health Care Equipment Companies Risk  |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Health Care Sector Risk               |                                   |  | X                                |                                      |  |                                      |                                   | X                               |
| Health Care Services Companies Risk   |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Homebuilding Companies Risk           |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk | X                                 | X  | X                                | X                                    | X  | X                                    | X                                 | X                               |
| Industrial Sector Risk                |                                   | X  |                                  | X                                    |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Infrastructure-Related Companies Risk |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Insurance Companies Risk              |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Internet Segment Risk                 |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Large-Capitalization Securities Risk  | X                                 | X  | X                                |                                      | X  | X                                    | X                                 |                                 |
| Leveraging Risk                       | X                                 | X  | X                                | X                                    | X  | X                                    | X                                 | X                               |
| Liquidity Risk                        | X                                 | X  | X                                | X                                    | X  | X                                    | X                                 | X                               |
| Low Volatility Risk                   |                                   |  |                                  |                                      | X  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Market Risk                           | X                                 | X  | X                                | X                                    | X  | X                                    | X                                 | X                               |
| Materials Sector Risk                 |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Metals and Mining Companies Risk      |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk    |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Momentum Risk                         |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  | X                                    |                                   | X                               |
| New Economies Companies Risk          |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| New Fund Risk                         |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Non-Diversification Risk              | X                                 | X  | X                                | X                                    | X  | X                                    | X                                 | X                               |
| Non-U.S. Securities Risk              |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Oil and Gas Companies Risk            |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Pharmaceuticals Companies Risk        |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Preferred Securities Risk             |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Quality Risk                          |                                   |  |                                  |                                      | X  | X                                    | X                                 |                                 |
| Real Estate Sector Risk               |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| REIT Risk                             |                                   | X  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Retail Companies Risk                 |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |
| Semiconductor Companies Risk          |                                   |  |                                  |                                      |  |                                      |                                   |                                 |

| Fund Name                            | <i>SPDR Portfolio S&amp;P 500 Growth ETF</i> | <i>SPDR Portfolio S&amp;P 500 High Dividend ETF</i> | <i>SPDR Portfolio S&amp;P 500 Value ETF</i> | <i>SPDR Portfolio S&amp;P 600 Small Cap ETF</i> | <i>SPDR Russell 1000 Low Volatility Focus ETF</i> | <i>SPDR Russell 1000 Momentum Focus ETF</i> | <i>SPDR Russell 1000 Yield Focus ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P 1500 Momentum Tilt ETF</i> |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| Settlement Risk                      |  |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| Small-Capitalization Securities Risk |  |   |   | X   |   |   |  |  |
| Technology Sector Risk               | X  |   |   |   |   | X   |  | X  |
| Electronic Media Companies Risk      |  |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| Telecommunications Sector Risk       |  |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| Transportation Companies Risk        |  |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| Unconstrained Sector Risk            | X  | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X  | X  |
| Utilities Sector Risk                |  |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| Valuation Risk                       |  |   |   | X   |   |   |  |  |
| Value Stock Risk                     |  |   | X   |   | X   | X   | X  |  |

| Fund Name   | SPDR S&P 1500 Value Tilt ETF | SPDR S&P 400 Mid Cap Growth ETF | SPDR S&P 400 Mid Cap Value ETF | SPDR S&P 500 ESG ETF | SPDR S&P 500 Fossil Fuel Reserves Free ETF | SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap ETF | SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap Growth ETF | SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap Value ETF |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Aerospace and Defense Companies Risk                              |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Banking Companies Risk  |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Biotechnology Companies Risk                                      |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Capital Markets Companies Risk                                    |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Clean Power Companies Risk  |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Communication Services Sector Risk                                |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Computer Software/Services Companies Risk                         |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Concentration Risk  |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk                                |                              | X                               |                                |                      |  | X                          | X                                 | X                                |
| Consumer Staples Sector Risk                                      |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Counterparty Risk   | X                            | X                               | X                              | X                    | X  | X                          | X                                 | X                                |
| Currency Risk   |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Cybersecurity Companies Risk                                      |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Cybersecurity-Related Risk  |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Depository Receipts Risk  |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Derivatives Risk  | X                            | X                               | X                              | X                    | X  | X                          | X                                 | X                                |
| Futures Contract Risk; Other Exchange-Traded Derivatives Risk     | X                            | X                               | X                              | X                    | X  | X                          | X                                 | X                                |
| Dividend Paying Securities Risk                                   |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Drone Companies Risk  |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Electronics Companies Risk  |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Emerging Markets Risk   |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Energy Sector Risk  |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Equity Investing Risk   | X                            | X                               | X                              | X                    | X  | X                          | X                                 | X                                |
| ESG Investing Risk  |                              |                                 |                                | X                    |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Financial Institutions Risk                                       |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Financial Sector Risk   | X                            |                                 | X                              |                      |  | X                          |                                   | X                                |
| Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk | X                            | X                               | X                              | X                    | X  | X                          | X                                 | X                                |
| Fossil Fuel Reserves Free Ownership Risk                          |                              |                                 |                                |                      | X  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Growth Stock Risk   |                              | X                               |                                |                      |  |                            | X                                 |                                  |

| Fund Name                             | SPDR S&P 1500 Value Tilt ETF | SPDR S&P 400 Mid Cap Growth ETF | SPDR S&P 400 Mid Cap Value ETF | SPDR S&P 500 ESG ETF | SPDR S&P 500 Fossil Fuel Reserves Free ETF | SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap ETF | SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap Growth ETF | SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap Value ETF |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Health Care Equipment Companies Risk  |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Health Care Sector Risk               |                              | X                               |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Health Care Services Companies Risk   |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Homebuilding Companies Risk           |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk | X                            | X                               | X                              | X                    | X  | X                          | X                                 | X                                |
| Industrial Sector Risk                |                              | X                               |                                |                      |  | X                          | X                                 | X                                |
| Infrastructure-Related Companies Risk |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Insurance Companies Risk              |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Internet Segment Risk                 |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Large-Capitalization Securities Risk  |                              |                                 |                                | X                    | X  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Leveraging Risk                       | X                            | X                               | X                              | X                    | X  | X                          | X                                 | X                                |
| Liquidity Risk                        | X                            | X                               | X                              | X                    | X  | X                          | X                                 | X                                |
| Low Volatility Risk                   |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Market Risk                           | X                            | X                               | X                              | X                    | X  | X                          | X                                 | X                                |
| Materials Sector Risk                 |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Metals and Mining Companies Risk      |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk    |                              | X                               | X                              |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Momentum Risk                         |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| New Economies Companies Risk          |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| New Fund Risk                         |                              |                                 |                                | X                    |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Non-Diversification Risk              | X                            | X                               | X                              | X                    | X  | X                          | X                                 | X                                |
| Non-U.S. Securities Risk              |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Oil and Gas Companies Risk            |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Pharmaceuticals Companies Risk        |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Preferred Securities Risk             |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Quality Risk                          |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Real Estate Sector Risk               |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| REIT Risk                             |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Retail Companies Risk                 |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |
| Semiconductor Companies Risk          |                              |                                 |                                |                      |  |                            |                                   |                                  |

| Fund Name                                   | <i>SPDR S&amp;P 1500 Value Tilt ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P 400 Mid Cap Growth ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P 400 Mid Cap Value ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P 500 ESG ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P 500 Fossil Fuel Reserves Free ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P 600 Small Cap ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P 600 Small Cap Growth ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P 600 Small Cap Value ETF</i> |
|---|---|--|---|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Settlement Risk</b>                      |   |  |   |                                 |   |                                       |  |   |
| <b>Small-Capitalization Securities Risk</b> |   |  |   |                                 |   | X                                     | X  | X   |
| <b>Technology Sector Risk</b>               |   |  |   | X                               | X   |                                       | X  |   |
| <b>Electronic Media Companies Risk</b>      |   |  |   |                                 |   |                                       |  |   |
| <b>Telecommunications Sector Risk</b>       |   |  |   |                                 |   |                                       |  |   |
| <b>Transportation Companies Risk</b>        |   |  |   |                                 |   |                                       |  |   |
| <b>Unconstrained Sector Risk</b>            | X                                       | X  | X   | X                               | X   | X                                     | X  | X   |
| <b>Utilities Sector Risk</b>                |   |  |   |                                 |   |                                       |  |   |
| <b>Valuation Risk</b>                       |   | X  | X   |                                 |   | X                                     | X  | X   |
| <b>Value Stock Risk</b>                     | X                                       |  | X   |                                 |   |                                       |  | X   |



| Fund Name   | SPDR S&P Aerospace & Defense ETF | SPDR S&P Bank ETF | SPDR S&P Biotech ETF | SPDR S&P Capital Markets ETF | SPDR S&P Dividend ETF | SPDR S&P Health Care Equipment ETF | SPDR S&P Health Care Services ETF | SPDR S&P Homebuilders ETF |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Aerospace and Defense Companies Risk                              | x                                |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Banking Companies Risk  |                                  | x                 |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Biotechnology Companies Risk                                      |                                  |                   | x                    |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Capital Markets Companies Risk                                    |                                  |                   |                      | x                            |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Clean Power Companies Risk  |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Communication Services Sector Risk                                |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Computer Software/Services Companies Risk                         |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Concentration Risk  | x                                | x                 | x                    | x                            |                       | x                                  | x                                 | x                         |
| Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk                                |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   | x                         |
| Consumer Staples Sector Risk                                      |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Counterparty Risk   | x                                | x                 | x                    | x                            | x                     | x                                  | x                                 | x                         |
| Currency Risk   |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Cybersecurity Companies Risk                                      |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Cybersecurity-Related Risk  |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Depository Receipts Risk  |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Derivatives Risk  | x                                | x                 | x                    | x                            | x                     | x                                  | x                                 | x                         |
| Futures Contract Risk; Other Exchange-Traded Derivatives Risk     | x                                | x                 | x                    | x                            | x                     | x                                  | x                                 | x                         |
| Dividend Paying Securities Risk                                   |                                  |                   |                      |                              | x                     |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Drone Companies Risk  |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Electronics Companies Risk  |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Emerging Markets Risk   |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Energy Sector Risk  |                                  |                   |                      |                              | x                     |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Equity Investing Risk   | x                                | x                 | x                    | x                            | x                     | x                                  | x                                 | x                         |
| ESG Investing Risk  |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Financial Institutions Risk                                       |                                  | x                 |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Financial Sector Risk   |                                  |                   |                      | x                            |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk | x                                | x                 | x                    | x                            | x                     | x                                  | x                                 | x                         |
| Fossil Fuel Reserves Free Ownership Risk                          |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Growth Stock Risk   |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Health Care Equipment Companies Risk                              |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       | x                                  |                                   |                           |

| Fund Name                             | SPDR S&P Aerospace & Defense ETF | SPDR S&P Bank ETF | SPDR S&P Biotech ETF | SPDR S&P Capital Markets ETF | SPDR S&P Dividend ETF | SPDR S&P Health Care Equipment ETF | SPDR S&P Health Care Services ETF | SPDR S&P Homebuilders ETF |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Health Care Sector Risk               |                                  |                   | X                    |                              |                       | X                                  | X                                 |                           |
| Health Care Services Companies Risk   |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    | X                                 |                           |
| Homebuilding Companies Risk           |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   | X                         |
| Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk | X                                | X                 | X                    | X                            | X                     | X                                  | X                                 | X                         |
| Industrial Sector Risk                | X                                |                   |                      |                              | X                     |                                    |                                   | X                         |
| Infrastructure-Related Companies Risk |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Insurance Companies Risk              |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Internet Segment Risk                 |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Large-Capitalization Securities Risk  |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Leveraging Risk                       | X                                | X                 | X                    | X                            | X                     | X                                  | X                                 | X                         |
| Liquidity Risk                        | X                                | X                 | X                    | X                            | X                     | X                                  | X                                 | X                         |
| Low Volatility Risk                   |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Market Risk                           | X                                | X                 | X                    | X                            | X                     | X                                  | X                                 | X                         |
| Materials Sector Risk                 |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Metals and Mining Companies Risk      |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk    |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Momentum Risk                         |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| New Economies Companies Risk          |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| New Fund Risk                         |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Non-Diversification Risk              | X                                | X                 | X                    | X                            | X                     | X                                  | X                                 | X                         |
| Non-U.S. Securities Risk              |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Oil and Gas Companies Risk            |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Pharmaceuticals Companies Risk        |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Preferred Securities Risk             |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Quality Risk                          |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Real Estate Sector Risk               |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| REIT Risk                             |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Retail Companies Risk                 |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   | X                         |
| Semiconductor Companies Risk          |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Settlement Risk                       |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Small-Capitalization Securities Risk  |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |
| Technology Sector Risk                |                                  |                   |                      |                              |                       |                                    |                                   |                           |

| Fund Name                       | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Aerospace &amp; Defense ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Bank ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Biotech ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Capital Markets ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Dividend ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Health Care Equipment ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Health Care Services ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Homebuilders ETF</i> |
|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| Electronic Media Companies Risk |   |                              |                                 |   |                                  |   |  |                                      |
| Telecommunications Sector Risk  |   |                              |                                 |   |                                  |   |  |                                      |
| Transportation Companies Risk   |   |                              |                                 |   |                                  |   |  |                                      |
| Unconstrained Sector Risk       |   |                              |                                 |   | x                                |   |  |                                      |
| Utilities Sector Risk           |   |                              |                                 |   |                                  |   |  |                                      |
| Valuation Risk                  |   |                              |                                 |   |                                  |   |  |                                      |
| Value Stock Risk                |   |                              |                                 |   |                                  |   |  |                                      |

| Fund Name  | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Insurance ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Internet ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Kensho Clean Power ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Kensho Final Frontiers ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Kensho Future Security ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Kensho Intelligent Structures ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Kensho New Economies Composite ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Kensho Smart Mobility ETF</i> |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| <b>Aerospace and Defense Companies Risk</b>                              |                                   |                                  |  | X  | X  |   |  |   |
| <b>Banking Companies Risk</b>  |                                   |                                  |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| <b>Biotechnology Companies Risk</b>                                      |                                   |                                  |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| <b>Capital Markets Companies Risk</b>                                    |                                   |                                  |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| <b>Clean Power Companies Risk</b>  |                                   |                                  | X  |  |  |   |  |   |
| <b>Communication Services Sector Risk</b>                                |                                   | X                                |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| <b>Computer Software/Services Companies Risk</b>                         |                                   |                                  |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| <b>Concentration Risk</b>  | X                                 | X                                | X  | X  | X  | X   | X  | X   |
| <b>Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk</b>                                |                                   | X                                |  |  |  |   |  | X   |
| <b>Consumer Staples Sector Risk</b>                                      |                                   |                                  |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| <b>Counterparty Risk</b>   | X                                 | X                                | X  | X  | X  | X   | X  | X   |
| <b>Currency Risk</b>   |                                   |                                  |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| <b>Cybersecurity Companies Risk</b>                                      |                                   |                                  |  |  | X  |   |  |   |
| <b>Cybersecurity-Related Risk</b>  |                                   |                                  | X  | X  | X  | X   | X  | X   |
| <b>Depository Receipts Risk</b>  |                                   |                                  | X  | X  | X  | X   | X  | X   |
| <b>Derivatives Risk</b>  | X                                 | X                                | X  | X  | X  | X   | X  | X   |
| <b>Futures Contract Risk; Other Exchange-Traded Derivatives Risk</b>     | X                                 | X                                | X  | X  | X  | X   | X  | X   |
| <b>Dividend Paying Securities Risk</b>                                   |                                   |                                  |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| <b>Drone Companies Risk</b>  |                                   |                                  |  | X  |  |   |  |   |
| <b>Electronics Companies Risk</b>  |                                   |                                  |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| <b>Emerging Markets Risk</b>   |                                   |                                  | X  | X  | X  | X   | X  | X   |
| <b>Energy Sector Risk</b>  |                                   |                                  |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| <b>Equity Investing Risk</b>   | X                                 | X                                | X  | X  | X  | X   | X  | X   |
| <b>ESG Investing Risk</b>  |                                   |                                  |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| <b>Financial Institutions Risk</b>                                       |                                   |                                  |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| <b>Financial Sector Risk</b>   | X                                 |                                  |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| <b>Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk</b> | X                                 | X                                | X  | X  | X  | X   | X  | X   |
| <b>Fossil Fuel Reserves Free Ownership Risk</b>                          |                                   |                                  |  |  |  |   |  |   |

| Fund Name                             | SPDR S&P Insurance ETF | SPDR S&P Internet ETF | SPDR S&P Kensho Clean Power ETF | SPDR S&P Kensho Final Frontiers ETF | SPDR S&P Kensho Future Security ETF | SPDR S&P Kensho Intelligent Structures ETF | SPDR S&P Kensho New Economies Composite ETF | SPDR S&P Kensho Smart Mobility ETF |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|
| Growth Stock Risk                     |                        |                       |                                 |                                     |                                     |  |   |                                    |
| Health Care Equipment Companies Risk  |                        |                       |                                 |                                     |                                     |  |   |                                    |
| Health Care Sector Risk               |                        |                       |                                 |                                     |                                     |  | X   |                                    |
| Health Care Services Companies Risk   |                        |                       |                                 |                                     |                                     |  |   |                                    |
| Homebuilding Companies Risk           |                        |                       |                                 |                                     |                                     |  |   |                                    |
| Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk | X                      | X                     | X                               | X                                   | X                                   | X  | X   | X                                  |
| Industrial Sector Risk                |                        |                       | X                               | X                                   | X                                   | X  | X   | X                                  |
| Infrastructure-Related Companies Risk |                        |                       |                                 |                                     |                                     | X  |   |                                    |
| Insurance Companies Risk              | X                      |                       |                                 |                                     |                                     |  |   |                                    |
| Internet Segment Risk                 |                        | X                     |                                 |                                     |                                     |  |   |                                    |
| Large-Capitalization Securities Risk  |                        |                       | X                               | X                                   | X                                   | X  | X   | X                                  |
| Leveraging Risk                       | X                      | X                     | X                               | X                                   | X                                   | X  | X   | X                                  |
| Liquidity Risk                        | X                      | X                     | X                               | X                                   | X                                   | X  | X   | X                                  |
| Low Volatility Risk                   |                        |                       |                                 |                                     |                                     |  |   |                                    |
| Market Risk                           | X                      | X                     | X                               | X                                   | X                                   | X  | X   | X                                  |
| Materials Sector Risk                 |                        |                       |                                 |                                     |                                     |  |   |                                    |
| Metals and Mining Companies Risk      |                        |                       |                                 |                                     |                                     |  |   |                                    |
| Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk    |                        |                       | X                               | X                                   | X                                   | X  | X   | X                                  |
| Momentum Risk                         |                        |                       |                                 |                                     |                                     |  |   |                                    |
| New Economies Companies Risk          |                        |                       |                                 |                                     |                                     |  | X   |                                    |
| New Fund Risk                         |                        |                       |                                 |                                     |                                     |  |   |                                    |
| Non-Diversification Risk              | X                      | X                     | X                               | X                                   | X                                   | X  | X   | X                                  |
| Non-U.S. Securities Risk              |                        |                       | X                               | X                                   | X                                   | X  | X   | X                                  |
| Oil and Gas Companies Risk            |                        |                       |                                 |                                     |                                     |  |   |                                    |
| Pharmaceuticals Companies Risk        |                        |                       |                                 |                                     |                                     |  |   |                                    |
| Preferred Securities Risk             |                        |                       |                                 |                                     |                                     |  |   |                                    |
| Quality Risk                          |                        |                       |                                 |                                     |                                     |  |   |                                    |
| Real Estate Sector Risk               |                        |                       |                                 |                                     |                                     |  |   |                                    |
| REIT Risk                             |                        |                       |                                 |                                     |                                     |  |   |                                    |



| Fund Name                            | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Insurance ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Internet ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Kensho Clean Power ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Kensho Final Frontiers ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Kensho Future Security ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Kensho Intelligent Structures ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Kensho New Economies Composite ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Kensho Smart Mobility ETF</i> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| Retail Companies Risk                |                                   |                                  |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| Semiconductor Companies Risk         |                                   |                                  |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| Settlement Risk                      |                                   |                                  | X  | X  | X  | X   | X  | X   |
| Small-Capitalization Securities Risk |                                   |                                  | X  | X  | X  | X   | X  | X   |
| Technology Sector Risk               |                                   | X                                | X  | X  | X  | X   | X  | X   |
| Electronic Media Companies Risk      |                                   |                                  |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| Telecommunications Sector Risk       |                                   |                                  |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| Transportation Companies Risk        |                                   |                                  |  |  |  |   |  | X   |
| Unconstrained Sector Risk            |                                   |                                  |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| Utilities Sector Risk                |                                   |                                  | X  |  |  |   |  |   |
| Valuation Risk                       |                                   |                                  | X  | X  | X  | X   | X  | X   |
| Value Stock Risk                     |                                   |                                  |  |  |  |   |  |   |

| Fund Name   | SPDR S&P Metals & Mining ETF | SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Equipment & Services ETF | SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Exploration & Production ETF | SPDR S&P Pharmaceuticals ETF | SPDR S&P Regional Banking ETF | SPDR S&P Retail ETF | SPDR S&P Semiconductor ETF | SPDR S&P Software & Services ETF |
|---|------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Aerospace and Defense Companies Risk                              |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Banking Companies Risk  |                              |   |   |                              | X                             |                     |                            |                                  |
| Biotechnology Companies Risk                                      |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Capital Markets Companies Risk                                    |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Clean Power Companies Risk  |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Communication Services Sector Risk                                |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Computer Software/Services Companies Risk                         |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            | X                                |
| Concentration Risk  | X                            | X   | X   | X                            | X                             | X                   | X                          | X                                |
| Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk                                |                              |   |   |                              |                               | X                   |                            |                                  |
| Consumer Staples Sector Risk                                      |                              |   |   |                              |                               | X                   |                            |                                  |
| Counterparty Risk   | X                            | X   | X   | X                            | X                             | X                   | X                          | X                                |
| Currency Risk   |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Cybersecurity Companies Risk                                      |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Cybersecurity-Related Risk  |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Depository Receipts Risk  |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Derivatives Risk  | X                            | X   | X   | X                            | X                             | X                   | X                          | X                                |
| Futures Contract Risk; Other Exchange-Traded Derivatives Risk     | X                            | X   | X   | X                            | X                             | X                   | X                          | X                                |
| Dividend Paying Securities Risk                                   |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Drone Companies Risk  |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Electronics Companies Risk  |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Emerging Markets Risk   |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Energy Sector Risk  |                              | X   | X   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Equity Investing Risk   | X                            | X   | X   | X                            | X                             | X                   | X                          | X                                |
| ESG Investing Risk  |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Financial Institutions Risk                                       |                              |   |   |                              | X                             |                     |                            |                                  |
| Financial Sector Risk   |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk | X                            | X   | X   | X                            | X                             | X                   | X                          | X                                |
| Fossil Fuel Reserves Free Ownership Risk                          |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |

| Fund Name                             | SPDR S&P Metals & Mining ETF | SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Equipment & Services ETF | SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Exploration & Production ETF | SPDR S&P Pharmaceuticals ETF | SPDR S&P Regional Banking ETF | SPDR S&P Retail ETF | SPDR S&P Semiconductor ETF | SPDR S&P Software & Services ETF |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Growth Stock Risk                     |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Health Care Equipment Companies Risk  |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Health Care Sector Risk               |                              |   |   | X                            |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Health Care Services Companies Risk   |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Homebuilding Companies Risk           |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk | X                            | X   | X   | X                            | X                             | X                   | X                          | X                                |
| Industrial Sector Risk                |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Infrastructure-Related Companies Risk |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Insurance Companies Risk              |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Internet Segment Risk                 |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Large-Capitalization Securities Risk  |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Leveraging Risk                       | X                            | X   | X   | X                            | X                             | X                   | X                          | X                                |
| Liquidity Risk                        | X                            | X   | X   | X                            | X                             | X                   | X                          | X                                |
| Low Volatility Risk                   |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Market Risk                           | X                            | X   | X   | X                            | X                             | X                   | X                          | X                                |
| Materials Sector Risk                 | X                            |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Metals and Mining Companies Risk      | X                            |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk    |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Momentum Risk                         |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| New Economies Companies Risk          |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| New Fund Risk                         |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Non-Diversification Risk              | X                            | X   | X   | X                            | X                             | X                   | X                          | X                                |
| Non-U.S. Securities Risk              |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Oil and Gas Companies Risk            |                              | X   | X   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Pharmaceuticals Companies Risk        |                              |   |   | X                            |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Preferred Securities Risk             |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Quality Risk                          |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| Real Estate Sector Risk               |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |
| REIT Risk                             |                              |   |   |                              |                               |                     |                            |                                  |

| Fund Name                            | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Metals &amp; Mining ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Oil &amp; Gas Equipment &amp; Services ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Oil &amp; Gas Exploration &amp; Production ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Pharmaceuticals ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Regional Banking ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Retail ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Semiconductor ETF</i> | <i>SPDR S&amp;P Software &amp; Services ETF</i> |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Retail Companies Risk                |   |  |  |   |  | X                              |                                       |   |
| Semiconductor Companies Risk         |   |  |  |   |  |                                | X                                     |   |
| Settlement Risk                      |   |  |  |   |  |                                |                                       |   |
| Small-Capitalization Securities Risk |   |  |  |   |  |                                |                                       |   |
| Technology Sector Risk               |   |  |  |   |  |                                | X                                     | X   |
| Electronic Media Companies Risk      |   |  |  |   |  |                                |                                       |   |
| Telecommunications Sector Risk       |   |  |  |   |  |                                |                                       |   |
| Transportation Companies Risk        |   |  |  |   |  |                                |                                       |   |
| Unconstrained Sector Risk            |   |  |  |   |  |                                |                                       |   |
| Utilities Sector Risk                |   |  |  |   |  |                                |                                       |   |
| Valuation Risk                       |   |  |  |   |  |                                |                                       |   |
| Value Stock Risk                     |   |  |  |   |  |                                |                                       |   |

| Fund Name   | SPDR S&P Telecom ETF | SPDR S&P Transportation ETF | SPDR Wells Fargo Preferred Stock ETF |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Aerospace and Defense Companies Risk                              |                      |                             |                                      |
| Banking Companies Risk  |                      |                             |                                      |
| Biotechnology Companies Risk                                      |                      |                             |                                      |
| Capital Markets Companies Risk                                    |                      |                             |                                      |
| Clean Power Companies Risk  |                      |                             |                                      |
| Communication Services Sector Risk                                |                      |                             |                                      |
| Computer Software/Services Companies Risk                         |                      |                             |                                      |
| Concentration Risk  | x                    | x                           |                                      |
| Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk                                |                      |                             |                                      |
| Consumer Staples Sector Risk                                      |                      |                             |                                      |
| Counterparty Risk   | x                    | x                           | x                                    |
| Currency Risk   |                      |                             |                                      |
| Cybersecurity Companies Risk                                      |                      |                             |                                      |
| Cybersecurity-Related Risk  |                      |                             |                                      |
| Depository Receipts Risk  |                      |                             | x                                    |
| Derivatives Risk  | x                    | x                           | x                                    |
| Futures Contract Risk; Other Exchange-Traded Derivatives Risk     | x                    | x                           | x                                    |
| Dividend Paying Securities Risk                                   |                      |                             |                                      |
| Drone Companies Risk  |                      |                             |                                      |
| Electronics Companies Risk  |                      |                             |                                      |
| Emerging Markets Risk   |                      |                             |                                      |
| Energy Sector Risk  |                      |                             |                                      |
| Equity Investing Risk   | x                    | x                           | x                                    |
| ESG Investing Risk  |                      |                             |                                      |
| Financial Institutions Risk                                       |                      |                             |                                      |
| Financial Sector Risk   |                      |                             | x                                    |
| Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk | x                    | x                           | x                                    |
| Fossil Fuel Reserves Free Ownership Risk                          |                      |                             |                                      |
| Growth Stock Risk   |                      |                             |                                      |
| Health Care Equipment Companies Risk                              |                      |                             |                                      |
| Health Care Sector Risk   |                      |                             |                                      |
| Health Care Services Companies Risk                               |                      |                             |                                      |



| Fund Name                             | SPDR S&P Telecom ETF | SPDR S&P Transportation ETF | SPDR Wells Fargo Preferred Stock ETF |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Homebuilding Companies Risk           |                      |                             |                                      |
| Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk | X                    | X                           | X                                    |
| Industrial Sector Risk                |                      | X                           |                                      |
| Infrastructure-Related Companies Risk |                      |                             |                                      |
| Insurance Companies Risk              |                      |                             |                                      |
| Internet Segment Risk                 |                      |                             |                                      |
| Large-Capitalization Securities Risk  |                      |                             |                                      |
| Leveraging Risk                       | X                    | X                           | X                                    |
| Liquidity Risk                        | X                    | X                           | X                                    |
| Low Volatility Risk                   |                      |                             |                                      |
| Market Risk                           | X                    | X                           | X                                    |
| Materials Sector Risk                 |                      |                             |                                      |
| Metals and Mining Companies Risk      |                      |                             |                                      |
| Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk    |                      |                             |                                      |
| Momentum Risk                         |                      |                             |                                      |
| New Economies Companies Risk          |                      |                             |                                      |
| New Fund Risk                         |                      |                             |                                      |
| Non-Diversification Risk              | X                    | X                           | X                                    |
| Non-U.S. Securities Risk              |                      |                             | X                                    |
| Oil and Gas Companies Risk            |                      |                             |                                      |
| Pharmaceuticals Companies Risk        |                      |                             |                                      |
| Preferred Securities Risk             |                      |                             | X                                    |
| Quality Risk                          |                      |                             |                                      |
| Real Estate Sector Risk               |                      |                             |                                      |
| REIT Risk                             |                      |                             |                                      |
| Retail Companies Risk                 |                      |                             |                                      |
| Semiconductor Companies Risk          |                      |                             |                                      |
| Settlement Risk                       |                      |                             | X                                    |
| Small-Capitalization Securities Risk  |                      |                             |                                      |
| Technology Sector Risk                |                      |                             |                                      |
| Electronic Media Companies Risk       |                      |                             |                                      |
| Telecommunications Sector Risk        | X                    |                             |                                      |

| Fund Name                     | SPDR S&P Telecom ETF | SPDR S&P Transportation ETF | SPDR Wells Fargo Preferred Stock ETF |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Transportation Companies Risk |                      | X                           |                                      |
| Unconstrained Sector Risk     |                      |                             | X                                    |
| Utilities Sector Risk         |                      |                             | X                                    |
| Valuation Risk                |                      |                             |                                      |
| Value Stock Risk              |                      |                             |                                      |

*Aerospace and Defense Companies Risk.* Aerospace and defense companies can be significantly affected by government aerospace and defense regulation and spending policies because companies involved in this industry rely to a significant extent on U.S. (and other) government demand for their products and services. Thus, the financial condition of, and investor interest in, aerospace and defense companies are heavily influenced by governmental defense spending policies which are typically under pressure from efforts to control the U.S. (and other) government budgets.

*Banking Companies Risk.* The performance of bank stocks may be affected by extensive governmental regulation which may limit both the amounts and types of loans and other financial commitments they can make, and the interest rates and fees they can charge and the amount of capital they must maintain. Profitability is largely dependent on the availability and cost of capital funds, and can fluctuate significantly when interest rates change. Credit losses resulting from financial difficulties of borrowers can negatively impact the banking companies. Banks may also be subject to severe price competition. Competition among banking companies is high and failure to maintain or increase market share may result in lost market value.

*Biotechnology Companies Risk.* Biotech companies invest heavily in research and development which may not necessarily lead to commercially successful products. These companies are also subject to increased governmental regulation which may delay or inhibit the release of new products. Many biotech companies are dependent upon their ability to use and enforce intellectual property rights and patents. Any impairment of such rights may have adverse financial consequences. Biotech stocks, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Biotech companies can be significantly affected by technological change and obsolescence, product liability lawsuits and consequential high insurance costs.

*Capital Markets Companies Risk.* Companies within an Index can be significantly affected by stock and bank trading activity, changes in governmental regulation, continuing increases in price competition, decreases in fees or fee-related business, including investment banking, brokerage, asset management and other servicing fees, fluctuation in interest rates and other factors which could adversely affect financial markets.

*Clean Power Companies Risk.* Clean power companies may be highly dependent upon government subsidies, contracts with government entities, and the successful development of new and proprietary technologies. Clean power companies may be affected by competition from new and existing market entrants, obsolescence of technology, short product cycles, changes in exchange rates, imposition of import controls, and depletion of resources. In addition, seasonal weather conditions, fluctuations in supply of and demand for clean energy products or services, and international political events may cause fluctuations in the performance of clean power companies and the prices of their securities. Risks associated with fluctuations in energy prices and supply and demand of alternative energy fuels, energy conservation, the success of exploration projects and tax and other government regulations can significantly affect clean power companies. The supply and demand for oil and gas, the price of oil and gas, production spending, government regulation, world events and economic conditions may also affect clean power companies.

*Communication Services Sector Risk.* Communication services companies are particularly vulnerable to the potential obsolescence of products and services due to technological advancement and the innovation of competitors. Companies in the communication services sector may also be affected by other competitive pressures, such as pricing competition, as well as research and development costs, substantial capital requirements and government regulation. Additionally, fluctuating domestic and international demand, shifting demographics and often unpredictable changes in consumer tastes can drastically affect a communication services company's profitability. While all companies may be susceptible to network security breaches, certain companies in the communication services sector may be particular targets of hacking and potential theft of proprietary or consumer information or disruptions in service, which could have a material adverse effect on their businesses.

*Computer Software/Services Companies Risk.* Computer software/services companies can be significantly affected by competitive pressures, aggressive pricing, technological developments, changing domestic demand, the ability to attract and retain skilled employees and availability and price of components. The market for products produced by computer software/services companies is characterized by rapidly changing technology, rapid product obsolescence, cyclical market patterns, evolving industry standards and frequent new product introductions. The success of computer

software/services companies depends in substantial part on the timely and successful introduction of new products and the ability to service such products. An unexpected change in one or more of the technologies affecting an issuer's products or in the market for products based on a particular technology could have a material adverse effect on a participant's operating results.

Many computer software/services companies rely on a combination of patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secret laws to establish and protect their proprietary rights in their products and technologies. There can be no assurance that the steps taken by computer software/services companies to protect their proprietary rights will be adequate to prevent misappropriation of their technology or that competitors will not independently develop technologies that are substantially equivalent or superior to such companies' technology.

*Concentration Risk.* A Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Fund's underlying Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. When a Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not focused its assets in that industry, market, or economic sector, which may increase the volatility of the Fund.

*Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk.* The success of consumer product manufacturers and retailers is tied closely to the performance of the overall global economy, interest rates, competition and consumer confidence. Success depends heavily on disposable household income and consumer spending. Also, companies in the consumer discretionary sector may be subject to severe competition, which may have an adverse impact on their respective profitability. Changes in demographics and consumer tastes can also affect the demand for, and success of, consumer products and services in the marketplace.

*Consumer Staples Sector Risk.* Consumer staples companies are subject to government regulation affecting their products which may negatively impact such companies' performance. For instance, government regulations may affect the permissibility of using various food additives and production methods of companies that make food products, which could affect company profitability. Tobacco companies may be adversely affected by the adoption of proposed legislation and/or by litigation. Also, the success of food, beverage, household and personal products companies may be strongly affected by consumer interest, marketing campaigns and other factors affecting supply and demand, including performance of the overall domestic and international economy, interest rates, competition and consumer confidence and spending.

*Counterparty Risk.* A Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts and other transactions such as repurchase agreements or reverse repurchase agreements. A Fund's ability to profit from these types of investments and transactions will depend on the willingness and ability of its counterparty to perform its obligations. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, a Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, resulting in a loss to the Fund. A Fund may experience significant delays in obtaining any recovery in an insolvency, bankruptcy, or other reorganization proceeding involving its counterparty (including recovery of any collateral posted by it) and may obtain only a limited recovery or may obtain no recovery in such circumstances. If a Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty. Under applicable law or contractual provisions, including if a Fund enters into an investment or transaction with a financial institution and such financial institution (or an affiliate of the financial institution) experiences financial difficulties, then the Fund may in certain situations be prevented or delayed from exercising its rights to terminate the investment or transaction, or to realize on any collateral and may result in the suspension of payment and delivery obligations of the parties under such investment or transactions or in another institution being substituted for that financial institution without the consent of the Fund. Further, a Fund may be subject to "bail-in" risk under applicable law whereby, if required by the financial institution's authority, the financial institution's liabilities could be written down, eliminated or converted into equity or an alternative instrument of ownership. A bail-in of a financial institution may result in a reduction in value of some or all of its securities and, if a Fund holds such securities or has entered into a transaction with such a financial security when a bail-in occurs, such Fund may also be similarly impacted.

*Currency Risk.* Investments in issuers in different countries are often denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Changes in the values of those currencies relative to the U.S. dollar may have a positive or negative effect on the values of a Fund's investments denominated in those currencies. The values of other currencies relative to the

U.S. dollar may fluctuate in response to, among other factors, interest rate changes, intervention (or failure to intervene) by national governments, central banks, or supranational entities such as the International Monetary Fund, the imposition of currency controls, and other political or regulatory developments. Currency values can decrease significantly both in the short term and over the long term in response to these and other developments. Continuing uncertainty as to the status of the Euro and the Economic and Monetary Union of the European Union (the “EMU”) has created significant volatility in currency and financial markets generally. Any partial or complete dissolution of the EMU, or any continued uncertainty as to its status, could have significant adverse effects on currency and financial markets, and on the values of a Fund’s portfolio investments.

*Cybersecurity Companies Risk.* Companies in the cybersecurity field face intense competition, both domestically and internationally, which may have an adverse effect on profit margins. Cybersecurity companies may have limited product lines, markets, financial resources or personnel. The products of cybersecurity companies may face obsolescence due to rapid technological developments and frequent new product introduction, and such companies may face unpredictable changes in growth rates, competition for the services of qualified personnel and competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Companies in the cybersecurity field are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights. The loss or impairment of these rights may adversely affect the profitability of these companies.

*Cybersecurity-Related Risk.* The companies included in the Index rely on technologies such as the Internet and depend on computer systems to perform business and operational functions, and therefore may be prone to operational and information security risks resulting from cyber-attacks and/or technological malfunctions. Cyber-attacks include, among others, stealing or corrupting data maintained online or digitally, preventing legitimate users from accessing information or services on a website, releasing confidential information without authorization, and causing operational disruption. In general, cyber-attacks are deliberate, but unintentional events may have similar effects. Successful cyber-attacks against, or security breakdowns of, a company included in the Index may result in material adverse consequences for such company, as well as other companies included in the Index, and may cause a Fund’s investments to lose value.

*Depository Receipts Risk.* American Depositary Receipts (“ADRs”) are typically trust receipts issued by a U.S. bank or trust company that evidence an indirect interest in underlying securities issued by a foreign entity. Global Depositary Receipts (“GDRs”), European Depositary Receipts (“EDRs”), and other types of depository receipts are typically issued by non-U.S. banks or financial institutions to evidence an interest in underlying securities issued by either a U.S. or a non-U.S. entity. Investments in non-U.S. issuers through ADRs, GDRs, EDRs, and other types of depository receipts generally involve risks applicable to other types of investments in non-U.S. issuers. Investments in depository receipts may be less liquid and more volatile than the underlying securities in their primary trading market. If a depository receipt is denominated in a different currency than its underlying securities, a Fund will be subject to the currency risk of both the investment in the depository receipt and the underlying security. There may be less publicly available information regarding the issuer of the securities underlying a depository receipt than if those securities were traded directly in U.S. securities markets. Depository receipts may or may not be sponsored by the issuers of the underlying securities, and information regarding issuers of securities underlying unsponsored depository receipts may be more limited than for sponsored depository receipts. The values of depository receipts may decline for a number of reasons relating to the issuers or sponsors of the depository receipts, including, but not limited to, insolvency of the issuer or sponsor. Holders of depository receipts may have limited or no rights to take action with respect to the underlying securities or to compel the issuer of the receipts to take action. The prices of depository receipts may differ from the prices of securities upon which they are based. To the extent a Fund invests in depository receipts based on securities included in its Index, such differences in prices may increase index tracking risk.

*Derivatives Risk.* A derivative is a financial contract the value of which depends on, or is derived from, the value of an underlying asset, interest rate, or index. Derivative transactions typically involve leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a loss greater than the principal amount invested, and a Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. Risks associated with derivative instruments include potential changes in value in response to interest rate changes or other market developments or as a result of the counterparty’s credit quality; the potential for the derivative transaction not to have the effect the Adviser anticipated or a different or less favorable effect than the Adviser anticipated; the failure of the counterparty to the derivative transaction to perform its obligations under the transaction or to settle a trade; possible mispricing or improper valuation of the derivative instrument; imperfect correlation in the value of a derivative with the asset, rate, or



index underlying the derivative; the risk that a Fund may be required to post collateral or margin with its counterparty, and will not be able to recover the collateral or margin in the event of the counterparty's insolvency or bankruptcy; the risk that a Fund will experience losses on its derivatives investments and on its other portfolio investments, even when the derivatives investments may be intended in part or entirely to hedge those portfolio investments; the risks specific to the asset underlying the derivative instrument; lack of liquidity for the derivative instrument, including without limitation absence of a secondary trading market; the potential for reduced returns to a Fund due to losses on the transaction and an increase in volatility; the potential for the derivative transaction to have the effect of accelerating the recognition of gain; and legal risks arising from the documentation relating to the derivative transaction.

*Futures Contract Risk; Other Exchange-Traded Derivatives Risk.* The risk of loss relating to the use of futures contracts and other exchange-traded derivatives is potentially unlimited. The ability to establish and close out positions in futures contracts and other exchange-traded derivatives will be subject to the development and maintenance of a liquid secondary market. There is no assurance that a liquid secondary market on an exchange will exist for any particular futures contract or other exchange-traded derivative or at any particular time. In the event no such market exists for a particular derivative, it might not be possible to effect closing transactions, and the Fund will be unable to terminate the derivative. In using futures contracts and other exchange-traded derivatives, the Fund will be reliant on the ability of the Adviser to predict market and price movements correctly; the skills needed to use such derivatives successfully are different from those needed for traditional portfolio management. If the Fund uses futures contracts or other exchange-traded derivatives for hedging purposes, there is a risk of imperfect correlation between movements in the prices of the derivatives and movements in the securities or index underlying the derivatives or movements in the prices of the Fund's investments that are the subject of such hedge. The prices of futures and other exchange-traded derivatives, for a number of reasons, may not correlate perfectly with movements in the securities or index underlying them. For example, participants in the futures markets and in markets for other exchange-traded derivatives are subject to margin deposit requirements. Such requirements may cause investors to take actions with respect to their derivatives positions that they would not otherwise take. The margin requirements in the derivatives markets may be less onerous than margin requirements in the securities markets in general, and as a result those markets may attract more speculators than the securities markets do. Increased participation by speculators in those markets may cause temporary price distortions. Due to the possibility of price distortion, even a correct forecast of general market trends by the Adviser still may not result in a successful derivatives activity over a very short time period. The risk of a position in a futures contract or other exchange-traded derivative may be very large compared to the relatively low level of margin the Fund is required to deposit. In many cases, a relatively small price movement in a futures contract may result in immediate and substantial loss or gain to the investor relative to the size of a required margin deposit. The Fund will incur brokerage fees in connection with its exchange-traded derivatives transactions. The Fund will typically be required to post margin with its futures commission merchant in connection with its transactions in futures contracts and other exchange-traded derivatives. In the event of an insolvency of the futures commission merchant or a clearing house, the Fund may not be able to recover all (or any) of the margin it has posted with the futures commission merchant, or to realize the value of any increase in the price of its positions, or it may experience a significant delay in doing so. The Fund also may be delayed or prevented from recovering margin or other amounts deposited with a futures commission merchant or futures clearinghouse. The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "CFTC") and the various exchanges have established limits referred to as "speculative position limits" on the maximum net long or net short positions that any person and certain affiliated entities may hold or control in a particular futures contract. Trading limits are imposed on the number of contracts that any person may trade on a particular trading day. An exchange may order the liquidation of positions found to be in violation of these limits and it may impose sanctions or restrictions. In addition, the Dodd-Frank Act requires the CFTC to establish speculative position limits on certain commodity futures contracts and their economically equivalent futures, options and swaps. Regulatory action taken by the CFTC to establish these additional position limits may adversely affect the market liquidity of the futures, options and economically equivalent derivatives in which the Fund may invest. It is possible that, as a result of such limits, the Fund's Adviser will be precluded from taking positions in certain futures contracts or over-the-counter derivatives as a result of positions held by other clients of the Adviser or by the Adviser or its affiliates themselves.

Futures contracts and other exchange-traded derivatives traded on markets outside the U.S. are not generally subject to the same level of regulation by the CFTC or other U.S. regulatory entities as contracts traded in the U.S., including without limitation as to the execution, delivery, and clearing of transactions. U.S. regulators neither

regulate the activities of a foreign exchange, nor have the power to compel enforcement of the rules of the foreign exchange or the laws of the foreign country in question. Margin and other payments made by a Fund may not be afforded the same protections as are afforded those payments in the U.S., including in connection with the insolvency of an executing or clearing broker or a clearinghouse or exchange. Certain foreign futures contracts and other exchange-traded derivatives may be less liquid and more volatile than U.S. contracts.

*Dividend Paying Securities Risk.* Securities that pay dividends, as a group, can fall out of favor with the market, causing such companies to underperform companies that do not pay dividends. In addition, changes in the dividend policies of the companies held by a Fund or the capital resources available for such company's dividend payments may adversely affect the Fund.

*Drone Companies Risk.* Drone companies may have limited product lines, markets, financial resources or personnel and are subject to the risks of changes in business cycles, world economic growth, technological progress, and government regulation. Securities of drone companies, especially smaller, start-up companies, tend to be more volatile than securities of companies that do not rely heavily on technology. These companies may face intense competition and potentially rapid product obsolescence. In addition, drone companies may be dependent on the U.S. government and its agencies for a significant portion of their sales, and their success and growth may be dependent on their ability to win future government contracts. As a result, such companies may be negatively affected by budgetary constraints, spending reductions, congressional appropriations, and administrative allocations of funds that affect the U.S. government and its agencies. Drone companies may rely on a combination of patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secret laws to establish and protect their proprietary rights in their products and technologies, and may be adversely affected by loss or impairment of those rights. Legal and regulatory changes may have an impact on a drone company's products or services. In addition, drone companies may also be subject to increasing regulatory constraints that may limit the sale or use of a company's products, including the need to obtain regulatory approvals from certain government agencies. Drone companies typically engage in significant amounts of spending on research and development, and there is no guarantee that the products or services produced by these companies will be successful.

*Electronics Companies Risk.* Electronics companies can be significantly affected by competitive pressures, aggressive pricing, technological developments, changing domestic demand, the ability to attract and retain skilled employees and availability and price of components. The market for products is characterized by rapidly changing technology, rapid product obsolescence, cyclical market patterns, evolving industry standards and frequent new product introductions. The success of electronics companies depends in substantial part on the timely and successful introduction of new products. An unexpected change in one or more of the technologies affecting an issuer's products or in the market for products based on a particular technology could have a material adverse effect on a participant's operating results. Electronic companies may rely on a combination of patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secret laws to establish and protect their proprietary rights in their products and technologies. There can be no assurance that the steps taken by such companies to protect their proprietary rights will be adequate to prevent misappropriation of their technology or that competitors will not independently develop technologies that are substantially equivalent or superior to such companies' technology.

*Emerging Markets Risk.* Investments in emerging markets are generally subject to a greater risk of loss than investments in developed markets. This may be due to, among other things, the possibility of greater market volatility, lower trading volume and liquidity, greater risk of expropriation, nationalization, and social, political and economic instability, greater reliance on a few industries, international trade or revenue from particular commodities, less developed accounting, legal and regulatory systems, higher levels of inflation, deflation or currency devaluation, greater risk of market shut down, and more significant governmental limitations on investment policy as compared to those typically found in a developed market. In addition, issuers (including governments) in emerging market countries may have less financial stability than in other countries. The securities of emerging market companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Market disruptions or substantial market corrections may limit very significantly the liquidity of securities of certain companies in a particular country or geographic region, or of all companies in the country or region. A Fund may be unable to liquidate its positions in such securities at any time, or at a favorable price, in order to meet the Fund's obligations. There is also the potential for unfavorable action such as embargo and acts of war. As a result, there will tend to be an increased risk of price volatility in investments in emerging market countries, which may be magnified by currency fluctuations relative to the U.S. dollar. Settlement and asset custody practices for transactions in emerging markets may differ from those in

developed markets. Such differences may include possible delays in settlement and certain settlement practices, such as delivery of securities prior to receipt of payment, which increase the likelihood of a “failed settlement.” Failed settlements can result in losses. For these and other reasons, investments in emerging markets are often considered speculative.

*Energy Sector Risk.* Issuers in energy-related industries can be significantly affected by fluctuations in energy prices and supply and demand of energy fuels caused by geopolitical events, energy conservation or use of alternative fuel sources, the success of exploration projects, weather or meteorological events, taxes, increased governmental or environmental regulation, resource depletion, rising interest rates, declines in domestic or foreign production, accidents or catastrophic events, or terrorist threats or attacks, among others. Markets for various energy-related commodities can have significant volatility, and are subject to control or manipulation by large producers or purchasers. Companies in the energy sector may need to make substantial expenditures, and to incur significant amounts of debt, in order to maintain or expand their reserves through exploration of new sources of supply, through the development of existing sources, through acquisitions, or through long-term contracts to acquire reserves. Factors adversely affecting producers, refiners, distributors, or others in the energy sector may affect adversely companies that service or supply those entities, either because demand for those services or products is curtailed, or those services or products come under price pressure.

*Equity Investing Risk.* The market prices of equity securities owned by a Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage, non-compliance with regulatory requirements, and reduced demand for the issuer’s goods or services. The values of equity securities also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the general outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates, or adverse investor sentiment generally. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

*ESG Investing Risk.* An Index’s incorporation of environmental, social and/or governance considerations in its methodology may cause a Fund to make different investments than funds that do not incorporate such considerations in their investment strategy or processes. An Index’s incorporation of ESG considerations may affect a Fund’s exposure to certain sectors and/or types of investments, and may adversely impact a Fund’s performance depending on whether such sectors or investments are in or out of favor in the market. In addition, a Fund’s investments in certain companies may be susceptible to various factors that may impact their businesses or operations, including costs associated with government budgetary constraints that impact publicly funded projects and clean energy initiatives, the effects of general economic conditions throughout the world, increased competition from other providers of services, unfavorable tax laws or accounting policies and high leverage. Each Index methodology incorporates data and scores provided by third parties, which may be limited or only take into account one or a few of many ESG related components of portfolio companies. In addition, ESG information and scores across third party data providers, indexes and other funds may differ and/or be incomparable. A Fund may invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular investor.

*Financial Institutions Risk.* Some instruments are issued or guaranteed by financial institutions, such as banks and brokers, or are collateralized by securities issued or guaranteed by financial institutions. Changes in the creditworthiness of any of these institutions may adversely affect the values of instruments of issuers in financial industries. Financial institutions may be particularly sensitive to certain economic factors such as interest rate changes, adverse developments in the real estate market, fiscal and monetary policy and general economic cycles. Adverse developments in banking and other financial industries may cause a Fund to underperform relative to other funds that invest more broadly across different industries or have a smaller exposure to financial institutions. Changes in governmental regulation and oversight of financial institutions may have an adverse effect on the financial condition or the earnings or operations of a financial institution and on the types and amounts of businesses in which a financial institution may engage. An investor may be delayed or prevented from exercising certain remedies against a financial institution. The amount of a Fund’s assets that may be invested in any financial institution, or financial institutions generally, may be limited by applicable law.

*Financial Sector Risk.* Financial services companies are subject to extensive governmental regulation which may limit both the amounts and types of loans and other financial commitments they can make, the interest rates and fees they can charge, the scope of their activities, the prices they can charge and the amount of capital they must maintain. Profitability is largely dependent on the availability and cost of capital funds and can fluctuate significantly when interest rates change or due to increased competition. In addition, deterioration of the credit markets generally may cause an adverse impact in a broad range of markets, including U.S. and international credit and interbank money markets generally, thereby affecting a wide range of financial institutions and markets. Certain events in the financial sector may cause an unusually high degree of volatility in the financial markets, both domestic and foreign, and cause certain financial services companies to incur large losses. Securities of financial services companies may experience a dramatic decline in value when such companies experience substantial declines in the valuations of their assets, take action to raise capital (such as the issuance of debt or equity securities), or cease operations. Credit losses resulting from financial difficulties of borrowers and financial losses associated with investment activities can negatively impact the sector. Insurance companies may be subject to severe price competition. Adverse economic, business or political developments could adversely affect financial institutions engaged in mortgage finance or other lending or investing activities directly or indirectly connected to the value of real estate.

*Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk.* The net asset value of Fund Shares will generally fluctuate with changes in the market value of a Fund's securities holdings. The market prices of Fund Shares will generally fluctuate in accordance with changes in a Fund's net asset value and supply and demand of Fund Shares on the Exchange. It cannot be predicted whether Fund Shares will trade below, at or above their net asset value. Price differences may be due, in large part, to the fact that supply and demand forces at work in the secondary trading market for Fund Shares will be closely related to, but not identical to, the same forces influencing the prices of the securities of an Index trading individually or in the aggregate at any point in time. The market prices of Fund Shares may deviate significantly from the net asset value of Fund Shares during periods of market volatility. However, given that Fund Shares can be created and redeemed in Creation Units (unlike shares of many closed-end funds, which frequently trade at appreciable discounts from, and sometimes at premiums to, their net asset value), the Adviser believes that large discounts or premiums to the net asset value of Fund Shares should not be sustained over long periods. While the creation/redemption feature is designed to make it likely that Fund Shares normally will trade close to a Fund's net asset value, disruptions to creations and redemptions or market volatility may result in trading prices that differ significantly from such Fund's net asset value. If an investor purchases Fund Shares at a time when the market price is at a premium to the net asset value of Fund Shares or sells at a time when the market price is at a discount to the net asset value of Fund Shares, then the investor may sustain losses.

*Fossil Fuel Reserves Free Ownership Risk.* The lack of ownership of fossil fuel reserves may potentially have an adverse effect on a company's profitability. The returns on a portfolio of securities that seeks to exclude companies that own fossil fuel reserves may trail the returns on a portfolio of securities that includes companies that own fossil fuel reserves. Investing in a portfolio of securities of companies that do not own fossil fuel reserves may affect a Fund's exposure to certain types of investments and may impact the Fund's relative investment performance depending on whether such investments are in or out of favor in the market.

*Growth Stock Risk.* The prices of growth stocks may be based largely on expectations of future earnings, and their prices can decline rapidly and significantly in reaction to negative news about such factors as earnings, revenues, the economy, political developments, or other news. Growth stocks may underperform value stocks and stocks in other broad style categories (and the stock market as a whole) over any period of time and may shift in and out of favor with investors generally, sometimes rapidly, depending on changes in market, economic, and other factors. As a result, at times when it holds substantial investments in growth stocks, a Fund may underperform other investment funds that invest more broadly or that favor different investment styles. Because growth companies typically reinvest their earnings, growth stocks typically do not pay dividends at levels associated with other types of stocks, if at all.

*Health Care Equipment Companies Risk:* Health care equipment companies are affected by rising costs of medical products, devices and services and the increased emphasis on the delivery of health care through outpatient services. Competition is high among health care equipment companies and can be significantly affected by extensive government regulation or government reimbursement for medical expenses. The equipment may be subject to extensive litigation based on malpractice claims, product liability claims or other litigation. Medical equipment



manufacturers are heavily dependent on patent protection and the expiration of patents may adversely affect their profitability. Many new health care products are subject to the approval of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"). The process of obtaining FDA approval is often long and expensive.

*Health Care Sector Risk.* Companies in the health care sector are subject to extensive government regulation and their profitability can be significantly affected by restrictions on government reimbursement for medical expenses, rising costs of medical products and services, pricing pressure (including price discounting), limited product lines and an increased emphasis on the delivery of healthcare through outpatient services. Companies in the health care sector are heavily dependent on obtaining and defending patents, which may be time consuming and costly, and the expiration of patents may also adversely affect the profitability of these companies. Health care companies are also subject to extensive litigation based on product liability and similar claims. In addition, their products can become obsolete due to industry innovation, changes in technologies or other market developments. Many new products in the health care sector require significant research and development and may be subject to regulatory approvals, all of which may be time consuming and costly with no guarantee that any product will come to market.

*Health Care Services Companies Risk.* Health care services companies are affected by rising costs of medical products, devices and services and the increased emphasis on the delivery of health care through outpatient services. Competition is high among health care services companies and can be significantly affected by extensive government regulation or government reimbursement for medical expenses. The equipment may be subject to extensive litigation based on malpractice claims, product liability claims or other litigation. Medical equipment manufacturers are heavily dependent on patent protection and the expiration of patents may adversely affect their profitability. Many new health care products are subject to the approval of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"). The process of obtaining FDA approval is often long and expensive.

*Homebuilding Companies Risk.* Homebuilding companies can be significantly affected by the national, regional and local real estate markets. Homebuilding companies are also sensitive to interest rate fluctuations which can cause changes in the availability of mortgage capital and directly affect the purchasing power of potential homebuyers. Homebuilding companies can be significantly affected by changes in government spending, consumer confidence, demographic patterns and the level of new and existing home sales.

*Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk.* Each Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities. Each Fund will seek to replicate Index returns, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. Each Fund generally will buy and will not sell a security included in the Index as long as the security is part of the Index regardless of any sudden or material decline in value or foreseeable material decline in value of the security, even though the Adviser may make a different investment decision for other actively managed accounts or portfolios that hold the security. As a result, a Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index (in absolute terms and by comparison with other indices) and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of a Fund. Errors in index data, index computations or the construction of the Index in accordance with its methodology may occur from time to time and may not be identified and corrected by the Index Provider for a period of time or at all, which may have an adverse impact on a Fund and its shareholders. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (i.e., achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), a Fund's return may not match the return of the Index for a number of reasons. For example, the return on the sample of securities purchased by a Fund (or the return on securities not included in the Index) to replicate the performance of the Index may not correlate precisely with the return of the Index. Each Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, a Fund may not be fully invested at times, either as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between a Fund's return and that of the Index. Changes in the composition of the Index and regulatory requirements also may impact a Fund's ability to match the return of the Index. The Adviser may apply one or more "screens" or investment techniques to refine or limit the number or types of issuers included in the Index in which a Fund may invest. Application of such screens or techniques may result in investment performance below that of the Index and may not produce results expected by the Adviser. Index tracking risk may be heightened during times of increased market volatility or other unusual market conditions.



Pursuant to each Index methodology, a security may be removed from an Index in the event that it does not comply with the eligibility requirements of the Index. As a result, a Fund may be forced to sell securities at inopportune times and/or unfavorable prices due to these changes in the Index components. When there are changes made to the component securities of an Index and the corresponding Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio to attempt to increase the correlation between the Fund's portfolio and the Index, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. Unscheduled changes to an Index may expose the corresponding Fund to additional tracking error risk. A Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the corresponding Index. A Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences.

*Industrial Sector Risk.* Industrial companies are affected by supply and demand both for their specific product or service and for industrial sector products in general. Government regulation, world events, exchange rates and economic conditions, technological developments and liabilities for environmental damage and general civil liabilities will likewise affect the performance of these companies. Aerospace and defense companies, a component of the industrial sector, can be significantly affected by government spending policies because companies involved in this industry rely, to a significant extent, on U.S. and foreign government demand for their products and services. Thus, the financial condition of, and investor interest in, aerospace and defense companies are heavily influenced by governmental defense spending policies which are typically under pressure from efforts to control the U.S. (and other) government budgets. Transportation securities, a component of the industrial sector, are cyclical and have occasional sharp price movements which may result from changes in the economy, fuel prices, labor agreements and insurance costs.

*Infrastructure-Related Companies Risk.* Infrastructure-related companies include companies that primarily own, manage, develop and/or operate infrastructure assets, including transportation, utility, energy and/or telecommunications assets. Infrastructure-related businesses are subject to a variety of factors that may adversely affect their business or operations, including high interest costs in connection with capital construction programs, insurance costs, costs associated with environmental and other regulations, the effects of an economic slowdown, surplus capacity or technological obsolescence, industry competition, labor relations, rate caps or rate changes, uncertainties concerning availability of fuel at reasonable prices, the effects of energy conservation policies, natural disasters, terrorist attacks and other factors. Certain infrastructure-related entities, particularly telecommunications and utilities companies, are subject to extensive regulation by various governmental authorities. The costs of complying with governmental regulations, delays or failures to receive required regulatory approvals or the enactment of new adverse regulatory requirements may adversely affect infrastructure-related companies. Infrastructure-related companies may also be affected by service interruption and/or legal challenges due to environmental, operational or other conditions or events, and the imposition of special tariffs and changes in tax laws, regulatory policies and accounting standards. There is also the risk that corruption may negatively affect publicly-funded infrastructure projects, especially in non-U.S. markets, resulting in work stoppage, delays and cost overruns. Other risks associated with infrastructure-related companies include uncertainties resulting from such companies' diversification into new domestic and international businesses, as well as agreements by any such companies linking future rate increases to inflation or other factors not directly related to the actual operating profits of the enterprise.

*Insurance Companies Risk.* Insurance companies' profits are affected by many factors, including interest rate movements, the imposition of premium rate caps, competition and pressure to compete globally. Certain types of insurance companies may also be affected by weather catastrophes and other disasters and mortality rates. In addition, although insurance companies are currently subject to extensive regulation, such companies may be adversely affected by increased governmental regulations or tax law changes in the future.

*Internet Segment Risk.* Internet companies are subject to rapid changes in technology, worldwide competition, rapid obsolescence of products and services, loss of patent protections, cyclical market patterns, evolving industry standards and frequent new product introductions. Competitive pressures, such as technological developments, fixed-rate pricing and the ability to attract and retain skilled employees, can significantly affect internet companies, and changing domestic and international demand, research and development costs, availability and price components and product obsolescence also can affect their profitability.

*Large-Capitalization Securities Risk.* Securities issued by large-capitalization companies may present risks not present in smaller companies. For example, larger companies may be unable to respond as quickly as smaller and mid-sized companies to competitive challenges or to changes in business, product, financial, or other market conditions. Larger companies may not be able to maintain growth at the high rates that may be achieved by well-managed smaller and mid-sized companies, especially during strong economic periods. Returns on investments in securities of large companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of smaller and mid-sized companies.

*Leveraging Risk.* Borrowing transactions, reverse repurchase agreements, certain derivatives transactions, securities lending transactions and other investment transactions such as when-issued, delayed-delivery, or forward commitment transactions may create investment leverage. If a Fund engages in transactions that have a leveraging effect on the Fund's investment portfolio, the value of the Fund will be potentially more volatile and all other risks will tend to be compounded. This is because leverage generally creates investment risk with respect to a larger base of assets than a Fund would otherwise have and so magnifies the effect of any increase or decrease in the value of the Fund's underlying assets. The use of leverage is considered to be a speculative investment practice and may result in losses to a Fund. Certain derivatives have the potential for unlimited loss, regardless of the size of the initial investment. The use of leverage may cause a Fund to liquidate positions when it may not be advantageous to do so to satisfy repayment, interest payment, or margin obligations or to meet asset segregation or coverage requirements.

*Liquidity Risk.* Liquidity risk is the risk that a Fund may not be able to dispose of securities or close out derivatives transactions readily at a favorable time or prices (or at all) or at prices approximating those at which a Fund currently values them. For example, certain investments may be subject to restrictions on resale, may trade in the over-the-counter market or in limited volume, or may not have an active trading market. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. It may be difficult for a Fund to value illiquid securities accurately. The market for certain investments may become illiquid under adverse market or economic conditions independent of any specific adverse changes in the conditions of a particular issuer. Disposal of illiquid securities may entail registration expenses and other transaction costs that are higher than those for liquid securities. A Fund may seek to borrow money to meet its obligations (including among other things redemption obligations) if it is unable to dispose of illiquid investments, resulting in borrowing expenses and possible leveraging of the Fund.

*Low Volatility Risk.* Although subject to the risks of common stocks, low volatility stocks are seen as having a lower risk profile than the overall markets. However, a portfolio comprised of low volatility stocks may not produce investment exposure that has lower variability to changes in such stocks' price levels. Low volatility stocks are likely to underperform the broader market during periods of rapidly rising stock prices.

*Market Risk.* Market prices of investments held by a Fund will go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. A Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile, and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers and general market liquidity. Even if general economic conditions do not change, the value of an investment in a Fund could decline if the particular industries, sectors or companies in which the Fund invests do not perform well or are adversely affected by events. Further, legal, political, regulatory and tax changes also may cause fluctuations in markets and securities prices. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on a Fund and its investments.

An outbreak of a respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus (known as COVID-19) first detected in China in December 2019 has resulted in a global pandemic and major disruptions to economies and markets around the world, including the United States. Financial markets have experienced extreme volatility and severe losses, and trading in many instruments has been disrupted. Liquidity for many instruments has been greatly reduced for periods of time. Some interest rates are very low and in some cases yields are negative. Governments and central banks, including the Federal Reserve in the United States, have taken extraordinary and unprecedented actions to support local and global economies and the financial markets. The impact of these measures, and whether they will be effective to mitigate the economic and market disruption, will not be known for some time. In addition, the outbreak of COVID-19, and measures taken to mitigate its effects, could result in disruptions to the services provided to a Fund by its service providers.

*Materials Sector Risk.* Many materials companies are significantly affected by the level and volatility of commodity prices, exchange rates, import controls, worldwide competition, environmental policies and consumer demand. At times, worldwide production of industrial materials has exceeded demand as a result of over-building or economic downturns, leading to poor investment returns or losses. Other risks may include liabilities for environmental damage and general civil liabilities, depletion of resources, and mandated expenditures for safety and pollution control. The materials sector may also be affected by economic cycles, technical progress, labor relations, and government regulations.

*Metals and Mining Companies Risk.* Metals and mining companies can be significantly affected by events relating to international political and economic developments, energy conservation, the success of exploration projects, commodity prices, and tax and other government regulations. Investments in metals and mining companies may be speculative and may be subject to greater price volatility than investments in other types of companies. Risks of metals and mining investments include: changes in international monetary policies or economic and political conditions that can affect the supply of precious metals and consequently the value of metals and mining company investments; the United States or foreign governments may pass laws or regulations limiting metals investments for strategic or other policy reasons; and increased environmental or labor costs may depress the value of metals and mining investments.

*Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk.* The securities of mid-capitalization companies may be more volatile and may involve more risk than the securities of larger companies. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger companies, and may depend on a few key employees. In addition, these companies may have been recently organized and may have little or no track record of success. The securities of mid-sized companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. The prices of these securities may fluctuate more sharply than those of other securities, and a Fund may experience some difficulty in establishing or closing out positions in these securities at prevailing market prices. There may be less publicly available information about the issuers of these securities or less market interest in these securities than in the case of larger companies, both of which can cause significant price volatility. Some securities of mid-sized issuers may be illiquid or may be restricted as to resale. Returns on investments in securities of mid-capitalization companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of larger or smaller companies.

*Momentum Risk.* The Fund employs a “momentum” style of investing that emphasizes investing in securities that have had higher recent price performance compared to other securities. This style of investing is subject to the risk that these securities may be more volatile than a broad cross-section of securities or that the returns on securities that have previously exhibited price momentum are less than returns on other styles of investing or the overall stock market. Momentum can turn quickly and cause significant variation from other types of investments.

*New Economies Companies Risk.* The companies included in the Index are engaged in emerging industries and new technologies that may be unproven. Such industries and technologies may be adversely affected by technological advances, competition, rapid product or service obsolescence, and new and evolving regulations. Companies included in the Index may rely on a combination of patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secret laws to establish and protect their proprietary rights in their products and technologies, and may be adversely affected by loss or impairment of those rights. In addition, companies in the Index may have limited product lines, markets, financial resources or personnel. The Index may include stocks of smaller, less-seasoned companies that may be more volatile than the overall market.

*New Fund Risk.* The Fund is new and there is no assurance that the Fund will grow quickly. When the Fund’s size is small, the Fund may experience low trading volume, which could lead to wider bid/ask spreads. In addition, the Fund may face the risk of being delisted if the Fund does not meet certain conditions of the listing exchange. Any resulting liquidation of the Fund could cause elevated transaction costs for the Fund and negative tax consequences for its shareholders.

*Non-Diversification Risk.* Funds classified as “non-diversified” may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent a Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of Fund Shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds. A diversified Fund may become non-diversified (or vice versa) for periods of time solely as a result of changes in the composition of the Index (e.g., changes in weightings of one or more component securities).

*Non-U.S. Securities Risk.* Investments in securities of non-U.S. issuers (including depositary receipts) entail risks not typically associated with investing in securities of U.S. issuers. Similar risks may apply to securities traded on a U.S. securities exchange that are issued by entities with significant exposure to non-U.S. countries. In certain countries, legal remedies available to investors may be more limited than those available with regard to U.S. investments. Because non-U.S. securities are typically denominated and traded in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, the value of the Fund's assets, to the extent they are non-U.S. dollar denominated, may be affected favorably or unfavorably by currency exchange rates, exchange control regulations, and restrictions or prohibitions on the repatriation of non-U.S. currencies. To the extent underlying securities held by the Fund trade on foreign exchanges that are closed when the exchange on which the Fund's shares trade is open, there may be deviations between the current price of an underlying security and the last quoted price for the underlying security on the closed foreign market. These deviations could result in the Fund experiencing premiums or discounts greater than those of ETFs that invest in domestic securities. Income and gains with respect to investments in certain countries may be subject to withholding and other taxes. There may be less information publicly available about a non-U.S. entity than about a U.S. entity, and many non-U.S. entities are not subject to accounting, auditing, and financial reporting standards, regulatory framework and practices comparable to those in the United States. The securities of some non-U.S. entities are less liquid and at times more volatile than securities of comparable U.S. entities, and could become subject to sanctions or embargoes that adversely affect a Fund's investment. Non-U.S. transaction costs, such as brokerage commissions and custody costs may be higher than in the U.S. In addition, there may be a possibility of nationalization or expropriation of assets, imposition of currency exchange controls, confiscatory taxation, and diplomatic developments that could adversely affect the values of a Fund's investments in certain non-U.S. countries. Investments in securities of non-U.S. issuers also are subject to foreign political and economic risk not associated with U.S. investments, meaning that political events (civil unrest, national elections, changes in political conditions and foreign relations, imposition of exchange controls and repatriation restrictions), social and economic events (labor strikes, rising inflation) and natural disasters occurring in a country where a Fund invests could cause the Fund's investments in that country to experience gains or losses.

*Oil and Gas Companies Risk.* Oil and gas companies develop and produce crude oil and natural gas and provide drilling and other energy resources production and distribution related services. Stock prices for these types of companies are affected by supply and demand both for their specific product or service and for energy products in general. The price of oil and gas, exploration and production spending, government regulation, world events and economic conditions will likewise affect the performance of these companies. Correspondingly, securities of companies in the energy field are subject to swift price and supply fluctuations caused by events relating to international politics, energy conservation, the success of exploration projects, and tax and other governmental regulatory policies. Weak demand for the companies' products or services or for energy products and services in general, as well as negative developments in these other areas, would adversely impact the Fund's performance. Oil and gas equipment and services can be significantly affected by natural disasters as well as changes in exchange rates, interest rates, government regulation, world events and economic conditions. These companies may be at risk for environmental damage claims.

*Pharmaceuticals Companies Risk.* Pharmaceutical companies are heavily dependent on patent protection. The expiration of patents may adversely affect the profitability of the companies. Pharmaceutical companies are also subject to extensive litigation based on product liability and other similar claims. Many new products are subject to approval of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"). The process of obtaining FDA approval can be long and costly and approved products are susceptible to obsolescence. Pharmaceutical companies are also subject to heavy competitive forces that may make it difficult to raise prices and, in fact, may result in price discounting.

*Preferred Securities Risk.* Generally, preferred security holders have no or limited voting rights with respect to the issuing company. In addition, preferred securities are subordinated to bonds and other debt instruments in a company's capital structure and therefore will be subject to greater credit risk than those debt instruments. Unlike debt securities, dividend payments on a preferred security typically must be declared by the issuer's board of directors. An issuer's board of directors is generally not under any obligation to pay a dividend (even if such dividends have accrued), and may suspend payment of dividends on preferred securities at any time. Therefore, in the event an issuer of preferred securities experiences economic difficulties, the issuer's preferred securities may lose substantial value due to the reduced likelihood that the issuer's board of directors will declare a dividend and the fact that the preferred security may be subordinated to other securities of the same issuer. Further, because many preferred securities pay



dividends at a fixed rate, their market price can be sensitive to changes in interest rates in a manner similar to bonds - that is, as interest rates rise, the value of the preferred securities held by a Fund are likely to decline. Therefore, to the extent that a Fund invests a substantial portion of its assets in fixed rate preferred securities, rising interest rates may cause the value of the Fund's investments to decline significantly. In addition, because many preferred securities allow holders to convert the preferred securities into common stock of the issuer, their market price can be sensitive to changes in the value of the issuer's common stock and, therefore, declining common stock values may also cause the value of a Fund's investments to decline. Preferred securities often have call features which allow the issuer to redeem the security at its discretion. The redemption of a preferred security having a higher than average yield may cause a decrease in a Fund's yield.

*Quality Risk.* A "quality" style of investing emphasizes companies with high returns on equity, stable earnings per share growth, and low financial leverage. This style of investing is subject to the risk that the past performance of these companies does not continue or that the returns on "quality" equity securities are less than returns on other styles of investing or the overall stock market.

*Real Estate Sector Risk.* There are special risks associated with investment in securities of companies engaged in real property markets, including without limitation real estate investment trusts ("REITs") and real estate operating companies. An investment in a real property company may be subject to risks similar to those associated with direct ownership of real estate, including, by way of example, the possibility of declines in the value of real estate, losses from casualty or condemnation, and changes in local and general economic conditions, supply and demand, interest rates, environmental liability, zoning laws, regulatory limitations on rents, property taxes, and operating expenses. An investment in a real property company is subject to additional risks, such as poor performance by the manager of the real property company, adverse changes in tax laws, difficulties in valuing and disposing of real estate, and the effect of general declines in stock prices. Some real property companies have limited diversification because they invest in a limited number of properties, a narrow geographic area, or a single type of property. Also, the organizational documents of a real property company may contain provisions that make changes in control of the company difficult and time-consuming. As a shareholder in a real property company, a Fund, and indirectly a Fund's shareholders, would bear their ratable shares of the real property company's expenses and would at the same time continue to pay their own fees and expenses.

*REIT Risk.* REITs are subject to the risks associated with investing in the real estate sector in general. In particular, a REIT may be affected by changes in the values of the properties that the REIT owns or operates or that underlie the mortgages or similar real estate interests in which the REIT invests. In addition, REITs may be affected by changes to interest rates or property taxes. Further, REITs are dependent upon specialized management skills, and their investments may be concentrated in relatively few properties, or in a small geographic area or a single property type. REITs are also subject to heavy cash flow dependency and, as a result, are particularly reliant on the proper functioning of capital markets. In the event of a default by a borrower or lessee, the REIT may experience delays in enforcing its rights as a mortgagee or lessor and may incur substantial costs associated with protecting its investments. Investments in REITs are also subject to the risks affecting equity markets generally. In addition, a REIT could fail to qualify for favorable tax or regulatory treatment, which could have adverse consequences for a Fund. Smaller capitalization REITs may be more volatile and may involve more risk than larger capitalization REITs. Equity REITs earn income from leasing properties and realize gains and losses from the sale of properties. Equity REITs may be affected by conditions in the real estate rental market and by changes in the value of the properties they own. A decline in rental income may occur because of extended vacancies, limitations on rents, failure to collect rents or increased competition from other rental properties. In addition, rising interest rates may increase the costs of obtaining financing for real estate projects, which may cause the value of an equity REIT to decline. Mortgage REITs receive principal and interest payments from the owners of mortgage properties. Accordingly, mortgage REITs are subject to the credit risk of the borrowers, which refers to the possibility that the borrower will be unable and/or unwilling to make timely interest payments and/or repay the principal on the loan to the mortgage REIT when due. If a mortgage REIT is required to foreclose on a borrower, the amount recovered in connection with the foreclosure may be less than the amount owed to the mortgage REIT. In addition, if a borrower refinances or prepays a mortgage, a mortgage REIT's yield may decline.

*Retail Companies Risk.* Retail companies can be significantly affected by the performance of the domestic and international economy, consumer confidence and spending, intense competition, changes in demographics, and changing consumer tastes and preferences.



*Semiconductor Companies Risk.* A Fund is subject to the risk that market or economic factors impacting semiconductor companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund's investments. The value of stocks of semiconductor companies and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly vulnerable to rapid changes in product cycles, rapid product obsolescence, government regulation and competition, both domestically and internationally, including competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Semiconductor companies and companies that rely heavily on technology, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Additionally, semiconductor companies may face dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel.

*Settlement Risk.* Markets in different countries have different clearance and settlement procedures and in certain markets there have been times when settlements have been unable to keep pace with the volume of transactions. Delays in settlement may increase credit risk to a Fund, limit the ability of a Fund to reinvest the proceeds of a sale of securities, hinder the ability of a Fund to lend its portfolio securities, and potentially subject a Fund to penalties for its failure to deliver to on-purchasers of securities whose delivery to a Fund was delayed. Delays in the settlement of securities purchased by a Fund may limit the ability of a Fund to sell those securities at times and prices it considers desirable, and may subject a Fund to losses and costs due to its own inability to settle with subsequent purchasers of the securities from it. A Fund may be required to borrow monies it had otherwise expected to receive in connection with the settlement of securities sold by it, in order to meet its obligations to others. Limits on the ability of a Fund to purchase or sell securities due to settlement delays could increase any variance between a Fund's performance and that of its benchmark index.

*Small-Capitalization Securities Risk.* The securities of small-capitalization companies may be more volatile and may involve more risk than the securities of larger companies. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger companies, and may depend on a few key employees. In addition, these companies may have been recently organized and may have little or no track record of success. The securities of smaller companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. The prices of these securities may fluctuate more sharply than those of other securities, and a Fund may experience some difficulty in establishing or closing out positions in these securities at prevailing market prices. There may be less publicly available information about the issuers of these securities or less market interest in these securities than in the case of larger companies, both of which can cause significant price volatility. Some securities of smaller issuers may be illiquid or may be restricted as to resale. A Fund may be unable to liquidate its positions in such securities at any time, or at a favorable price, in order to meet a Fund's obligations. Returns on investments in securities of small-capitalization companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of larger companies.

*Technology Sector Risk.* Market or economic factors impacting technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund's investments. The value of stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly vulnerable to rapid changes in technology product cycles, rapid product obsolescence, government regulation and competition, both domestically and internationally, including competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Technology companies may have limited product lines, markets, financial resources or personnel. Stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Technology companies are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights, the loss or impairment of which may adversely affect profitability. Additionally, companies in the technology sector may face dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel.

*Electronic Media Companies Risk:* Electronic media companies create, own, and distribute various forms of technology-based visual, audio, and interactive content, as well as information databases that they sell or lease to others. Electronic media companies can be adversely affected by, among other things, changes in government regulation, intense competition, dependency on patent protection, and rapid obsolescence of products and services due to product compatibility or changing consumer preferences.

*Telecommunications Sector Risk.* The telecommunications industry is subject to extensive government regulation. The costs of complying with governmental regulations, delays or failure to receive required regulatory approvals or the enactment of new adverse regulatory requirements may adversely affect the business of the telecommunications companies. The telecommunications industry can also be significantly affected by intense competition, including

competition with alternative technologies such as wireless communications, product compatibility, consumer preferences, rapid product obsolescence and research and development of new products. Technological innovations may make the products and services of telecommunications companies obsolete. Other risks include uncertainties resulting from such companies' diversification into new domestic and international businesses, as well as agreements by any such companies linking future rate increases to inflation or other factors not directly related to the actual operating profits of the enterprise.

*Transportation Companies Risk.* Transportation companies can be significantly affected by changes in the economy, fuel prices, labor relations, technology developments, exchange rates, insurance costs, industry competition and government regulation.

*Unconstrained Sector Risk.* A Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets within one or more economic sectors or industries, which may change from time to time. When a Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not focused its assets in that industry, market, or economic sector, which may increase the volatility of the Fund.

*Utilities Sector Risk.* Utility companies are affected by supply and demand, operating costs, government regulation, environmental factors, liabilities for environmental damage and general civil liabilities, and rate caps or rate changes. Although rate changes of a utility usually fluctuate in approximate correlation with financing costs, due to political and regulatory factors, rate changes ordinarily occur only following a delay after the changes in financing costs. This factor will tend to favorably affect a regulated utility company's earnings and dividends in times of decreasing costs, but conversely, will tend to adversely affect earnings and dividends when costs are rising. The value of regulated utility debt securities (and, to a lesser extent, equity securities) may tend to have an inverse relationship to the movement of interest rates. Certain utility companies have experienced full or partial deregulation in recent years. These utility companies are frequently more similar to industrial companies in that they are subject to greater competition and have been permitted by regulators to diversify outside of their original geographic regions and their traditional lines of business. These opportunities may permit certain utility companies to earn more than their traditional regulated rates of return. Some companies, however, may be forced to defend their core business and may be less profitable. In addition, natural disasters, terrorist attacks, government intervention or other factors may render a utility company's equipment unusable or obsolete and negatively impact profitability.

Among the risks that may affect utility companies are the following: risks of increases in fuel and other operating costs; the high cost of borrowing to finance capital construction during inflationary periods; restrictions on operations and increased costs and delays associated with compliance with environmental and nuclear safety regulations; and the difficulties involved in obtaining natural gas for resale or fuel for generating electricity at reasonable prices. Other risks include those related to the construction and operation of nuclear power plants, the effects of energy conservation and the effects of regulatory changes.

*Valuation Risk.* Some portfolio holdings, potentially a large portion of a Fund's investment portfolio, may be valued on the basis of factors other than market quotations. This may occur more often in times of market turmoil or reduced liquidity. There are multiple methods that can be used to value a portfolio holding when market quotations are not readily available. The value established for any portfolio holding at a point in time might differ from what would be produced using a different methodology or if it had been priced using market quotations. Portfolio holdings that are valued using techniques other than market quotations, including "fair valued" securities, may be subject to greater fluctuation in their valuations from one day to the next than if market quotations were used. Technological issues or other service disruption issues involving third-party service providers may cause a Fund to value its investments incorrectly. In addition, there is no assurance that a Fund could sell or close out a portfolio position for the value established for it at any time, and it is possible that a Fund would incur a loss because a portfolio position is sold or closed out at a discount to the valuation established by a Fund at that time.

*Value Stock Risk.* Value stocks present the risk that they may decline in price or never reach their expected full market value because the market fails to recognize the stock's intrinsic worth. Value stocks may underperform growth stocks and stocks in other broad style categories (and the stock market as a whole) over any period of time and may shift in and out of favor with investors generally, sometimes rapidly, depending on changes in market, economic, and other factors. As a result, at times when it holds substantial investments in value stocks a Fund may underperform other investment portfolios that invest more broadly or that favor different investment styles.

## NON-PRINCIPAL RISKS

Each risk discussed below is a non-principal risk of a Fund to the extent it is not identified as a principal risk for such Fund in the preceding “ADDITIONAL RISK INFORMATION - PRINCIPAL RISKS” section.

*Authorized Participants, Market Makers and Liquidity Providers Concentration Risk.* A Fund has a limited number of financial institutions that may act as Authorized Participants (“APs”), which are responsible for the creation and redemption activity for a Fund. In addition, there may be a limited number of market makers and/or liquidity providers in the marketplace. To the extent either of the following events occur, Fund Shares may trade at a material discount to NAV and possibly face delisting: (i) APs exit the business or otherwise become unable to process creation and/or redemption orders and no other APs step forward to perform these services, or (ii) market makers and/or liquidity providers exit the business or significantly reduce their business activities and no other entities step forward to perform their functions.

*Cash Transaction Risk.* To the extent that a Fund sells portfolio securities to meet some or all of a redemption request with cash, the Fund may incur taxable gains or losses that it might not have incurred had it made redemptions entirely in-kind. As a result, a Fund may pay out higher annual capital gain distributions than if the in-kind redemption process was used.

*Concentration Risk.* A Fund’s assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Fund’s underlying Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. When a Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not focused its assets in that industry, market, or economic sector, which may increase the volatility of the Fund.

*Conflicts of Interest Risk.* An investment in a Fund will be subject to a number of actual or potential conflicts of interest. For example, the Adviser or its affiliates may provide services to a Fund, such as securities lending agency services, custodial, administrative, bookkeeping, and accounting services, transfer agency and shareholder servicing, securities brokerage services, and other services for which the Fund would compensate the Adviser and/or such affiliates. The Funds may invest in other pooled investment vehicles sponsored, managed, or otherwise affiliated with the Adviser. There is no assurance that the rates at which a Fund pays fees or expenses to the Adviser or its affiliates, or the terms on which it enters into transactions with the Adviser or its affiliates will be the most favorable available in the market generally or as favorable as the rates the Adviser or its affiliates make available to other clients. Because of its financial interest, the Adviser will have an incentive to enter into transactions or arrangements on behalf of a Fund with itself or its affiliates in circumstances where it might not have done so in the absence of that interest, provided that the Adviser will comply with applicable regulatory requirements.

The Adviser and its affiliates serve as investment adviser to other clients and may make investment decisions that may be different from those that will be made by the Adviser on behalf of the Funds. For example, the Adviser may provide asset allocation advice to some clients that may include a recommendation to invest in or redeem from particular issuers while not providing that same recommendation to all clients invested in the same or similar issuers. The Adviser may (subject to applicable law) be simultaneously seeking to purchase (or sell) investments for a Fund and to sell (or purchase) the same investment for accounts, funds, or structured products for which it serves as asset manager, or for other clients or affiliates. The Adviser and its affiliates may invest for clients in various securities that are senior, *pari passu* or junior to, or have interests different from or adverse to, the securities that are owned by a Fund. The Adviser or its affiliates, in connection with its other business activities, may acquire material nonpublic confidential information that may restrict the Adviser from purchasing securities or selling securities for itself or its clients (including the Funds) or otherwise using such information for the benefit of its clients or itself.

The foregoing does not purport to be a comprehensive list or complete explanation of all potential conflicts of interests which may affect a Fund. A Fund may encounter circumstances, or enter into transactions, in which conflicts of interest that are not listed or discussed above may arise.

*Costs of Buying and Selling Shares.* Investors buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market will pay brokerage commissions or other charges imposed by brokers, as determined by that broker. Brokerage commissions are often a fixed amount and may be a significant proportional cost for investors seeking to buy or sell relatively small amounts of Fund Shares. In addition, secondary market investors will also incur the cost of the difference between the price that an investor is willing to pay for Fund Shares (the “bid” price) and the price at which an investor is willing to sell Fund Shares (the “ask” price). This difference in bid and ask prices is often referred to as the “spread” or “bid/ask

spread.” The bid/ask spread varies over time for Fund Shares based on trading volume and market liquidity, and is generally lower if Fund Shares have more trading volume and market liquidity and higher if Fund Shares have little trading volume and market liquidity. Further, increased market volatility may cause increased bid/ask spreads. Due to the costs of buying or selling Fund Shares, including bid/ask spreads, frequent trading of Fund Shares may significantly reduce investment results and an investment in Fund Shares may not be advisable for investors who anticipate regularly making small investments.

*Counterparty Risk.* A Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivatives contracts and other transactions such as repurchase agreements or reverse repurchase agreements. A Fund’s ability to profit from these types of investments and transactions will depend on the willingness and ability of its counterparty to perform its obligations. If a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations, a Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, resulting in a loss to the Fund. A Fund may experience significant delays in obtaining any recovery in an insolvency, bankruptcy, or other reorganization proceeding involving its counterparty (including recovery of any collateral posted by it) and may obtain only a limited recovery or may obtain no recovery in such circumstances. If a Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty. Under applicable law or contractual provisions, including if a Fund enters into an investment or transaction with a financial institution and such financial institution (or an affiliate of the financial institution) experiences financial difficulties, then the Fund may in certain situations be prevented or delayed from exercising its rights to terminate the investment or transaction, or to realize on any collateral and may result in the suspension of payment and delivery obligations of the parties under such investment or transactions or in another institution being substituted for that financial institution without the consent of the Fund. Further, a Fund may be subject to “bail-in” risk under applicable law whereby, if required by the financial institution’s authority, the financial institution’s liabilities could be written down, eliminated or converted into equity or an alternative instrument of ownership. A bail-in of a financial institution may result in a reduction in value of some or all of its securities and, if a Fund holds such securities or has entered into a transaction with such a financial security when a bail-in occurs, such Fund may also be similarly impacted.

*Cybersecurity Risk.* With the increased use of technologies such as the Internet and the dependence on computer systems to perform business and operational functions, funds (such as the Funds) and their service providers (including the Adviser) may be prone to operational and information security risks resulting from cyber-attacks and/or technological malfunctions. In general, cyber-attacks are deliberate, but unintentional events may have similar effects. Cyber-attacks include, among others, stealing or corrupting data maintained online or digitally, preventing legitimate users from accessing information or services on a website, releasing confidential information without authorization, and causing operational disruption. Successful cyber-attacks against, or security breakdowns of, a Fund, the Adviser or a custodian, transfer agent, or other affiliated or third-party service provider may adversely affect a Fund or its shareholders. For instance, cyber-attacks or technical malfunctions may interfere with the processing of shareholder or other transactions, affect a Fund’s ability to calculate its NAV, cause the release of private shareholder information or confidential Fund information, impede trading, cause reputational damage, and subject a Fund to regulatory fines, penalties or financial losses, reimbursement or other compensation costs, and additional compliance costs. Cyber-attacks or technical malfunctions may render records of Fund assets and transactions, shareholder ownership of Fund Shares, and other data integral to the functioning of a Fund inaccessible or inaccurate or incomplete. A Fund may also incur substantial costs for cybersecurity risk management in order to prevent cyber incidents in the future. A Fund and its shareholders could be negatively impacted as a result. While the Adviser has established business continuity plans and systems designed to minimize the risk of cyber-attacks through the use of technology, processes and controls, there are inherent limitations in such plans and systems, including the possibility that certain risks have not been identified, given the evolving nature of this threat. Each Fund relies on third-party service providers for many of its day-to-day operations, and will be subject to the risk that the protections and protocols implemented by those service providers will be ineffective to protect the Fund from cyber-attack. The Adviser does not control the cybersecurity plans and systems put in place by third-party service providers, and such third-party service providers may have limited indemnification obligations to the Adviser or the Funds. Similar types of cybersecurity risks or technical malfunctions also are present for issuers of securities in which each Fund invests, which could result in material adverse consequences for such issuers, and may cause a Fund’s investment in such securities to lose value.



***Derivatives Risk.*** A derivative is a financial contract the value of which depends on, or is derived from, the value of an underlying asset, interest rate, or index. Derivative transactions typically involve leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a loss greater than the principal amount invested, and a Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. Risks associated with derivative instruments include potential changes in value in response to interest rate changes or other market developments or as a result of the counterparty's credit quality; the potential for the derivative transaction not to have the effect the Adviser anticipated or a different or less favorable effect than the Adviser anticipated; the failure of the counterparty to the derivative transaction to perform its obligations under the transaction or to settle a trade; possible mispricing or improper valuation of the derivative instrument; imperfect correlation in the value of a derivative with the asset, rate, or index underlying the derivative; the risk that a Fund may be required to post collateral or margin with its counterparty, and will not be able to recover the collateral or margin in the event of the counterparty's insolvency or bankruptcy; the risk that a Fund will experience losses on its derivatives investments and on its other portfolio investments, even when the derivatives investments may be intended in part or entirely to hedge those portfolio investments; the risks specific to the asset underlying the derivative instrument; lack of liquidity for the derivative instrument, including without limitation absence of a secondary trading market; the potential for reduced returns to a Fund due to losses on the transaction and an increase in volatility; the potential for the derivative transaction to have the effect of accelerating the recognition of gain; and legal risks arising from the documentation relating to the derivative transaction.

***Index Construction Risk.*** A security included in an Index may not exhibit the characteristic or provide the specific exposure for which it was selected and consequently a Fund's holdings may not exhibit returns consistent with that characteristic or exposure.

***Index Licensing Risk.*** It is possible that the license under which the Adviser or a Fund is permitted to replicate or otherwise use an Index will be terminated or may be disputed, impaired or cease to remain in effect. In such a case, the Adviser may be required to replace the relevant Index with another index which it considers to be appropriate in light of the investment strategy of a Fund. The use of any such substitute index may have an adverse impact on a Fund's performance. In the event that the Adviser is unable to identify a suitable replacement for the relevant Index, it may determine to terminate a Fund.

***Leveraging Risk.*** Borrowing transactions, reverse repurchase agreements, certain derivatives transactions, securities lending transactions and other investment transactions such as when-issued, delayed-delivery, or forward commitment transactions may create investment leverage. If a Fund engages in transactions that have a leveraging effect on the Fund's investment portfolio, the value of the Fund will be potentially more volatile and all other risks will tend to be compounded. This is because leverage generally creates investment risk with respect to a larger base of assets than a Fund would otherwise have and so magnifies the effect of any increase or decrease in the value of the Fund's underlying assets. The use of leverage is considered to be a speculative investment practice and may result in losses to a Fund. Certain derivatives have the potential for unlimited loss, regardless of the size of the initial investment. The use of leverage may cause a Fund to liquidate positions when it may not be advantageous to do so to satisfy repayment, interest payment, or margin obligations or to meet asset segregation or coverage requirements.

***Liquidity Risk.*** Liquidity risk is the risk that a Fund may not be able to dispose of securities or close out derivatives transactions readily at a favorable time or prices (or at all) or at prices approximating those at which a Fund currently values them. For example, certain investments may be subject to restrictions on resale, may trade in the over-the-counter market or in limited volume, or may not have an active trading market. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. It may be difficult for a Fund to value illiquid securities accurately. The market for certain investments may become illiquid under adverse market or economic conditions independent of any specific adverse changes in the conditions of a particular issuer. Disposal of illiquid securities may entail registration expenses and other transaction costs that are higher than those for liquid securities. A Fund may seek to borrow money to meet its obligations (including among other things redemption obligations) if it is unable to dispose of illiquid investments, resulting in borrowing expenses and possible leveraging of the Fund.

***Money Market Risk.*** An investment in a money market fund is not a deposit of any bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any other government agency. Certain money market funds seek to preserve the value of their shares at \$1.00 per share, although there can be no assurance that they will do so, and it is possible to lose money by investing in such a money market fund. A major or unexpected change in interest rates or a decline in the



credit quality of an issuer or entity providing credit support, an inactive trading market for money market instruments, or adverse market, economic, industry, political, regulatory, geopolitical, and other conditions could cause the share price of such a money market fund to fall below \$1.00. It is possible that such a money market fund will issue and redeem shares at \$1.00 per share at times when the fair value of the money market fund's portfolio per share is more or less than \$1.00. None of State Street Corporation, State Street, State Street Global Advisors ("SSGA"), SSGA FM or their affiliates ("State Street Entities") guarantee the value of an investment in a money market fund at \$1.00 per share. Investors should have no expectation of capital support to a money market fund from State Street Entities. Other money market funds price and transact at a "floating" NAV that will fluctuate along with changes in the market-based value of fund assets. Shares sold utilizing a floating NAV may be worth more or less than their original purchase price. Recent changes in the regulation of money market funds may affect the operations and structures of money market funds. A money market fund may be permitted or required to impose redemption fees or to impose limitations on redemptions during periods of high illiquidity in the markets for the investments held by it.

*Portfolio Turnover Risk.* A Fund may engage in frequent trading of its portfolio securities. Fund turnover generally involves a number of direct and indirect costs and expenses to a Fund, including, for example, brokerage commissions, dealer mark-ups and bid/asked spreads, and transaction costs on the sale of securities and reinvestment in other securities. The costs related to increased portfolio turnover have the effect of reducing a Fund's investment return, and the sale of securities by the Fund may result in the realization of taxable capital gains, including short-term capital gains. A Fund may engage in frequent trading of its portfolio securities in connection with Index rebalancing. Frequent trading may cause a Fund to incur additional transaction costs and experience different tax consequences in comparison to an ETF that does not engage in frequent trading.

*Securities Lending Risk.* Each Fund may lend portfolio securities in an amount not to exceed 40% of the value of its net assets. For these purposes, net assets shall exclude the value of all assets received as collateral for the loan. Such loans may be terminated at any time. Any such loans must be continuously secured by collateral maintained on a current basis in an amount at least equal to the market value of the securities loaned by a Fund, marked to market each trading day. In a loan transaction, as compensation for lending its securities, a Fund will receive a portion of the dividends or interest accrued on the securities held as collateral or, in the case of cash collateral, a portion of the income from the investment of such cash. In addition, a Fund will receive the amount of all dividends, interest and other distributions on the loaned securities. However, the borrower has the right to vote the loaned securities. A Fund will call loans to vote proxies if a material issue affecting the investment is to be voted upon. Efforts to recall such securities promptly may be unsuccessful, especially for foreign securities or thinly traded securities, and may involve expenses to a Fund. Securities lending involves the risk that the Fund may lose money because the borrower of the loaned securities fails to return the securities in a timely manner or at all. Should the borrower of the securities fail financially, a Fund may experience delays in recovering the securities or exercising its rights in the collateral. Loans are made only to borrowers that are deemed by the securities lending agent to be of good financial standing. In a loan transaction, a Fund will also bear the risk of any decline in value of securities provided as collateral or acquired with cash collateral. Each Fund will attempt to minimize this risk by limiting the investment of cash collateral to high quality instruments of short maturity either directly on behalf of the lending Fund or through one or more joint accounts or funds, which may include those managed by the Adviser. To the extent the collateral provided or investments made with cash collateral differ from securities included in an Index, such collateral or investments may have a greater risk of loss than the securities included in the Index. In addition, a Fund will be subject to the risk that any income generated by lending its securities or reinvesting cash collateral is lower than any fees the Fund has agreed to pay a borrower. The Adviser will take into account the tax impact to shareholders of substitute payments for dividends when overseeing a Fund's securities lending activity.

*Trading Issues.* Although Fund Shares are listed for trading on the Exchange and may be listed or traded on U.S. and non-U.S. stock exchanges other than the Exchange, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for such Fund Shares will develop or be maintained. Trading in Fund Shares on the Exchange may be halted due to market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in Fund Shares inadvisable. In addition, trading in Fund Shares on the Exchange is subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility pursuant to Exchange "circuit breaker" rules. Similar to the shares of operating companies listed on a stock exchange, Fund Shares may be sold short and are therefore subject to the risk of increased volatility in the trading price of the Fund's shares. While each Fund expects that the ability of Authorized Participants to create and redeem Fund Shares at net

asset value should be effective in reducing any such volatility, there is no guarantee that it will eliminate the volatility associated with such short sales. There can be no assurance that the requirements of the Exchange necessary to maintain the listing of a Fund will continue to be met or will remain unchanged or that Fund Shares will trade with any volume, or at all, on any stock exchange.

## MANAGEMENT

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to each Fund and, subject to the oversight of the Board, is responsible for the investment management of each Fund. The Adviser provides an investment management program for each Fund and manages the investment of each Fund's assets. The Adviser is a wholly-owned subsidiary of State Street Global Advisors, Inc., which itself is a wholly-owned subsidiary of State Street Corporation. The Adviser is registered with the SEC under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. The Adviser and certain other affiliates of State Street Corporation make up SSGA. SSGA is one of the world's largest institutional money managers and the investment management arm of State Street Corporation. As of June 30, 2020, the Adviser managed approximately \$612.89 billion in assets and SSGA managed approximately \$3.05 trillion in assets. The Adviser's principal business address is One Iron Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02210.

For the services provided to each Fund under the Investment Advisory Agreement, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, each Fund paid the Adviser the annual fees based on a percentage of each Fund's average daily net assets as set forth below:

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| SPDR Dow Jones REIT ETF                            | 0.25%                |
| SPDR FactSet Innovative Technology ETF             | 0.45%                |
| SPDR Global Dow ETF                                | 0.50%                |
| SPDR MSCI USA StrategicFactors ETF                 | 0.15%                |
| SPDR NYSE Technology ETF                           | 0.35%                |
| SPDR Portfolio S&P 1500 Composite Stock Market ETF | 0.03%                |
| SPDR Portfolio S&P 400 Mid Cap ETF                 | 0.05%                |
| SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 ETF                         | 0.03%                |
| SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 Growth ETF                  | 0.04%                |
| SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 High Dividend ETF           | 0.07%                |
| SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 Value ETF                   | 0.04%                |
| SPDR Portfolio S&P 600 Small Cap ETF               | 0.05%                |
| SPDR Russell 1000 Low Volatility Focus ETF         | 0.20%                |
| SPDR Russell 1000 Momentum Focus ETF               | 0.20%                |
| SPDR Russell 1000 Yield Focus ETF                  | 0.20%                |
| SPDR S&P 1500 Momentum Tilt ETF                    | 0.12%                |
| SPDR S&P 1500 Value Tilt ETF                       | 0.12%                |
| SPDR S&P 400 Mid Cap Growth ETF                    | 0.15%                |
| SPDR S&P 400 Mid Cap Value ETF                     | 0.15%                |
| SPDR S&P 500 ESG ETF                               | 0.10% <sup>(1)</sup> |
| SPDR S&P 500 Fossil Fuel Reserves Free ETF         | 0.20% <sup>(2)</sup> |
| SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap ETF                         | 0.11% <sup>(3)</sup> |
| SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap Growth ETF                  | 0.15%                |
| SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap Value ETF                   | 0.15%                |
| SPDR S&P Aerospace & Defense ETF                   | 0.35%                |
| SPDR S&P Bank ETF                                  | 0.35%                |
| SPDR S&P Biotech ETF                               | 0.35%                |
| SPDR S&P Capital Markets ETF                       | 0.35%                |
| SPDR S&P Dividend ETF                              | 0.35%                |
| SPDR S&P Health Care Equipment ETF                 | 0.35%                |
| SPDR S&P Health Care Services ETF                  | 0.35%                |
| SPDR S&P Homebuilders ETF                          | 0.35%                |
| SPDR S&P Insurance ETF                             | 0.35%                |
| SPDR S&P Internet ETF                              | 0.35%                |
| SPDR S&P Kensho Clean Power ETF                    | 0.45%                |

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| SPDR S&P Kensho Final Frontiers ETF . . . . .             | 0.45% |
| SPDR S&P Kensho Future Security ETF . . . . .             | 0.45% |
| SPDR S&P Kensho Intelligent Structures ETF . . . . .      | 0.45% |
| SPDR S&P Kensho New Economies Composite ETF . . . . .     | 0.20% |
| SPDR S&P Kensho Smart Mobility ETF . . . . .              | 0.45% |
| SPDR S&P Metals & Mining ETF . . . . .                    | 0.35% |
| SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Equipment & Services ETF . . . . .     | 0.35% |
| SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Exploration & Production ETF . . . . . | 0.35% |
| SPDR S&P Pharmaceuticals ETF . . . . .                    | 0.35% |
| SPDR S&P Regional Banking ETF . . . . .                   | 0.35% |
| SPDR S&P Retail ETF . . . . .                             | 0.35% |
| SPDR S&P Semiconductor ETF . . . . .                      | 0.35% |
| SPDR S&P Software & Services ETF . . . . .                | 0.35% |
| SPDR S&P Telecom ETF . . . . .                            | 0.35% |
| SPDR S&P Transportation ETF . . . . .                     | 0.35% |
| SPDR Wells Fargo Preferred Stock ETF . . . . .            | 0.45% |

- (1) The Fund had not commenced operations as of June 30, 2020. The Fund expects to pay the Adviser the annual fee based on the percentage of the Fund's average daily net assets.
- (2) The Adviser has contractually agreed to waive a portion of its management fee and/or reimburse certain expenses, until October 31, 2021, so that the net annual Fund operating expenses, before application of any fees and expenses not paid by the Adviser pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement, if any, are limited to 0.20% of the Fund's average daily net assets. The contractual fee waiver and/or reimbursement does not provide for the recoupment by the Adviser of any fees the Adviser previously waived. The Adviser may continue the waiver and/or reimbursement from year to year, but there is no guarantee that the Adviser will do so and the waiver and/or reimbursement may be cancelled or modified at any time after October 31, 2021. This waiver and/or reimbursement may not be terminated prior to October 31, 2021 except with the approval of the Fund's Board of Trustees.
- (3) Effective January 24, 2020, the Adviser has voluntarily agreed to waive a portion of its management fee so that the total annual Fund operating expenses of the Fund do not exceed 0.05% of its average daily net assets. The Adviser may, in its sole discretion, discontinue this voluntary waiver at any time without any prior notice.

From time to time, the Adviser may waive all or a portion of its management fee. The Adviser has contractually agreed to waive a portion of its management fee and/or reimburse expenses in an amount equal to any acquired fund fees and expenses (excluding holdings in acquired funds for cash management purposes, if any) for each Fund until October 31, 2021. This waiver and/or reimbursement does not provide for the recoupment by the Adviser of any amounts waived or reimbursed. This waiver and/or reimbursement may not be terminated prior to October 31, 2021 except with the approval of the Board. The Adviser pays all expenses of each Fund other than the management fee, brokerage expenses, taxes, interest, fees and expenses of the Independent Trustees (including any Trustee's counsel fees), litigation expenses, acquired fund fees and expenses and other extraordinary expenses.

A discussion regarding the Board's consideration of the Investment Advisory Agreement is provided in the Funds' Annual Report to Shareholders for the period ended June 30, 2020.

SSGA FM, as the investment adviser for the Funds, may hire one or more sub-advisers to oversee the day-to-day investment activities of the Funds. The sub-advisers are subject to oversight by the Adviser. The Adviser and SPDR Series Trust (the "Trust") have received an exemptive order from the SEC that permits the Adviser, with the approval of the Independent Trustees of the Trust, to retain and amend existing sub-advisory agreements with unaffiliated investment sub-advisers for a Fund without submitting the sub-advisory agreement to a vote of the Fund's shareholders. The Trust will notify shareholders in the event of any change in the identity of such sub-adviser or sub-advisers. The Adviser has ultimate responsibility for the investment performance of the Funds due to its responsibility to oversee each sub-adviser and recommend their hiring, termination and replacement. The Adviser is not required to disclose fees paid to any unaffiliated sub-adviser retained pursuant to the order. Except with respect to the SPDR FactSet Innovative Technology ETF, SPDR MSCI USA StrategicFactors ETF, SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 High Dividend ETF, SPDR Portfolio S&P 600 Small Cap ETF, SPDR Russell 1000 Low Volatility Focus ETF, SPDR Russell 1000 Momentum Focus ETF, SPDR Russell 1000 Yield Focus ETF, SPDR S&P 1500 Momentum Tilt ETF, SPDR S&P 1500 Value Tilt ETF, SPDR S&P 500 ESG ETF, SPDR S&P 500 Fossil Fuel Reserves Free ETF, SPDR S&P Kensho Clean Power ETF, SPDR S&P Kensho Final Frontiers ETF, SPDR S&P Kensho Future Security ETF, SPDR S&P Kensho Intelligent Structures ETF, SPDR S&P Kensho New Economies Composite ETF, SPDR S&P Kensho Smart Mobility ETF and SPDR S&P Internet ETF, approval by Fund shareholders is required before any authority granted under the exemptive order may be exercised.

### Portfolio Managers.

The Adviser manages the Funds using a team of investment professionals. The team approach is used to create an environment that encourages the flow of investment ideas. The portfolio managers within each team work together in a cohesive manner to develop and enhance techniques that drive the investment process for the respective investment strategy. This approach requires portfolio managers to share a variety of responsibilities including investment strategy and analysis while retaining responsibility for the implementation of the strategy within any particular portfolio. The approach also enables the team to draw upon the resources of other groups within SSGA. Each portfolio management team is overseen by the SSGA Investment Committee.

The professionals primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of each Fund are:

| Portfolio Management Team                                 | Fund   |
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| Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Juan Acevedo.....     | SPDR S&P 400 Mid Cap Growth ETF, SPDR S&P 400 Mid Cap Value ETF  |
| Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and David Chin            | SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap Growth ETF, SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap Value ETF  |
| Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Raymond Donofrio      | SPDR S&P Biotech ETF, SPDR S&P Health Care Services ETF, SPDR S&P Homebuilders ETF, SPDR S&P Insurance ETF, SPDR S&P Internet ETF, SPDR S&P Metals & Mining ETF  |
| Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Michael Finocchi      | SPDR FactSet Innovative Technology ETF, SPDR S&P Telecom ETF, SPDR S&P Transportation ETF  |
| Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Ted Janowsky          | SPDR S&P Retail ETF  |
| Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Melissa Kapitulik     | SPDR S&P Bank ETF, SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Equipment & Services ETF, SPDR S&P Software & Services ETF   |
| Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Mark Krivitsky        | SPDR Portfolio S&P 400 Mid Cap ETF, SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 Growth ETF, SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 Value ETF, SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap ETF  |
| Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and John Law              | SPDR MSCI USA StrategicFactors ETF, SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 ETF, SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 High Dividend ETF, SPDR Russell 1000 Yield Focus ETF, SPDR S&P 1500 Momentum Tilt ETF, SPDR S&P 1500 Value Tilt ETF, SPDR S&P 500 Fossil Fuel Reserves Free ETF |
| Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Kathleen Morgan       | SPDR Global Dow ETF, SPDR NYSE Technology ETF, SPDR Portfolio S&P 1500 Composite Stock Market ETF  |
| Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Kala O'Donnell        | SPDR S&P Capital Markets ETF, SPDR S&P Health Care Equipment ETF, SPDR S&P Regional Banking ETF, SPDR S&P Semiconductor ETF  |
| Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Emiliano Rabinovich   | SPDR Russell 1000 Low Volatility Focus ETF, SPDR Russell 1000 Momentum Focus ETF, SPDR S&P Dividend ETF  |
| Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Keith Richardson      | SPDR S&P Aerospace & Defense ETF, SPDR S&P Pharmaceuticals ETF   |
| Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Amy Scofield.....     | SPDR Wells Fargo Preferred Stock ETF   |
| Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Daniel TenPas         | SPDR Dow Jones REIT ETF  |
| Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Olga Winner           | SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Exploration & Production ETF  |
| Michael Feehily, Karl Schneider and Teddy Wong .....      | SPDR Portfolio S&P 600 Small Cap ETF   |
| Michael Feehily, Mark Krivitsky and Kathleen Morgan ..... | SPDR S&P Kensho Clean Power ETF, SPDR S&P Kensho Smart Mobility ETF  |
| Michael Feehily, Kathleen Morgan and Kala O'Donnell ..... | SPDR S&P Kensho Final Frontiers ETF, SPDR S&P Kensho Future Security ETF   |
| Michael Feehily, Mark Krivitsky and Kala O'Donnell .....  | SPDR S&P Kensho Intelligent Structures ETF, SPDR S&P Kensho New Economies Composite ETF  |
| Emiliano Rabinovich, Karl Schneider and Olga Winner.....  | SPDR S&P 500 ESG ETF   |

Juan Acevedo is a Vice President of SSGA and the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. He is responsible for managing equity index, smart beta and tax-efficient quantitative strategies for institutional clients and high net worth individuals. Prior to his current role, Mr. Acevedo was a portfolio manager in SSGA's Implementation Group, where he was responsible for the daily management of active and passive strategies, with an additional focus of mass construction of separate managed accounts. Mr. Acevedo received a Bachelor of Arts in International Business from Providence College. Additionally, he received a Master of Science in Investment Management and a Master of Business Administration with a Finance concentration from the Questrom School of Business at Boston University.

David Chin is a Vice President of SSGA and the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. He is responsible for managing a full range of equity index and tax-efficient products. Prior to joining SSGA in 1999, Mr. Chin worked at Frank Russell Company, OneSource Information Systems, and PanAgora Asset Management. Mr. Chin has been working in the investment management field since 1992. Mr. Chin holds a Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems from the University of Massachusetts/Boston and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Arizona.

Raymond Donofrio is a Vice President of SSGA and the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. Mr. Donofrio is currently responsible for managing various equity index funds, with both domestic and international strategies. Prior to his current role, Mr. Donofrio was an analyst for SSGA's Strategy and Research Group within the Global ETF Group. He began his career as an associate within the Investment Operations



team at SSGA, where he supported the portfolio managers of the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group, mainly focusing on international strategies. Mr. Donofrio received his Bachelor of Science in Financial Services from Bryant University and his Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Finance from Boston University's Questrom School of Business.

Michael Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of SSGA and the Adviser and the Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions in the Americas. He is also a member of the Senior Leadership Team and is a voting member on the firm's Trade Management Oversight Committee and the North America Product Committee. In his current role, Mr. Feehily is responsible for overseeing the Global Equity Beta Solutions portfolio management team in the Boston office and helping lead the strategic direction of the business. In addition, he contributes to developing new business opportunities, consulting with clients, and running day-to-day business operations. Mr. Feehily rejoined SSGA in 2010 after spending four years in State Street Global Markets, LLC, where he helped to build the Global Exposure Solutions business. This group created and managed portfolios that were designed to meet the short-term market exposure needs of institutional clients. Prior to this, Mr. Feehily had been Head of the U.S. Passive Equity Team within SSGA, which he originally joined in 1997. He began his career at State Street in 1993 within the Global Services division, where he was a member of the Performance & Analytics team and was one of the founding members of the firm's Private Edge business which helped to analyze clients' private market investments such as venture capital, corporate finance, and real estate. Mr. Feehily received a Bachelor of Science from Babson College in Finance, Investments, and Economics. He received a Master of Business Administration in Finance from Bentley College and also earned the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation. Mr. Feehily is a member of the CFA Institute and CFA Society Boston, Inc. He is also a former member of the FTSE/Russell Index Client Advisory Board and the S&P Index Advisory Committee. He is registered as an Advising Representative with all Canadian Provincial Securities Commissions under State Street Global Advisor Limited's (Canada) Portfolio Manager registration category. He currently serves as an Executive Sponsor for the Inclusion & Diversity Talent Acquisition Pillar at SSGA.

Michael Finocchi is a Principal of SSGA and the Adviser and a Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. Prior to assuming his current role in March 2012, Mr. Finocchi was a senior manager in Portfolio Administration responsible for the operations of funds managed by the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. Before joining SSGA in 2005, he worked for Investors Bank & Trust as a senior tax analyst following his role in custody servicing BGI. Mr. Finocchi holds a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Finance from Boston University's Questrom School of Business as well as a Bachelor of Arts in History and Business Studies from Providence College.

Ted Janowsky, CFA, is a Vice President of SSGA and the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. In this capacity, he manages a diverse group of equity and derivative-based index portfolios and has played a significant role designing proprietary portfolio management software. Additionally, Mr. Janowsky is head of the portfolio management team of SSGA's Company Stock Group, which manages all fiduciary transactions and company stock investments including employee stock ownership plans, 401(k) plans, defined benefit plans and non-qualified plans. Prior to joining the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group, he worked as an application developer in Investor Technology Services within State Street Corporation. He also worked as a business analyst in State Street's London and Sydney offices. Mr. Janowsky joined SSGA in 2005. Mr. Janowsky holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Bucknell University and a Master of Business Administration from the Carroll School of Management at Boston College. He has also earned the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation and is a member of the CFA Institute and CFA Society Boston, Inc.

Melissa Kapitulik is a Vice President of SSGA and the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group where she currently manages a varied group of equity and derivative-based index portfolios across a diverse set of fund types and regions. Before joining SSGA in 2006, Ms. Kapitulik was a consultant specializing in accounting system implementations for major investment management companies and was responsible for the design and development of a wide variety of applications. She began her career at PIMCO, where she worked for several years as a trading assistant in Global Fixed Income. Ms. Kapitulik holds a Bachelor of Science in Finance from Villanova University.

Mark Krivitsky is a Vice President of SSGA and the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group and Tax-Efficient Market Capture Group. He is responsible for managing both U.S. and international index funds and taxable institutional accounts. His previous experience at SSGA includes affiliation with the firm's U.S. Structured Products Operations Group. Mr. Krivitsky began his tenure at State Street Corporation in the Mutual Funds



Division in 1992. He has been working in the investment management field since 1991. Mr. Krivitsky holds a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities/Social Sciences from the University of Massachusetts and a Master of Business Administration with a specialization in Finance from the Sawyer School of Management at Suffolk University.

John Law, CFA, is a Vice President of SSGA and the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions (GEBS) Group, having joined SSGA in 2016. Previously, Mr. Law worked at Dimensional Fund Advisors as a portfolio manager on the international equities desk, where he oversaw the international small cap strategy and served as Global Process Lead for foreign exchange. Prior experience also includes mortgage banking, having worked at IndyMac Bank issuing mortgage backed securities, and investment banking, with Credit Suisse First Boston. Mr. Law has a Master of Business Administration from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, where he was a Siebel Scholar, and Master's and Bachelor's degrees from Cambridge University and Princeton University, respectively. He also earned the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation and is a member of CFA Society Boston, Inc.

Kathleen Morgan, CFA, is a Vice President of SSGA and the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. In this capacity, Ms. Morgan is responsible for the management of various equity index funds that are benchmarked to both domestic and international strategies. Prior to joining SSGA in 2017, she worked in Equity Product Management at Wellington Management, conducting independent risk oversight and developing investment product marketing strategy. Prior experience also includes index equity portfolio management at BlackRock. Ms. Morgan holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Wellesley College and a Master of Business Administration from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. She has also earned the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation.

Kala O'Donnell is a Vice President of SSGA and the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. She is responsible for managing both domestic and international equity index portfolios, including a variety of separate accounts, commingled funds, ETFs and alternative beta strategies. Additionally, Ms. O'Donnell has been involved in various research and process improvement projects, and has served as a hedging specialist within the Group. Prior to joining SSGA, Ms. O'Donnell worked in State Street Corporation's Mutual Funds division in the U.S., as well as in Canada and Germany. She has been in the investment management field since she joined SSGA in 1995. Ms. O'Donnell holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Lehigh University and a Master of Business Administration in International Business from Bentley College. She is member of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute and CFA Society Boston, Inc.

Emiliano Rabinovich, CFA, is a Managing Director of SSGA and the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. Within this group, he is the strategy leader for their Tax Aware, Smart Beta and ESG products. Mr. Rabinovich currently manages a varied mix of funds that include both traditional indexing and a variety of alternative beta mandates. Also, he manages local and global strategies and fund structures, which include separate accounts, commingled funds, mutual funds and ETFs. Mr. Rabinovich joined SSGA in Montreal in 2006, where he was the Head of the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group in Canada. He has been working in the investment management field since 2003. Mr. Rabinovich holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Buenos Aires and a Master of Arts in Economics from the University of CEMA. He has also earned the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation and is a member of CFA Society Boston, Inc.

Keith Richardson is a Vice President of SSGA and the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. He currently manages a variety of passive U.S. and international equity funds including an assortment of ETFs, sub-advised mutual funds, and separately managed portfolios. Prior to his current role, Mr. Richardson spent nine years as a portfolio manager in SSGA's Direct Implementation Group where he managed both U.S. active quantitative strategies and passive global REITs. During that time, he also oversaw the mass construction of separately managed accounts (SMAs). He began his time with SSGA in investment operations with a primary focus on tax-efficient market capture. Mr. Richardson has been with SSGA since 1999 and has been working in the investment management field since 1997. Mr. Richardson holds a Bachelor of Science in Finance from Bentley University and a Master of Business Administration with a Finance concentration from the Sawyer School of Management at Suffolk University.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Managing Director of SSGA and the Adviser and Deputy Head of Global Equity Beta Solutions (GEBS) in the Americas, where he also serves as a Senior Portfolio Manager for a number of the group's passive equity portfolios. Previously within GEBS, he served as a portfolio manager and product specialist for U.S. equity strategies and synthetic beta strategies, including commodities, buy/write, and hedge fund replication. He is also

a member of the S&P Dow Jones U.S. Equities Index Advisory Panel. Prior to joining the GEBS group, Mr. Schneider worked as a portfolio manager in SSGA's Currency Management Group, managing both active currency selection and traditional passive hedging overlay portfolios. He joined SSGA in 1997. Mr. Schneider holds a Bachelor of Science in Finance and Investments from Babson College and a Master of Science in Finance from the Carroll School of Management at Boston College. He has earned the Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA) designation and is a member of the CAIA Association.

Amy Scofield is a Principal of SSGA and the Adviser and a Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. She is responsible for the management of various equity index funds, with domestic and international strategies. Ms. Scofield rejoined SSGA in November of 2010, after spending two years at Atlantic Trust Company, a private wealth management firm. In her role at Atlantic Trust Company, she specialized in asset allocation and performance analysis for high net worth clients. Prior to Atlantic Trust Company, Ms. Scofield was a compliance officer at SSGA, where she was responsible for ensuring equity portfolios met specified guidelines. She also worked as an operations associate in SSGA's International Structured Products Group. Ms. Scofield holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Boston College.

Daniel TenPas, CFA, is a Principal of SSGA and the Adviser and a Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. He is currently responsible for managing various equity index funds, with both domestic and international strategies. Prior to assuming his current role, Mr. TenPas supported passive equity products as a liaison between the portfolio management team and the client-facing functions at SSGA. Mr. TenPas holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Dartmouth College and a Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School. He has earned the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation and is a member of the CFA Institute and CFA Society Boston, Inc.

Olga Winner, CFA, is a Vice President of SSGA and the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. She is responsible for the management of several domestic, international developed and emerging market strategies, including separate accounts, commingled funds, mutual funds and ETFs. Additionally, Ms. Winner manages hedged and futures overlay strategies. Prior to joining SSGA, Ms. Winner worked as an acquisitions associate at Boston Capital Partners, a real estate investment firm, analyzing investment opportunities. She holds a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Science in Finance from the Carroll School of Management at Boston College and a Bachelor of Science in Finance from the University of Massachusetts. She also earned the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation and is a member of CFA Society Boston, Inc.

Teddy Wong is a Vice President of SSGA and the Adviser and a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group. Within this team, he is responsible for the management of several strategies, including developed and emerging markets strategies benchmarked to MSCI and S&P indices as well as domestic strategies benchmarked to Russell and Standard & Poor's indices. Prior to assuming his current role in January 2006, Mr. Wong was a manager within SSGA's International Structured Products Group Operations Team. Mr. Wong holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Rochester.

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The Funds' portfolio holdings disclosure policy is described in the SAI. In addition, the identities and quantities of the securities held by each Fund are disclosed on the Funds' website.

## ADDITIONAL TAX INFORMATION

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*Taxes on Distributions.* In general, your distributions are subject to federal income tax when they are paid, whether you take them in cash or reinvest them in a Fund. The income dividends and short-term capital gains distributions you receive from a Fund will be taxed as either ordinary income or qualified dividend income. Subject to certain limitations, dividends that are reported by a Fund as qualified dividend income are taxable to noncorporate shareholders at rates of up to 20%. Any distributions of a Fund's net capital gains are taxable as long-term capital gain regardless of how long you have owned Fund Shares. Long-term capital gains are generally taxed to noncorporate shareholders at rates of up to 20%. Distributions in excess of a Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits are treated as a tax-free return of capital to the extent of your basis in the applicable Fund's shares, and, in general, as capital gain thereafter.

In general, dividends may be reported by a Fund as qualified dividend income if they are attributable to qualified dividend income received by the Fund, which, in general, includes dividend income from taxable U.S. corporations and certain foreign corporations (*i.e.*, certain foreign corporations incorporated in a possession of the United States or in certain countries with a comprehensive tax treaty with the United States, and certain other foreign corporations if the stock with respect to which the dividend is paid is readily tradable on an established securities market in the United

States), provided that the Fund satisfies certain holding period requirements in respect of the stock of such corporations and has not hedged its position in the stock in certain ways. A dividend generally will not be treated as qualified dividend income if the dividend is received with respect to any share of stock held by a Fund for fewer than 61 days during the 121-day period beginning at the date which is 60 days before the date on which such share becomes ex-dividend with respect to such dividend or, in the case of certain preferred stock, for fewer than 91 days during the 181-day period beginning 90 days before such date. These holding period requirements will also apply to your ownership of Fund Shares. Holding periods may be suspended for these purposes for stock that is hedged. Additionally, income derived in connection with a Fund's securities lending activities will not be treated as qualified dividend income.

U.S. individuals with income exceeding specified thresholds are subject to a 3.8% Medicare contribution tax on all or a portion of their "net investment income," which includes taxable interest, dividends and certain capital gains (generally including capital gain distributions and capital gains realized upon the sale of Fund Shares). This 3.8% tax also applies to all or a portion of the undistributed net investment income of certain shareholders that are estates and trusts.

Certain tax-exempt educational institutions will be subject to a 1.4% tax on net investment income. For these purposes, certain dividends and capital gain distributions, and certain gains from the disposition of Fund Shares (among other categories of income), are generally taken into account in computing a shareholder's net investment income.

If you lend your Fund Shares pursuant to securities lending arrangements you may lose the ability to treat Fund dividends (paid while the Fund Shares are held by the borrower) as qualified dividend income. You should consult your financial intermediary or tax advisor to discuss your particular circumstances.

Distributions paid in January, but declared by a Fund in October, November or December of the previous year, payable to shareholders of record in such a month, may be taxable to you in the calendar year in which they were declared. The Funds will inform you of the amount of your ordinary income dividends, qualified dividend income and capital gain distributions shortly after the close of each calendar year.

A distribution will reduce a Fund's net asset value per Fund Share and may be taxable to you as ordinary income or capital gain even though, from an investment standpoint, the distribution may constitute a return of capital.

*Derivatives and Other Complex Securities.* A Fund may invest in complex securities. These investments may be subject to numerous special and complex rules. These rules could affect whether gains and losses recognized by a Fund are treated as ordinary income or capital gain, accelerate the recognition of income to a Fund and/or defer a Fund's ability to recognize losses. In turn, these rules may affect the amount, timing or character of the income distributed to you by a Fund. You should consult your personal tax advisor regarding the application of these rules.

*Foreign Currency Transactions.* A Fund's transactions in foreign currencies, foreign currency denominated debt obligations and certain foreign currency options, futures contracts and forward contracts (and similar instruments) may give rise to ordinary income or loss to the extent such income or loss results from fluctuations in the value of the foreign currency concerned.

*Foreign Income Taxes.* Investment income received by a Fund from sources within foreign countries may be subject to foreign income taxes withheld at the source. The United States has entered into tax treaties with many foreign countries which may entitle a Fund to a reduced rate of such taxes or exemption from taxes on such income. It is impossible to determine the effective rate of foreign tax for a Fund in advance since the amount of the assets to be invested within various countries is not known. If more than 50% of the total assets of a Fund at the close of its taxable year consist of certain foreign stocks or securities, the Fund may elect to "pass through" to you certain foreign income taxes (including withholding taxes) paid by the Fund. If a Fund in which you hold Fund Shares makes such an election, you will be considered to have received as an additional dividend your share of such foreign taxes, but you may be entitled to either a corresponding tax deduction in calculating your taxable income, or, subject to certain limitations, a credit in calculating your federal income tax. No deduction for such taxes will be permitted to individuals in computing their alternative minimum tax liability. If a Fund does not so elect, the Fund will be entitled to claim a deduction for certain foreign taxes incurred by the Fund. Under certain circumstances, if a Fund receives a refund of foreign taxes paid in respect of a prior year, the value of Fund Shares could be affected or any foreign tax credits or deductions passed through to shareholders in respect of the Fund's foreign taxes for the current year could be reduced.



*Real Estate Investments.* Non-U.S. persons are generally subject to U.S. tax on a disposition of a “United States real property interest” (a “USRPI”). Gain on such a disposition is generally referred to as “FIRPTA gain.” The Code provides a look-through rule for distributions of so-called FIRPTA gain by a Fund if certain requirements are met. If the look-through rule applies, certain distributions attributable to income received by a Fund, e.g., from U.S. REITs, may be treated as gain from the disposition of a USRPI, causing distributions to be subject to U.S. withholding tax at rates of up to 21%, and requiring non-U.S. investors to file nonresident U.S. income tax returns. Also, gain may be subject to a 30% branch profits tax in the hands of a foreign stockholder that is treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes. Under certain circumstances, Shares may qualify as USRPIs, which could result in 15% withholding on certain distributions and gross redemption proceeds paid to certain non-U.S. shareholders.

For tax years beginning after December 31, 2017 and before January 1, 2026, a noncorporate taxpayer is generally eligible for a deduction of up to 20% of the taxpayer’s “qualified REIT dividends.” If a Fund receives dividends (other than capital gain dividends) in respect of REIT shares, the Fund may report its own dividends as eligible for the 20% deduction, to the extent the Fund’s income is derived from such qualified REIT dividends, as reduced by allocable Fund expenses. In order for a Fund’s dividends to be eligible for this deduction when received by a noncorporate shareholder, the Fund must meet certain holding period requirements with respect to the REIT shares on which the Fund received the eligible dividends, and the noncorporate shareholder must meet certain holding period requirements with respect to the Fund Shares.

*Taxes on Exchange-Listed Share Sales.* Any capital gain or loss realized upon a sale of Fund Shares is generally treated as long-term capital gain or loss if Fund Shares have been held for more than one year and as short-term capital gain or loss if Fund Shares have been held for one year or less, except that any capital loss on the sale of Fund Shares held for six months or less is treated as long-term capital loss to the extent that capital gain dividends were paid with respect to such Fund Shares.

*Taxes on Creations and Redemptions of Creation Units.* A person who exchanges securities for Creation Units generally will recognize a gain or loss. The gain or loss will be equal to the difference between the market value of the Creation Units at the time and the exchanger’s aggregate basis in the securities surrendered plus any cash paid for the Creation Units. A person who exchanges Creation Units for securities will generally recognize a gain or loss equal to the difference between the exchanger’s basis in the Creation Units and the aggregate market value of the securities and the amount of cash received. The Internal Revenue Service (the “IRS”), however, may assert that a loss realized upon an exchange of securities for Creation Units cannot be deducted currently under the rules governing “wash sales,” or on the basis that there has been no significant change in economic position. Persons exchanging securities should consult their own tax advisor with respect to whether wash sale rules apply and when a loss might be deductible.

Under current federal tax laws, any capital gain or loss realized upon a redemption (or creation) of Creation Units is generally treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the applicable Fund Shares (or securities surrendered) have been held for more than one year and as a short-term capital gain or loss if the applicable Fund Shares (or securities surrendered) have been held for one year or less.

If you create or redeem Creation Units, you will be sent a confirmation statement showing how many Fund Shares you purchased or sold and at what price.

The Trust on behalf of each Fund has the right to reject an order for Creation Units if the purchaser (or a group of purchasers) would, upon obtaining the Fund Shares so ordered, own 80% or more of the outstanding shares of the applicable Fund and if, pursuant to Section 351 of the Code, the applicable Fund would have a basis in the securities different from the market value of the securities on the date of deposit. The Trust also has the right to require information necessary to determine beneficial share ownership for purposes of the 80% determination. If the Trust does issue Creation Units to a purchaser (or a group of purchasers) that would, upon obtaining the Fund Shares so ordered, own 80% or more of the outstanding shares of the applicable Fund, the purchaser (or group of purchasers) will not recognize gain or loss upon the exchange of securities for Creation Units.

If a Fund redeems Creation Units in cash, it may bear additional costs and recognize more capital gains than it would if it redeems Creation Units in-kind.



*Certain Tax-Exempt Investors.* A Fund, if investing in certain limited real estate investments and other publicly traded partnerships, may be required to pass through certain “excess inclusion income” and other income as “unrelated business taxable income” (“UBTI”). Prior to investing in a Fund, tax-exempt investors sensitive to UBTI should consult their tax advisors regarding this issue and IRS pronouncements addressing the treatment of such income in the hands of such investors.

*Investments In Certain Foreign Corporations.* A Fund may invest in foreign entities classified as passive foreign investment companies or “PFICs” or controlled foreign corporations or “CFCs” under the Code. PFIC and CFC investments are subject to complex rules that may under certain circumstances adversely affect a Fund. Accordingly, investors should consult their own tax advisors and carefully consider the tax consequences of PFIC and CFC investments by a Fund before making an investment in such Fund. Fund dividends attributable to dividends received from PFICs generally will not be treated as qualified dividend income. Additional information pertaining to the potential tax consequences to the Funds, and to the shareholders, from the Funds’ potential investment in PFICs and CFCs can be found in the SAI.

*Non-U.S. Investors.* Ordinary income dividends paid by a Fund to shareholders who are non-resident aliens or foreign entities will generally be subject to a 30% U.S. withholding tax (other than distributions reported by the Fund as interest-related dividends and short-term capital gain dividends), unless a lower treaty rate applies or unless such income is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business. In general, a Fund may report interest-related dividends to the extent of its net income derived from U.S.-source interest, and a Fund may report short-term capital gain dividends to the extent its net short-term capital gain for the taxable year exceeds its net long-term capital loss. Gains on the sale of Fund Shares and dividends that are, in each case, effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the U.S. will generally be subject to U.S. federal net income taxation at regular income tax rates. Non-U.S. shareholders that own, directly or indirectly, more than 5% of a Fund’s shares are urged to consult their own tax advisors concerning special tax rules that may apply to their investment.

Unless certain non-U.S. entities that hold Fund Shares comply with IRS requirements that will generally require them to report information regarding U.S. persons investing in, or holding accounts with, such entities, a 30% withholding tax may apply to distributions payable to such entities. A non-U.S. shareholder may be exempt from the withholding described in this paragraph under an applicable intergovernmental agreement between the U.S. and a foreign government, provided that the shareholder and the applicable foreign government comply with the terms of such agreement.

*Backup Withholding.* A Fund will be required in certain cases to withhold (as “backup withholding”) on amounts payable to any shareholder who (1) has provided the Fund either an incorrect tax identification number or no number at all, (2) is subject to backup withholding by the IRS for failure to properly report payments of interest or dividends, (3) has failed to certify to the Fund that such shareholder is not subject to backup withholding, or (4) has not certified that such shareholder is a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien). The backup withholding rate is currently 24%. Backup withholding will not be applied to payments that have been subject to the 30% withholding tax on shareholders who are neither citizens nor permanent residents of the United States.

*Other Tax Issues.* A Fund may be subject to tax in certain states where the Fund does business (or is treated as doing business as a result of its investments). Furthermore, in those states which have income tax laws, the tax treatment of the Funds and of Fund shareholders with respect to distributions by the Funds may differ from federal tax treatment.

The foregoing discussion summarizes some of the consequences under current federal income tax law of an investment in the Funds. It is not a substitute for personal tax advice. Consult your personal tax advisor about the potential tax consequences of an investment in the Funds under all applicable tax laws.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Trust was organized as a Massachusetts business trust on June 12, 1998. If shareholders of any Fund are required to vote on any matters, shareholders are entitled to one vote for each Fund Share they own. Annual meetings of shareholders will not be held except as required by the 1940 Act and other applicable law. See the SAI for more information concerning the Trust’s form of organization.

### MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATION

Each Fund is a separate series of the Trust, which is an open-end registered management investment company.

For purposes of the 1940 Act, Fund Shares are issued by the respective series of the Trust and the acquisition of Fund Shares by investment companies is subject to the restrictions of Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act.

The Trust has received exemptive relief from Section 12(d)(1) to allow registered investment companies to invest in the Funds beyond the limits set forth in Section 12(d)(1), subject to certain terms and conditions as set forth in an SEC exemptive order issued to the Trust, including that such investment companies enter into an agreement with the Trust.

From time to time, a Fund may advertise yield and total return figures. Yield is a historical measure of dividend income, and total return is a measure of past dividend income (assuming that it has been reinvested) plus capital appreciation. Neither yield nor total return should be used to predict the future performance of a Fund.

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP serves as counsel to the Trust, including the Funds. Ernst & Young LLP serves as the independent registered public accounting firm and will audit the Funds' financial statements annually.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

These financial highlight tables are intended to help you understand each Fund's financial performance for the past five fiscal years or, if shorter, the period since each Fund's inception. Certain information reflects the performance results for a single Fund Share. The total returns in the table represent the rate that an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in each Fund (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions). This information has been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, the Trust's independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with each Fund's financial highlights and financial statements, is included in the annual report to shareholders, which is available upon request. Any references to Notes in these financial highlight tables refer to the "Notes to Financial Statements" section of each Fund's financial statements, and the financial information included in these tables should be read in conjunction with the financial statements incorporated by reference in the SAI.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR Dow Jones REIT ETF  |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16 |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 98.82                 | \$ 93.80                 | \$ 92.99                 | \$ 99.44                 | \$ 84.38                 |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) . . . . .            | 2.50                     | 2.74                     | 2.47                     | 1.62                     | 2.83                     |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (b) . . . . . | (19.84)                  | 5.92                     | 1.20                     | (4.28)                   | 15.72                    |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | (17.34)                  | 8.66                     | 3.67                     | (2.66)                   | 18.55                    |
| Net equalization credits and charges (a) . . . . .    | (0.10)                   | 0.01                     | (0.04)                   | (0.09)                   | 0.03                     |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (3.31)                   | (3.65)                   | (2.82)                   | (3.70)                   | (3.52)                   |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | <u>\$ 78.07</u>          | <u>\$ 98.82</u>          | <u>\$ 93.80</u>          | <u>\$ 92.99</u>          | <u>\$ 99.44</u>          |
| <b>Total return (c)</b> . . . . .                     | (18.04)%                 | 9.58%                    | 4.03%                    | (2.73)%                  | 22.43%                   |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$1,353,163              | \$2,532,796              | \$2,563,630              | \$3,015,901              | \$3,816,521              |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.25%                    | 0.25%                    | 0.25%                    | 0.25%                    | 0.25%                    |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 2.61%                    | 2.89%                    | 2.72%                    | 1.71%                    | 3.14%                    |
| Portfolio turnover rate (d) . . . . .                 | 17%                      | 9%                       | 6%                       | 9%                       | 10%                      |

- (a) Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.
- (b) Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.
- (c) Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each distribution. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.
- (d) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

| SPDR FactSet Innovative Technology ETF                |                          |                          |                          |                          |   |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | For the<br>Period<br>1/14/16*-<br>6/30/16 |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 105.68                | \$ 95.29                 | \$ 69.83                 | \$54.83                  | \$50.00                                   |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                          |                          |                          |                          |   |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) . . . . .            | (0.23)                   | 0.08                     | 0.20                     | (0.04)                   | (0.03)                                    |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (b) . . . . . | 40.41                    | 11.66                    | 27.36                    | 15.99                    | 4.86                                      |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | 40.18                    | 11.74                    | 27.56                    | 15.95                    | 4.83                                      |
| Net equalization credits and charges (a) . . . . .    | (0.40)                   | (0.11)                   | (0.74)                   | 0.15                     | —   |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                          |                          |                          |                          |   |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (0.16)                   | (0.10)                   | (0.26)                   | (0.29)                   | —   |
| Net realized gains . . . . .                          | —                        | (1.14)                   | (1.10)                   | (0.81)                   | —   |
| Total distributions . . . . .                         | (0.16)                   | (1.24)                   | (1.36)                   | (1.10)                   | —   |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 145.30                | \$105.68                 | \$ 95.29                 | \$69.83                  | \$54.83                                   |
| <b>Total return (c)</b> . . . . .                     | 37.68%                   | 12.58%                   | 38.83%                   | 29.69%                   | 9.67%                                     |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                          |                          |                          |                          |   |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$148,207                | \$73,978                 | \$38,114                 | \$6,983                  | \$5,483                                   |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                          |                          |                          |                          |   |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.45%                    | 0.45%                    | 0.45%                    | 0.45%                    | 0.46%(d)                                  |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | (0.20)%                  | 0.08%                    | 0.24%                    | (0.06)%                  | (0.12)%(d)                                |
| Portfolio turnover rate (e) . . . . .                 | 35%                      | 43%                      | 34%                      | 78%                      | 11%(f)                                    |

\* Commencement of operations.

(a) Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.

(b) Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.

(c) Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each distribution. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.

(d) Annualized.

(e) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

(f) Not annualized.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR Global Dow ETF      |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16 |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 85.13                 | \$ 82.43                 | \$ 76.65                 | \$ 64.07                 | \$ 69.67                 |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) . . . . .            | 2.07                     | 2.15                     | 1.75                     | 1.54                     | 1.55                     |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (b) . . . . . | (7.10)                   | 2.67                     | 5.81                     | 12.69                    | (5.53)                   |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | (5.03)                   | 4.82                     | 7.56                     | 14.23                    | (3.98)                   |
| Net equalization credits and charges (a) . . . . .    | (0.01)                   | (0.02)                   | 0.00(c)                  | (0.03)                   | (0.03)                   |
| Contribution from Affiliate . . . . .                 | —                        | 0.02                     | —                        | —                        | —                        |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (2.09)                   | (2.12)                   | (1.78)                   | (1.62)                   | (1.59)                   |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | <u>\$ 78.00</u>          | <u>\$ 85.13</u>          | <u>\$ 82.43</u>          | <u>\$ 76.65</u>          | <u>\$ 64.07</u>          |
| <b>Total return (d)</b> . . . . .                     | (5.97)%                  | 5.94%(e)                 | 9.86%                    | 22.34%                   | (5.68)%                  |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$78,033                 | \$91,550                 | \$90,710                 | \$88,185                 | \$86,521                 |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.50%                    | 0.50%                    | 0.50%                    | 0.50%                    | 0.50%                    |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 2.53%                    | 2.60%                    | 2.11%                    | 2.18%                    | 2.39%                    |
| Portfolio turnover rate (f) . . . . .                 | 8%                       | 11%                      | 10%                      | 10%                      | 15%                      |

(a) Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.

(b) Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.

(c) Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.

(d) Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each distribution. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.

(e) If an Affiliate had not made a contribution during the year ended June 30, 2019, the total return would have been 5.91%.

(f) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.



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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR MSCI USA StrategicFactors <sup>SM</sup> ETF |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|---|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20                         | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16 |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 86.19   | \$ 77.65                 | \$ 69.73                 | \$ 61.57                 | \$58.58                  |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |  |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) . . . . .            | 1.79   | 1.67                     | 1.44                     | 1.38                     | 1.27                     |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (b) . . . . . | 1.88   | 7.99                     | 7.82                     | 7.93                     | 3.00                     |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | 3.67   | 9.66                     | 9.26                     | 9.31                     | 4.27                     |
| Net equalization credits and charges (a) . . . . .    | 0.34   | 0.52                     | 0.06                     | 0.22                     | 0.01                     |
| Contribution from Affiliate (a) . . . . .             | 0.00(c)  | —                        | —                        | —                        | —                        |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |  |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (1.77)   | (1.64)                   | (1.36)                   | (1.37)                   | (1.28)                   |
| Net realized gains . . . . .                          | —  | —                        | (0.04)                   | —                        | (0.01)                   |
| Total distributions . . . . .                         | (1.77)   | (1.64)                   | (1.40)                   | (1.37)                   | (1.29)                   |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 88.43   | \$ 86.19                 | \$ 77.65                 | \$ 69.73                 | \$61.57                  |
| <b>Total return (d)</b> . . . . .                     | 4.53%(e)   | 13.35%                   | 13.41%                   | 15.61%                   | 7.45%                    |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |  |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$771,956  | \$348,228                | \$93,180                 | \$41,839                 | \$6,157                  |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |  |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.15%  | 0.15%                    | 0.15%                    | 0.15%                    | 0.15%                    |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 2.02%  | 2.04%                    | 1.90%                    | 2.06%                    | 2.16%                    |
| Portfolio turnover rate (f) . . . . .                 | 21%  | 18%                      | 18%                      | 23%                      | 17%                      |

- (a) Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.
- (b) Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.
- (c) Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.
- (d) Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each distribution. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.
- (e) If an Affiliate had not made a contribution during the year ended June 30, 2020, the total return would have remained 4.53%.
- (f) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR NYSE Technology ETF |                       |                       |                       |                          |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Year Ended<br>6/30/20    | Year Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year Ended<br>6/30/17 | Year Ended<br>6/30/16(a) |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 72.66                 | \$ 93.29              | \$ 72.80              | \$ 52.63              | \$ 50.26                 |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                          |                       |                       |                       |                          |
| Net investment income (loss) (b) . . . . .            | 0.49                     | 0.56                  | 0.55                  | 0.54                  | 0.49                     |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (c) . . . . . | 26.90                    | (3.48)                | 20.98                 | 20.17                 | 2.31                     |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | 27.39                    | (2.92)                | 21.53                 | 20.71                 | 2.80                     |
| Net equalization credits and charges (b) . . . . .    | (0.02)                   | (0.07)                | 0.00(d)               | 0.00(d)               | 0.00(d)                  |
| Voluntary contribution from Adviser . . . . .         | —                        | —                     | —                     | —                     | 0.06                     |
| Other capital . . . . .                               | —                        | 0.00(d)               | —                     | —                     | —                        |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                          |                       |                       |                       |                          |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (0.54)                   | (0.58)                | (0.48)                | (0.54)                | (0.49)                   |
| Net realized gains . . . . .                          | —                        | (17.06)               | (0.56)                | —                     | —                        |
| Total distributions . . . . .                         | (0.54)                   | (17.64)               | (1.04)                | (0.54)                | (0.49)                   |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | <u>\$ 99.49</u>          | <u>\$ 72.66</u>       | <u>\$ 93.29</u>       | <u>\$ 72.80</u>       | <u>\$ 52.63</u>          |
| <b>Total return (e)</b> . . . . .                     | 37.85%                   | 1.04%                 | 29.71%                | 39.46%                | 5.73%(f)                 |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                          |                       |                       |                       |                          |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$402,953                | \$428,680             | \$974,885             | \$711,637             | \$489,477                |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                          |                       |                       |                       |                          |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                 | 0.35%                 | 0.35%                 | 0.35%                    |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 0.62%                    | 0.68%                 | 0.64%                 | 0.85%                 | 0.94%                    |
| Portfolio turnover rate (g) . . . . .                 | 20%                      | 10%                   | 36%                   | 14%                   | 32%                      |

- (a) On September 8, 2015, the SPDR NYSE Technology ETF underwent a 2-for-1 share split. The per share data presented here have been retroactively adjusted to reflect this split.
- (b) Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.
- (c) Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.
- (d) Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.
- (e) Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each distribution. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.
- (f) If the Adviser had not made a contribution during the year ended June 30, 2016, the total return would have remained 5.62%.
- (g) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

**SPDR Portfolio S&P 1500 Composite Stock Market ETF**

|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16(a) |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 36.49                 | \$ 33.98                 | \$ 30.06                    | \$ 25.88                    | \$ 25.83                    |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                          |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net investment income (loss) (b) . . . . .            | 0.72                     | 0.68                     | 0.64                        | 0.54                        | 0.51                        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (c) . . . . . | 1.35                     | 2.43                     | 3.72                        | 4.19                        | 0.07                        |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | 2.07                     | 3.11                     | 4.36                        | 4.73                        | 0.58                        |
| Net equalization credits and charges (b) . . . . .    | (0.02)                   | 0.06                     | 0.10                        | (0.01)                      | (0.01)                      |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                          |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (0.73)                   | (0.66)                   | (0.54)                      | (0.54)                      | (0.52)                      |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 37.81                 | \$ 36.49                 | \$ 33.98                    | \$ 30.06                    | \$ 25.88                    |
| <b>Total return (d)</b> . . . . .                     | 5.76%                    | 9.45%                    | 14.90%                      | 18.37%                      | 2.34%                       |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                          |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$3,391,957              | \$3,497,222              | \$2,198,379                 | \$414,853                   | \$341,640                   |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                          |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.03%                    | 0.03%                    | 0.04%                       | 0.10%                       | 0.10%                       |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 1.93%                    | 1.96%                    | 1.92%                       | 1.90%                       | 2.04%                       |
| Portfolio turnover rate (e) . . . . .                 | 12%                      | 4%                       | 8%                          | 3%                          | 4%                          |

(a) On October 16, 2017, the SPDR Portfolio Total Stock Market ETF underwent a 6-for-1 share split. The per share data presented here have been retroactively adjusted to reflect this split.

(b) Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.

(c) Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.

(d) Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each distribution. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.

(e) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR Portfolio S&P 400 Mid Cap ETF |                          |                             |                             |                             |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20           | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16(a) |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 34.06                           | \$ 34.86                 | \$ 30.80                    | \$ 26.08                    | \$ 29.00                    |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                                    |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net investment income (loss) (b) . . . . .            | 0.54                               | 0.54                     | 0.52                        | 0.42                        | 0.41                        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (c) . . . . . | (2.77)                             | (0.82)                   | 4.16                        | 4.93                        | (1.94)                      |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | (2.23)                             | (0.28)                   | 4.68                        | 5.35                        | (1.53)                      |
| Net equalization credits and charges (b) . . . . .    | 0.01                               | 0.04                     | 0.07                        | —                           | (0.01)                      |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                                    |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (0.58)                             | (0.56)                   | (0.50)                      | (0.46)                      | (0.43)                      |
| Net realized gains . . . . .                          | —                                  | —                        | (0.19)                      | (0.17)                      | (0.95)                      |
| Total distributions . . . . .                         | (0.58)                             | (0.56)                   | (0.69)                      | (0.63)                      | (1.38)                      |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 31.26                           | \$ 34.06                 | \$ 34.86                    | \$ 30.80                    | \$ 26.08                    |
| <b>Total return (d)</b> . . . . .                     | (6.53)%                            | (0.60)%                  | 15.56%                      | 20.65%                      | (5.20)%                     |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                                    |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$2,341,048                        | \$1,592,467              | \$780,885                   | \$180,166                   | \$62,580                    |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                                    |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.05%                              | 0.05%                    | 0.06%                       | 0.10%                       | 0.10%                       |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 1.66%                              | 1.61%                    | 1.56%                       | 1.44%                       | 1.57%                       |
| Portfolio turnover rate (e) . . . . .                 | 30%                                | 8%                       | 11%                         | 37%                         | 16%                         |

- (a) On October 16, 2017, the SPDR Portfolio Mid Cap ETF underwent a 3-for-1 share split. The per share data presented here have been retroactively adjusted to reflect this split.
- (b) Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.
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- (d) Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each distribution. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.
- (e) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 ETF |                          |                             |                             |                             |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16(a) |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 34.53                   | \$ 31.87                 | \$ 28.36                    | \$ 24.53                    | \$ 24.35                    |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                            |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net investment income (loss) (b) . . . . .            | 0.69                       | 0.65                     | 0.61                        | 0.52                        | 0.50                        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (c) . . . . . | 1.72                       | 2.64                     | 3.38                        | 3.83                        | 0.17                        |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | 2.41                       | 3.29                     | 3.99                        | 4.35                        | 0.67                        |
| Net equalization credits and charges (b) . . . . .    | 0.06                       | 0.05                     | 0.11                        | 0.01                        | 0.01                        |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                            |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (0.70)                     | (0.68)                   | (0.59)                      | (0.53)                      | (0.50)                      |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 36.30                   | \$ 34.53                 | \$ 31.87                    | \$ 28.36                    | \$ 24.53                    |
| <b>Total return (d)</b> . . . . .                     | 7.26%                      | 10.65%                   | 14.50%                      | 17.94%                      | 2.90%                       |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                            |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$5,516,028                | \$2,527,961              | \$1,362,496                 | \$147,491                   | \$93,191                    |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                            |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.03%                      | 0.03%                    | 0.04%                       | 0.10%                       | 0.10%                       |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 1.97%                      | 2.00%                    | 1.94%                       | 1.94%                       | 2.08%                       |
| Portfolio turnover rate (e) . . . . .                 | 11%                        | 5%                       | 7%                          | 4%                          | 5%                          |

- (a) On October 16, 2017, the SPDR Portfolio Large Cap ETF underwent a 4-for-1 share split. The per share data presented here have been retroactively adjusted to reflect this split.
- (b) Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.
- (c) Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.
- (d) Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each distribution. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.
- (e) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.



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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 Growth ETF |                       |                          |                          |                          |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Year Ended<br>6/30/20             | Year Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year Ended<br>6/30/18(a) | Year Ended<br>6/30/17(a) | Year Ended<br>6/30/16(a) |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 38.74                          | \$ 35.12              | \$ 29.56                 | \$ 25.22                 | \$ 24.62                 |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                                   |                       |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income (loss) (b) . . . . .            | 0.55                              | 0.53                  | 0.48                     | 0.42                     | 0.39                     |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (c) . . . . . | 6.24                              | 3.60                  | 5.50                     | 4.36                     | 0.60                     |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | 6.79                              | 4.13                  | 5.98                     | 4.78                     | 0.99                     |
| Net equalization credits and charges (b) . . . . .    | (0.01)                            | 0.03                  | 0.05                     | (0.00)(d)                | 0.01                     |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                                   |                       |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (0.56)                            | (0.54)                | (0.47)                   | (0.44)                   | (0.40)                   |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 44.96                          | \$ 38.74              | \$ 35.12                 | \$ 29.56                 | \$ 25.22                 |
| <b>Total return (e)</b> . . . . .                     | 17.67%                            | 11.96%                | 20.51%                   | 19.07%(f)                | 4.12%                    |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                                   |                       |                          |                          |                          |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$7,903,192                       | \$5,390,890           | \$2,648,124              | \$839,515                | \$711,123                |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                                   |                       |                          |                          |                          |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.04%                             | 0.04%                 | 0.06%                    | 0.15%                    | 0.15%                    |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 1.36%                             | 1.45%                 | 1.43%                    | 1.52%                    | 1.59%                    |
| Portfolio turnover rate (g) . . . . .                 | 23%                               | 21%                   | 13%                      | 20%                      | 23%                      |

- (a) On October 16, 2017, the SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 Growth ETF underwent a 4-for-1 share split. The per share data presented here have been retroactively adjusted to reflect this split.
- (b) Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.
- (c) Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.
- (d) Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.
- (e) Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of the Fund. Total return for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.
- (f) Reflects a non-recurring litigation payment received by the Fund from State Street Corp., an affiliate, which amounted to less than \$0.005 per share outstanding as of March 20, 2017. This payment resulted in an increase to total return of less than 0.005% for the period ended June 30, 2017.
- (g) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

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| SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 High Dividend ETF              |                          |                          |                          |                          |  |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | For the<br>Period<br>10/22/15*-<br>6/30/16 |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 38.01                 | \$ 37.27                 | \$ 35.27                 | \$ 33.54                 | \$ 30.00                                   |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                          |                          |                          |                          |  |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) . . . . .            | 1.58                     | 1.64                     | 1.52                     | 1.40                     | 0.98                                       |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (b) . . . . . | (10.08)                  | 0.61                     | 2.15                     | 1.72                     | 3.26                                       |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | (8.50)                   | 2.25                     | 3.67                     | 3.12                     | 4.24                                       |
| Net equalization credits and charges (a) . . . . .    | 0.09                     | 0.19                     | 0.13                     | 0.18                     | 0.23                                       |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                          |                          |                          |                          |  |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (1.71)                   | (1.70)                   | (1.49)                   | (1.41)                   | (0.93)                                     |
| Net realized gains . . . . .                          | —                        | —                        | (0.31)                   | (0.16)                   | —  |
| Total distributions . . . . .                         | (1.71)                   | (1.70)                   | (1.80)                   | (1.57)                   | (0.93)                                     |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 27.89                 | \$ 38.01                 | \$ 37.27                 | \$ 35.27                 | \$ 33.54                                   |
| <b>Total return (c)</b> . . . . .                     | (22.55)%                 | 6.82%                    | 10.96%                   | 9.94%                    | 15.20%                                     |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                          |                          |                          |                          |  |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$1,916,307              | \$1,704,761              | \$566,538                | \$167,523                | \$31,866                                   |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                          |                          |                          |                          |  |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.07%                    | 0.07%                    | 0.08%                    | 0.12%                    | 0.12%(d)                                   |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 4.64%                    | 4.41%                    | 4.17%                    | 4.00%                    | 4.50%(d)                                   |
| Portfolio turnover rate (e) . . . . .                 | 45%                      | 28%                      | 35%                      | 40%                      | 23%(f)                                     |

\* Commencement of operations.

(a) Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.

(b) Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.

(c) Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each distribution. Total return for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.

(d) Annualized.

(e) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

(f) Not annualized.

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 Value ETF |                          |                             |                             |                             |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20         | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16(a) |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 31.28                         | \$ 29.60                 | \$ 28.38                    | \$ 25.13                    | \$ 24.98                    |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                                  |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net investment income (loss) (b) . . . . .            | 0.84                             | 0.79                     | 0.75                        | 0.65                        | 0.63                        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (c) . . . . . | (2.31)                           | 1.68                     | 1.25                        | 3.27                        | 0.14                        |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | (1.47)                           | 2.47                     | 2.00                        | 3.92                        | 0.77                        |
| Net equalization credits and charges (b) . . . . .    | 0.07                             | 0.03                     | 0.12                        | (0.01)                      | 0.01                        |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                                  |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (0.84)                           | (0.82)                   | (0.73)                      | (0.66)                      | (0.63)                      |
| Net realized gains . . . . .                          | —                                | —                        | (0.17)                      | —                           | —                           |
| Total distributions . . . . .                         | (0.84)                           | (0.82)                   | (0.90)                      | (0.66)                      | (0.63)                      |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 29.04                         | \$ 31.28                 | \$ 29.60                    | \$ 28.38                    | \$ 25.13                    |
| <b>Total return (d)</b> . . . . .                     | (4.54)%                          | 8.59%                    | 7.49%                       | 15.70%                      | 3.29%                       |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                                  |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$4,753,481                      | \$2,883,852              | \$1,355,967                 | \$340,648                   | \$246,308                   |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                                  |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.04%                            | 0.04%                    | 0.06%                       | 0.15%                       | 0.15%                       |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 2.67%                            | 2.63%                    | 2.49%                       | 2.40%                       | 2.61%                       |
| Portfolio turnover rate (e) . . . . .                 | 34%                              | 30%                      | 16%                         | 21%                         | 24%                         |

- (a) On October 16, 2017, the SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 Value ETF underwent a 4-for-1 share split. The per share data presented here have been retroactively adjusted to reflect this split.
- (b) Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.
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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR Portfolio S&P 600 Small Cap ETF |                          |                             |                             |                             |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20             | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16(a) |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 30.65                             | \$ 32.26                 | \$ 27.69                    | \$ 22.56                    | \$ 24.66                    |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                                      |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net investment income (loss) (b) . . . . .            | 0.44                                 | 0.48                     | 0.50                        | 0.38                        | 0.37                        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (c) . . . . . | (4.07)                               | (1.57)                   | 4.49                        | 5.12                        | (2.00)                      |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | (3.63)                               | (1.09)                   | 4.99                        | 5.50                        | (1.63)                      |
| Net equalization credits and charges (b) . . . . .    | 0.04                                 | 0.01                     | 0.04                        | 0.03                        | 0.03                        |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                                      |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (0.49)                               | (0.53)                   | (0.46)                      | (0.40)                      | (0.38)                      |
| Net realized gains . . . . .                          | —                                    | —                        | —                           | —                           | (0.12)                      |
| Total distributions . . . . .                         | (0.49)                               | (0.53)                   | (0.46)                      | (0.40)                      | (0.50)                      |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 26.57                             | \$ 30.65                 | \$ 32.26                    | \$ 27.69                    | \$ 22.56                    |
| <b>Total return (d)</b> . . . . .                     | (11.78)%                             | (3.24)%                  | 18.27%                      | 24.59%                      | (6.45)%                     |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                                      |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$2,168,502                          | \$1,367,143              | \$1,188,787                 | \$224,263                   | \$87,992                    |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                                      |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.05%                                | 0.05%                    | 0.06%                       | 0.10%                       | 0.12%                       |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 1.55%                                | 1.57%                    | 1.63%                       | 1.47%                       | 1.68%                       |
| Portfolio turnover rate (e) . . . . .                 | 80%                                  | 14%                      | 28%                         | 20%                         | 18%                         |

- (a) On October 16, 2017, the SPDR Portfolio Small Cap ETF underwent a 3-for-1 share split. The per share data presented here have been retroactively adjusted to reflect this split.
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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

| SPDR Russell 1000 Low Volatility Focus ETF            |                          |                          |                          |                          |  |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | For the<br>Period<br>12/02/15*-<br>6/30/16 |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 80.17                 | \$ 72.91                 | \$ 70.31                 | \$ 63.78                 | \$ 60.00                                   |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                          |                          |                          |                          |  |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) . . . . .            | 1.58                     | 1.45                     | 1.36                     | 1.26                     | 0.79                                       |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (b) . . . . . | (6.42)                   | 7.34                     | 6.31                     | 7.69                     | 3.73                                       |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | (4.84)                   | 8.79                     | 7.67                     | 8.95                     | 4.52                                       |
| Net equalization credits and charges (a) . . . . .    | 0.01                     | (0.01)                   | 0.00(c)                  | 0.00(c)                  | 0.01                                       |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                          |                          |                          |                          |  |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (1.84)                   | (1.52)                   | (1.41)                   | (1.29)                   | (0.75)                                     |
| Net realized gains . . . . .                          | —                        | —                        | (3.66)                   | (1.13)                   | —  |
| Total distributions . . . . .                         | (1.84)                   | (1.52)                   | (5.07)                   | (2.42)                   | (0.75)                                     |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 73.50                 | \$ 80.17                 | \$ 72.91                 | \$ 70.31                 | \$ 63.78                                   |
| <b>Total return (d)</b> . . . . .                     | (6.10)%                  | 12.23%                   | 11.03%                   | 14.27%                   | 7.60%                                      |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                          |                          |                          |                          |  |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$474,842                | \$525,107                | \$455,698                | \$432,422                | \$385,862                                  |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                          |                          |                          |                          |  |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.20%                    | 0.20%                    | 0.20%                    | 0.20%                    | 0.20%(e)                                   |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 2.02%                    | 1.93%                    | 1.87%                    | 1.88%                    | 2.28%(e)                                   |
| Portfolio turnover rate (f) . . . . .                 | 28%                      | 33%                      | 31%                      | 37%                      | 68%(g)                                     |

\* Commencement of operations.

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(e) Annualized.

(f) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

(g) Not annualized.



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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

| SPDR Russell 1000 Momentum Focus ETF                  |                          |                          |                          |                          |  |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | For the<br>Period<br>12/02/15*-<br>6/30/16 |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 73.00                 | \$ 72.92                 | \$ 68.99                 | \$ 61.23                 | \$ 60.00                                   |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                          |                          |                          |                          |  |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) . . . . .            | 1.20                     | 1.08                     | 1.16                     | 1.11                     | 0.65                                       |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (b) . . . . . | (4.46)                   | 0.17                     | 8.38                     | 7.80                     | 1.19                                       |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | (3.26)                   | 1.25                     | 9.54                     | 8.91                     | 1.84                                       |
| Net equalization credits and charges (a) . . . . .    | (0.08)                   | (0.02)                   | 0.02                     | 0.00(c)                  | 0.00(c)                                    |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                          |                          |                          |                          |  |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (1.28)                   | (1.15)                   | (1.19)                   | (1.15)                   | (0.61)                                     |
| Net realized gains . . . . .                          | —                        | —                        | (4.44)                   | —                        | —  |
| Total distributions . . . . .                         | (1.28)                   | (1.15)                   | (5.63)                   | (1.15)                   | (0.61)                                     |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 68.38                 | \$ 73.00                 | \$ 72.92                 | \$ 68.99                 | \$ 61.23                                   |
| <b>Total return (d)</b> . . . . .                     | (4.59)%                  | 1.78%                    | 13.97%                   | 14.66%                   | 3.10%                                      |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                          |                          |                          |                          |  |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$311,807                | \$435,806                | \$601,571                | \$469,132                | \$345,946                                  |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                          |                          |                          |                          |  |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.20%                    | 0.20%                    | 0.20%                    | 0.20%                    | 0.20%(e)                                   |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 1.68%                    | 1.51%                    | 1.59%                    | 1.70%                    | 1.91%(e)                                   |
| Portfolio turnover rate (f) . . . . .                 | 42%                      | 40%                      | 112%                     | 101%                     | 55%(g)                                     |

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(e) Annualized.

(f) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

(g) Not annualized.

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR Russell 1000 Yield Focus ETF |                          |                          |                          |  |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20          | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | For the<br>Period<br>12/02/15*-<br>6/30/16 |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 70.62                          | \$ 70.43                 | \$ 69.70                 | \$ 63.57                 | \$ 60.00                                   |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                                   |                          |                          |                          |  |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) . . . . .            | 2.16                              | 2.23                     | 2.21                     | 2.08                     | 1.21                                       |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (b) . . . . . | (11.73)                           | 0.32                     | 6.14                     | 8.30                     | 3.48                                       |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | (9.57)                            | 2.55                     | 8.35                     | 10.38                    | 4.69                                       |
| Net equalization credits and charges (a) . . . . .    | 0.01                              | (0.02)                   | (0.00)(c)                | 0.00(c)                  | 0.01                                       |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                                   |                          |                          |                          |  |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (2.37)                            | (2.34)                   | (2.36)                   | (2.15)                   | (1.13)                                     |
| Net realized gains . . . . .                          | —                                 | —                        | (5.26)                   | (2.10)                   | —  |
| Total distributions . . . . .                         | (2.37)                            | (2.34)                   | (7.62)                   | (4.25)                   | (1.13)                                     |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 58.69                          | \$ 70.62                 | \$ 70.43                 | \$ 69.70                 | \$ 63.57                                   |
| <b>Total return (d)</b> . . . . .                     | (13.74)%                          | 3.79%                    | 12.25%                   | 16.61%                   | 7.93%                                      |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                                   |                          |                          |                          |  |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$356,828                         | \$426,550                | \$404,979                | \$397,306                | \$359,191                                  |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                                   |                          |                          |                          |  |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.20%                             | 0.20%                    | 0.20%                    | 0.20%                    | 0.20%(e)                                   |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 3.27%                             | 3.22%                    | 3.15%                    | 3.06%                    | 3.50%(e)                                   |
| Portfolio turnover rate (f) . . . . .                 | 34%                               | 42%                      | 36%                      | 42%                      | 44%(g)                                     |

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(e) Annualized.

(f) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

(g) Not annualized.

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P 1500 Momentum Tilt ETF |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20        | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16 |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$127.95                        | \$118.95                 | \$101.56                 | \$ 90.70                 | \$ 88.05                 |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                                 |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) . . . . .            | 2.11                            | 1.93                     | 1.68                     | 1.85                     | 1.58                     |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (b) . . . . . | 6.32                            | 8.87                     | 17.44                    | 10.81                    | 2.72                     |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | 8.43                            | 10.80                    | 19.12                    | 12.66                    | 4.30                     |
| Net equalization credits and charges (a) . . . . .    | (0.05)                          | 0.15                     | (0.01)                   | 0.10                     | (0.04)                   |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                                 |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (2.16)                          | (1.95)                   | (1.72)                   | (1.90)                   | (1.61)                   |
| Total distributions . . . . .                         | (2.16)                          | (1.95)                   | (1.72)                   | (1.90)                   | (1.61)                   |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | <u>\$134.17</u>                 | <u>\$127.95</u>          | <u>\$118.95</u>          | <u>\$101.56</u>          | <u>\$ 90.70</u>          |
| <b>Total return (c)</b> . . . . .                     | 6.64%                           | 9.31%                    | 18.91%                   | 14.20%                   | 4.93%                    |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                                 |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$67,085                        | \$51,180                 | \$29,737                 | \$20,311                 | \$18,139                 |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                                 |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.12%                           | 0.12%                    | 0.12%                    | 0.12%                    | 0.12%                    |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 1.62%                           | 1.60%                    | 1.48%                    | 1.95%                    | 1.82%                    |
| Portfolio turnover rate (d) . . . . .                 | 65%                             | 58%                      | 55%                      | 75%                      | 62%                      |

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P 1500 Value Tilt ETF |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20     | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16 |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$103.92                     | \$101.54                 | \$ 92.28                 | \$78.89                  | \$83.36                  |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                              |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) . . . . .            | 2.53                         | 2.41                     | 2.11                     | 1.89                     | 1.88                     |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (b) . . . . . | (6.33)                       | 2.54                     | 9.18                     | 13.40                    | (1.28)                   |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | (3.80)                       | 4.95                     | 11.29                    | 15.29                    | 0.60                     |
| Net equalization credits and charges (a) . . . . .    | (0.01)                       | (0.05)                   | 0.08                     | (0.01)                   | (0.05)                   |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                              |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (2.57)                       | (2.52)                   | (2.11)                   | (1.89)                   | (1.92)                   |
| Net realized gains . . . . .                          | —                            | —                        | —                        | —                        | (3.10)                   |
| Total distributions . . . . .                         | (2.57)                       | (2.52)                   | (2.11)                   | (1.89)                   | (5.02)                   |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 97.54                     | \$103.92                 | \$101.54                 | \$92.28                  | \$78.89                  |
| <b>Total return (c)</b> . . . . .                     | (3.68)%                      | 4.93%                    | 12.38%                   | 19.51%                   | 0.87%                    |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                              |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$20,483                     | \$18,706                 | \$15,231                 | \$9,228                  | \$3,944                  |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                              |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.12%                        | 0.12%                    | 0.13%                    | 0.12%                    | 0.13%                    |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 2.46%                        | 2.37%                    | 2.11%                    | 2.14%                    | 2.37%                    |
| Portfolio turnover rate (d) . . . . .                 | 16%                          | 13%                      | 14%                      | 18%                      | 12%                      |

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P 400 Mid Cap Growth ETF |                       |                          |                          |                          |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Year Ended<br>6/30/20           | Year Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year Ended<br>6/30/18(a) | Year Ended<br>6/30/17(a) | Year Ended<br>6/30/16(a) |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 54.22                        | \$ 53.98              | \$ 47.77                 | \$ 41.10                 | \$ 41.68                 |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                                 |                       |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income (loss) (b) . . . . .            | 0.55                            | 0.65                  | 0.56                     | 0.51                     | 0.45                     |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (c) . . . . . | (0.38)                          | 0.26                  | 6.74                     | 6.72                     | (0.06)                   |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | 0.17                            | 0.91                  | 7.30                     | 7.23                     | 0.39                     |
| Net equalization credits and charges (b) . . . . .    | (0.00)(d)                       | 0.02                  | 0.06                     | 0.02                     | 0.01                     |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                                 |                       |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (0.62)                          | (0.69)                | (0.59)                   | (0.58)                   | (0.49)                   |
| Net realized gains . . . . .                          | —                               | —                     | (0.56)                   | —                        | (0.49)                   |
| Total distributions . . . . .                         | (0.62)                          | (0.69)                | (1.15)                   | (0.58)                   | (0.98)                   |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 53.77                        | \$ 54.22              | \$ 53.98                 | \$ 47.77                 | \$ 41.10                 |
| <b>Total return (e)</b> . . . . .                     | 0.35%                           | 1.79%                 | 15.51%                   | 17.74%                   | 1.07%                    |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                                 |                       |                          |                          |                          |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$1,941,214                     | \$1,680,730           | \$1,195,700              | \$573,287                | \$345,259                |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                                 |                       |                          |                          |                          |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.15%                           | 0.15%                 | 0.15%                    | 0.15%                    | 0.15%                    |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 1.04%                           | 1.24%                 | 1.08%                    | 1.14%                    | 1.13%                    |
| Portfolio turnover rate (f). . . . .                  | 45%                             | 38%                   | 50%                      | 54%                      | 55%                      |

- (a) After the close of trading on June 12, 2018, the SPDR S&P 400 Mid Cap Growth ETF underwent a 3-for-1 share split. The historical per share activity presented here has been retroactively adjusted to reflect this split.
- (b) Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.
- (c) Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.
- (d) Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.
- (e) Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each distribution. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation. Total returns for periods of less than one year if any, are not annualized.
- (f) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.



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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P 400 Mid Cap Value ETF |                          |                             |                             |                             |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20       | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16(a) |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 51.34                       | \$ 52.01                 | \$ 48.14                    | \$ 41.47                    | \$ 42.85                    |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                                |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net investment income (loss) (b) . . . . .            | 1.02                           | 0.93                     | 0.96                        | 0.80                        | 0.80                        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (c) . . . . . | (8.59)                         | (0.69)                   | 4.18                        | 6.72                        | (0.51)                      |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | (7.57)                         | 0.24                     | 5.14                        | 7.52                        | 0.29                        |
| Net equalization credits and charges (b) . . . . .    | 0.00(d)                        | 0.06                     | 0.10                        | 0.03                        | 0.06                        |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                                |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (1.11)                         | (0.97)                   | (0.95)                      | (0.88)                      | (0.81)                      |
| Net realized gains . . . . .                          | —                              | —                        | (0.42)                      | —                           | (0.92)                      |
| Total distributions . . . . .                         | (1.11)                         | (0.97)                   | (1.37)                      | (0.88)                      | (1.73)                      |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 42.66                       | \$ 51.34                 | \$ 52.01                    | \$ 48.14                    | \$ 41.47                    |
| <b>Total return (e)</b> . . . . .                     | (14.85)%                       | 0.68%                    | 10.98%                      | 18.31%                      | 1.13%                       |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                                |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$893,653                      | \$1,491,525              | \$767,185                   | \$346,625                   | \$207,342                   |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                                |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.15%                          | 0.15%                    | 0.15%                       | 0.15%                       | 0.15%                       |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 2.13%                          | 1.83%                    | 1.90%                       | 1.73%                       | 2.02%                       |
| Portfolio turnover rate (f). . . . .                  | 45%                            | 35%                      | 45%                         | 51%                         | 40%                         |

(a) After the close of trading on June 12, 2018, SPDR S&P 400 Mid Cap Value ET underwent a 2-for-1 share split. The historical per share activity presented here has been retroactively adjusted to reflect this split.

(b) Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.

(c) Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.

(d) Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.

(e) Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each distribution. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation. Total returns for periods of less than one year if any, are not annualized.

(f) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P 500 Fossil Fuel Reserves Free ETF |                          |                          |                          |  |
|---|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20                   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | For the<br>Period<br>11/30/15*-<br>6/30/16 |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 71.48                                   | \$ 65.55                 | \$ 58.69                 | \$ 50.16                 | \$ 50.00                                   |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |  |                          |                          |                          |  |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) . . . . .            | 1.28                                       | 1.17                     | 1.10                     | 1.02                     | 0.58                                       |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (b) . . . . . | 4.85                                       | 5.96                     | 6.84                     | 8.52                     | 0.11                                       |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | 6.13                                       | 7.13                     | 7.94                     | 9.54                     | 0.69                                       |
| Net equalization credits and charges (a) . . . . .    | 0.07                                       | 0.03                     | 0.04                     | 0.03                     | 0.03                                       |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |  |                          |                          |                          |  |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (1.29)                                     | (1.23)                   | (1.10)                   | (1.04)                   | (0.56)                                     |
| Net realized gains . . . . .                          | —  | —                        | (0.02)                   | 0.00(c)                  | —  |
| Total distributions . . . . .                         | (1.29)                                     | (1.23)                   | (1.12)                   | (1.04)                   | (0.56)                                     |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 76.39                                   | \$ 71.48                 | \$ 65.55                 | \$ 58.69                 | \$ 50.16                                   |
| <b>Total return (d)</b> . . . . .                     | 8.77%                                      | 11.04%                   | 13.67%                   | 19.22%                   | 1.48%                                      |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |  |                          |                          |                          |  |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$567,579                                  | \$365,271                | \$281,885                | \$152,600                | \$100,328                                  |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |  |                          |                          |                          |  |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.25%                                      | 0.25%                    | 0.25%                    | 0.25%                    | 0.25%(e)                                   |
| Net expenses . . . . .                                | 0.20%                                      | 0.20%                    | 0.20%                    | 0.20%                    | 0.20%(e)                                   |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 1.73%                                      | 1.74%                    | 1.72%                    | 1.86%                    | 2.05%(e)                                   |
| Portfolio turnover rate (f) . . . . .                 | 4%   | 6%                       | 5%                       | 4%                       | 6%(g)                                      |

\* Commencement of operations.

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(c) Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.

(d) Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each distribution. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.

(e) Annualized.

(f) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

(g) Not annualized.

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap ETF |                          |                             |                             |                             |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16(a) |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 67.66                   | \$ 72.24                 | \$ 61.60                    | \$ 52.17                    | \$ 54.13                    |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                            |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net investment income (loss) (b) . . . . .            | 0.91                       | 0.94                     | 0.87                        | 0.79                        | 0.73                        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (c) . . . . . | (8.47)                     | (4.55)                   | 11.52                       | 10.80                       | (0.89)                      |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | (7.56)                     | (3.61)                   | 12.39                       | 11.59                       | (0.16)                      |
| Net equalization credits and charges (b) . . . . .    | (0.02)                     | 0.01                     | 0.01                        | 0.02                        | 0.02                        |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                            |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (1.01)                     | (0.98)                   | (0.89)                      | (0.77)                      | (0.74)                      |
| Net realized gains . . . . .                          | —                          | —                        | (0.87)                      | (1.41)                      | (1.08)                      |
| Total distributions . . . . .                         | (1.01)                     | (0.98)                   | (1.76)                      | (2.18)                      | (1.82)                      |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 59.07                   | \$ 67.66                 | \$ 72.24                    | \$ 61.60                    | \$ 52.17                    |
| <b>Total return (d)</b> . . . . .                     | (11.26)%                   | (4.95)%                  | 20.38%                      | 22.35%                      | (0.10)%                     |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                            |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$998,273                  | \$1,288,927              | \$1,043,840                 | \$751,493                   | \$443,392                   |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                            |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.15%                      | 0.15%                    | 0.15%                       | 0.15%                       | 0.15%                       |
| Net expenses . . . . .                                | 0.11%                      | —%                       | —%                          | —%                          | —%                          |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 1.42%                      | 1.37%                    | 1.30%                       | 1.33%                       | 1.44%                       |
| Portfolio turnover rate (e) . . . . .                 | 15%                        | 11%                      | 14%                         | 22%                         | 25%                         |

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- (b) Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.
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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap Growth ETF |                          |                             |                             |                             |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20          | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16(a) |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 60.96                          | \$ 63.17                 | \$ 54.12                    | \$ 44.56                    | \$ 47.46                    |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                                   |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net investment income (loss) (b) . . . . .            | 0.59                              | 0.61                     | 0.55                        | 0.55                        | 0.57                        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (c) . . . . . | (4.10)                            | (2.20)                   | 11.19                       | 9.53                        | (0.99)                      |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | (3.51)                            | (1.59)                   | 11.74                       | 10.08                       | (0.42)                      |
| Net equalization credits and charges (b) . . . . .    | (0.02)                            | 0.01                     | 0.02                        | 0.02                        | 0.02                        |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                                   |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (0.66)                            | (0.63)                   | (0.60)                      | (0.54)                      | (0.60)                      |
| Net realized gains . . . . .                          | —                                 | —                        | (2.11)                      | —                           | (1.90)                      |
| Total distributions . . . . .                         | (0.66)                            | (0.63)                   | (2.71)                      | (0.54)                      | (2.50)                      |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 56.77                          | \$ 60.96                 | \$ 63.17                    | \$ 54.12                    | \$ 44.56                    |
| <b>Total return (d)</b> . . . . .                     | (5.80)%                           | (2.47)%                  | 22.28%                      | 22.75%                      | (0.73)%                     |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                                   |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$1,541,359                       | \$1,975,179              | \$1,989,969                 | \$1,298,877                 | \$686,130                   |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                                   |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.15%                             | 0.15%                    | 0.15%                       | 0.15%                       | 0.15%                       |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 1.01%                             | 0.99%                    | 0.95%                       | 1.08%                       | 1.29%                       |
| Portfolio turnover rate (e) . . . . .                 | 50%                               | 37%                      | 44%                         | 59%                         | 57%                         |

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap Value ETF |                          |                             |                             |                             |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20         | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16(a) |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 60.70                         | \$ 66.75                 | \$ 59.60                    | \$ 50.13                    | \$ 53.04                    |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                                  |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net investment income (loss) (b) . . . . .            | 1.13                             | 1.10                     | 1.04                        | 0.93                        | 0.79                        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (c) . . . . . | (11.53)                          | (6.06)                   | 9.55                        | 9.89                        | (0.72)                      |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | (10.40)                          | (4.96)                   | 10.590                      | 10.82                       | 0.07                        |
| Net equalization credits and charges (b) . . . . .    | (0.01)                           | 0.06                     | 0.07                        | 0.05                        | 0.03                        |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                                  |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (1.14)                           | (1.15)                   | (1.05)                      | (0.91)                      | (0.79)                      |
| Net realized gains . . . . .                          | —                                | —                        | (2.46)                      | (0.49)                      | (2.22)                      |
| Total distributions . . . . .                         | (1.14)                           | (1.15)                   | (3.51)                      | (1.40)                      | (3.01)                      |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 49.15                         | \$ 60.70                 | \$ 66.75                    | \$ 59.60                    | \$ 50.13                    |
| <b>Total return (d)</b> . . . . .                     | (17.29)%                         | (7.30)%                  | 18.25%                      | 21.76%                      | 0.56%                       |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                                  |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$1,916,806                      | \$2,133,800              | \$1,511,950                 | \$1,001,379                 | \$501,368                   |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                                  |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.15%                            | 0.15%                    | 0.15%                       | 0.15%                       | 0.15%                       |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 2.02%                            | 1.76%                    | 1.65%                       | 1.61%                       | 1.63%                       |
| Portfolio turnover rate (e) . . . . .                 | 51%                              | 34%                      | 42%                         | 53%                         | 48%                         |

- (a) After the close of trading on June 12, 2018, the SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap Value ETF underwent a 2-for-1 share split. The historical per share activity presented here has been retroactively adjusted to reflect this split.
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- (e) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.



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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P Aerospace & Defense ETF |                       |                       |                       |                          |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Year Ended<br>6/30/20            | Year Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year Ended<br>6/30/17 | Year Ended<br>6/30/16(a) |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 104.01                        | \$ 87.07              | \$ 70.38              | \$ 55.85              | \$ 57.12                 |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                                  |                       |                       |                       |                          |
| Net investment income (loss) (b) . . . . .            | 1.01                             | 0.54                  | 0.57                  | 0.61                  | 0.41                     |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (c) . . . . . | (16.37)                          | 17.39                 | 16.70                 | 14.41                 | (0.54)                   |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | (15.36)                          | 17.93                 | 17.27                 | 15.02                 | (0.13)                   |
| Net equalization credits and charges (b) . . . . .    | 0.00(d)                          | 0.03                  | 0.04                  | 0.21                  | 0.00(d)                  |
| Voluntary contribution from Custodian . . . . .       | —                                | 0.00(d)               | —                     | —                     | —                        |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                                  |                       |                       |                       |                          |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (1.04)                           | (1.02)                | (0.62)                | (0.70)                | (0.42)                   |
| Net realized gains . . . . .                          | —                                | —                     | —                     | —                     | (0.72)                   |
| Total distributions . . . . .                         | (1.04)                           | (1.02)                | (0.62)                | (0.70)                | (1.14)                   |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 87.61                         | \$ 104.01             | \$ 87.07              | \$ 70.38              | \$ 55.85                 |
| <b>Total return (e)</b> . . . . .                     | (14.83)%                         | 20.75%                | 24.64%                | 27.40%                | (0.11)%                  |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                                  |                       |                       |                       |                          |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$1,368,843                      | \$1,549,742           | \$1,279,944           | \$651,016             | \$181,497                |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                                  |                       |                       |                       |                          |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.35%                            | 0.35%                 | 0.35%                 | 0.35%                 | 0.35%                    |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 1.01%                            | 0.58%                 | 0.68%                 | 0.94%                 | 0.78%                    |
| Portfolio turnover rate (f) . . . . .                 | 28%                              | 22%                   | 32%                   | 36%                   | 30%                      |

- (a) On September 8, 2015, the SPDR S&P Aerospace & Defense ETF underwent a 2-for-1 share split. The per share data presented here have been retroactively adjusted to reflect this split.
- (b) Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.
- (c) Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.
- (d) Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.
- (e) Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each distribution. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.
- (f) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P Bank ETF        |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16 |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 43.45                 | \$ 47.19                 | \$ 43.58                 | \$ 30.51                 | \$ 36.27                 |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) . . . . .            | 1.09                     | 0.90                     | 0.72                     | 0.59                     | 0.58                     |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (b) . . . . . | (11.95)                  | (3.62)                   | 3.60                     | 13.05(c)                 | (5.73)                   |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | (10.86)                  | (2.72)                   | 4.32                     | 13.64                    | (5.15)                   |
| Net equalization credits and charges (a) . . . . .    | 0.02                     | (0.03)                   | 0.00(d)                  | 0.02                     | (0.02)                   |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (1.04)                   | (0.99)                   | (0.71)                   | (0.59)                   | (0.59)                   |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 31.57                 | \$ 43.45                 | \$ 47.19                 | \$ 43.58                 | \$ 30.51                 |
| <b>Total return (e)</b> . . . . .                     | (25.32)%                 | (5.72)%                  | 9.91%                    | 44.97%(c)                | (14.30)%                 |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$1,307,007              | \$1,742,407              | \$3,633,782              | \$3,270,400              | \$2,041,171              |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 2.74%                    | 2.02%                    | 1.54%                    | 1.50%                    | 1.76%                    |
| Portfolio turnover rate (f) . . . . .                 | 30%                      | 24%                      | 29%                      | 35%                      | 40%                      |

- (a) Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.
- (b) Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.
- (c) Reflects a non-recurring litigation payment received by the Fund from State Street Corp., an affiliate, which amounted to \$0.01 per share outstanding as of March 20, 2017. This payment resulted in an increase to total return of 0.02% for the period ended June 30, 2017.
- (d) Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.
- (e) Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each distribution. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.
- (f) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P Biotech ETF     |                          |                          |                          |                             |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16(a) |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 87.82                 | \$ 95.23                 | \$ 77.15                 | \$ 54.16                 | \$ 84.11                    |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                          |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Net investment income (loss) (b) . . . . .            | 0.01                     | 0.04                     | 0.20                     | 0.20                     | 0.29                        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (c) . . . . . | 24.22                    | (7.37)                   | 18.06                    | 22.97                    | (29.93)                     |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | 24.23                    | (7.33)                   | 18.26                    | 23.17                    | (29.64)                     |
| Net equalization credits and charges (b) . . . . .    | 0.00(d)                  | 0.00(d)                  | 0.01                     | (0.00)(d)                | (0.01)                      |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                          |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (0.02)                   | (0.08)                   | (0.19)                   | (0.18)                   | (0.30)                      |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 112.03                | \$ 87.82                 | \$ 95.23                 | \$ 77.15                 | \$ 54.16                    |
| <b>Total return (e)</b> . . . . .                     | 27.59%                   | (7.70)%                  | 23.69%                   | 42.80%                   | (35.30)%                    |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                          |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$5,402,647              | \$4,412,868              | \$5,232,982              | \$3,548,969              | \$1,873,833                 |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                          |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                       |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 0.01%                    | 0.05%                    | 0.23%                    | 0.30%                    | 0.45%                       |
| Portfolio turnover rate (f). . . . .                  | 66%                      | 45%                      | 62%                      | 59%                      | 75%                         |

(a) On September 8, 2015, the SPDR S&P Biotech ETF underwent a 3-for-1 share split. The per share data presented here have been retroactively adjusted to reflect this split.

(b) Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.

(c) Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.

(d) Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.

(e) Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each distribution. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.

(f) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P Capital Markets ETF |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20     | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16 |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 55.47                     | \$ 57.92                 | \$ 49.10                 | \$ 36.17                 | \$ 50.69                 |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                              |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) . . . . .            | 1.11                         | 0.97                     | 1.21                     | 1.08                     | 0.94                     |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (b) . . . . . | 1.09                         | (1.91)                   | 8.83                     | 12.90(c)                 | (14.51)                  |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | 2.20                         | (0.94)                   | 10.04                    | 13.98                    | (13.57)                  |
| Net equalization credits and charges (a) . . . . .    | (0.10)                       | (0.22)                   | (0.02)                   | 0.03                     | 0.09                     |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                              |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (1.42)                       | (1.29)                   | (1.20)                   | (1.08)                   | (1.04)                   |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 56.15                     | \$ 55.47                 | \$ 57.92                 | \$ 49.10                 | \$ 36.17                 |
| <b>Total return (d)</b> . . . . .                     | 3.93%                        | (1.86)%                  | 20.43%                   | 39.07%(c)                | (26.75)%                 |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                              |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$22,459                     | \$38,829                 | \$136,109                | \$103,116                | \$84,998                 |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                              |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.35%                        | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 1.99%                        | 1.75%                    | 2.14%                    | 2.45%                    | 2.17%                    |
| Portfolio turnover rate (e) . . . . .                 | 20%                          | 24%                      | 24%                      | 43%                      | 29%                      |

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- (c) Reflects a non-recurring litigation payment received by the Fund from State Street Corp., an affiliate, which amounted to \$0.06 per share outstanding as of March 20, 2017. This payment resulted in an increase to total return of 0.18% for the period ended June 30, 2017.
- (d) Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each distribution. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.
- (e) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P Dividend ETF    |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16 |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 100.96                | \$ 92.65                 | \$ 88.93                 | \$ 83.91                 | \$ 76.23                 |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) . . . . .            | 2.84                     | 2.41                     | 2.31                     | 1.81                     | 2.01                     |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (b) . . . . . | (9.68)                   | 8.30                     | 6.10                     | 6.01                     | 10.29                    |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | (6.84)                   | 10.71                    | 8.41                     | 7.82                     | 12.30                    |
| Net equalization credits and charges (a) . . . . .    | (0.04)                   | 0.02                     | (0.03)                   | 0.01                     | 0.01                     |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (2.83)                   | (2.42)                   | (2.33)                   | (2.22)                   | (2.02)                   |
| Net realized gains . . . . .                          | —                        | —                        | (2.33)                   | (0.59)                   | (2.61)                   |
| Total distributions . . . . .                         | (2.83)                   | (2.42)                   | (4.66)                   | (2.81)                   | (4.63)                   |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 91.25                 | \$ 100.96                | \$ 92.65                 | \$ 88.93                 | \$ 83.91                 |
| <b>Total return (c)</b> . . . . .                     | (6.82)%                  | 11.76%                   | 9.44%                    | 9.46%                    | 16.94%                   |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$15,197,866             | \$18,698,029             | \$15,351,950             | \$15,478,187             | \$14,009,561             |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 2.89%                    | 2.49%                    | 2.51%                    | 2.10%                    | 2.62%                    |
| Portfolio turnover rate (d) . . . . .                 | 31%                      | 20%                      | 24%                      | 32%                      | 32%                      |

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- (b) Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.
- (c) Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each distribution. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.
- (d) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.



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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P Health Care Equipment ETF |                          |                          |                          |                             |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20           | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16(a) |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 81.87                           | \$ 78.23                 | \$ 61.27                 | \$ 47.36                 | \$ 47.03                    |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                                    |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Net investment income (loss) (b) . . . . .            | (0.05)                             | 0.11                     | 0.02                     | 0.05                     | 0.13                        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (c) . . . . . | 7.42                               | 3.64                     | 17.45                    | 13.91                    | 3.41                        |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | 7.37                               | 3.75                     | 17.47                    | 13.96                    | 3.54                        |
| Net equalization credits and charges (b) . . . . .    | 0.01                               | 0.00(d)                  | (0.02)                   | (0.00)(d)                | (0.00)(d)                   |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                                    |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (0.00)(d)                          | (0.11)                   | (0.01)                   | (0.05)                   | (0.13)                      |
| Net realized gains . . . . .                          | —                                  | —                        | (0.48)                   | —                        | (3.08)                      |
| Total distributions . . . . .                         | (0.00)(d)                          | (0.11)                   | (0.49)                   | (0.05)                   | (3.21)                      |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 89.25                           | \$ 81.87                 | \$ 78.23                 | \$ 61.27                 | \$ 47.36                    |
| <b>Total return (e)</b> . . . . .                     | 9.02%                              | 4.79%                    | 28.66%                   | 29.49%                   | 7.91%                       |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                                    |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$513,171                          | \$609,918                | \$465,494                | \$140,927                | \$47,364                    |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                                    |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.35%                              | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                       |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | (0.06)%                            | 0.13%                    | 0.03%                    | 0.09%                    | 0.28%                       |
| Portfolio turnover rate (f) . . . . .                 | 25%                                | 32%                      | 41%                      | 40%                      | 39%                         |

- (a) On September 8, 2015, the SPDR S&P Health Care Equipment ETF underwent a 2-for-1 share split. The per share data presented here have been retroactively adjusted to reflect this split.
- (b) Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.
- (c) Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.
- (d) Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.
- (e) Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each distribution. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.
- (f) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P Health Care Services ETF |                          |                          |                          |                             |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20          | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16(a) |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 66.59                          | \$ 69.29                 | \$ 64.40                 | \$ 57.28                 | \$ 65.55                    |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                                   |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Net investment income (loss) (b) . . . . .            | 0.22                              | 0.23                     | 0.16                     | 0.13                     | 0.13                        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (c) . . . . . | 2.83                              | (2.71)                   | 4.89                     | 7.15                     | (7.83)                      |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | 3.05                              | (2.48)                   | 5.05                     | 7.28                     | (7.70)                      |
| Net equalization credits and charges (b) . . . . .    | 0.15                              | 0.00(d)                  | (0.00)(d)                | (0.03)                   | (0.00)(d)                   |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                                   |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (1.74)                            | (0.22)                   | (0.16)                   | (0.13)                   | (0.11)                      |
| Net realized gains . . . . .                          | —                                 | —                        | —                        | —                        | (0.46)                      |
| Total distributions . . . . .                         | (1.74)                            | (0.22)                   | (0.16)                   | (0.13)                   | (0.57)                      |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 68.05                          | \$ 66.59                 | \$ 69.29                 | \$ 64.40                 | \$ 57.28                    |
| <b>Total return (e)</b> . . . . .                     | 4.68%                             | (3.59)%                  | 7.87%                    | 12.69%                   | (11.74)%                    |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                                   |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$83,699                          | \$90,561                 | \$97,011                 | \$115,913                | \$283,542                   |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                                   |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.35%                             | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                       |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 0.33%                             | 0.33%                    | 0.25%                    | 0.22%                    | 0.23%                       |
| Portfolio turnover rate (f) . . . . .                 | 25%                               | 35%                      | 32%                      | 34%                      | 36%                         |

- (a) On September 8, 2015, the SPDR S&P Health Care Services ETF underwent a 2-for-1 share split. The per share data presented here have been retroactively adjusted to reflect this split.
- (b) Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.
- (c) Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.
- (d) Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.
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- (f) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P Homebuilders ETF |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20  | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16 |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 41.69                  | \$ 39.56                 | \$ 38.53                 | \$ 33.56                 | \$ 36.60                 |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                           |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) . . . . .            | 0.43                      | 0.41                     | 0.35                     | 0.27                     | 0.20                     |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (b) . . . . . | 2.20                      | 2.17                     | 1.03                     | 4.97                     | (3.04)                   |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | 2.63                      | 2.58                     | 1.38                     | 5.24                     | (2.84)                   |
| Net equalization credits and charges (a) . . . . .    | 0.03                      | (0.03)                   | (0.00)(c)                | (0.00)(c)                | (0.00)(c)                |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                           |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (0.43)                    | (0.42)                   | (0.35)                   | (0.27)                   | (0.20)                   |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 43.92                  | \$ 41.69                 | \$ 39.56                 | \$ 38.53                 | \$ 33.56                 |
| <b>Total return (d)</b> . . . . .                     | 6.49%                     | 6.59%                    | 3.55%                    | 15.65%                   | (7.77)%                  |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                           |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$799,294                 | \$658,639                | \$828,757                | \$1,051,857              | \$1,240,151              |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                           |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.35%                     | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 1.01%                     | 1.09%                    | 0.86%                    | 0.76%                    | 0.57%                    |
| Portfolio turnover rate (e) . . . . .                 | 27%                       | 32%                      | 35%                      | 26%                      | 44%                      |

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P Insurance ETF   |                          |                             |                             |                             |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16(a) |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 34.01                 | \$ 29.81                 | \$ 29.37                    | \$ 23.71                    | \$ 22.70                    |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                          |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net investment income (loss) (b) . . . . .            | 0.61                     | 0.55                     | 0.52                        | 0.46                        | 0.43                        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (c) . . . . . | (6.65)                   | 4.19                     | 0.43                        | 5.63                        | 0.99                        |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | (6.04)                   | 4.74                     | 0.95                        | 6.09                        | 1.42                        |
| Net equalization credits and charges (b) . . . . .    | (0.02)                   | 0.02                     | 0.02                        | 0.02                        | 0.01                        |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                          |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (0.61)                   | (0.56)                   | (0.53)                      | (0.45)                      | (0.41)                      |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 27.34                 | \$ 34.01                 | \$ 29.81                    | \$ 29.37                    | \$ 23.71                    |
| <b>Total return (d)</b> . . . . .                     | (17.99)%                 | 16.16%                   | 3.28%                       | 25.92%                      | 6.37%                       |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                          |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$564,510                | \$1,066,343              | \$708,100                   | \$885,536                   | \$594,003                   |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                          |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                       | 0.35%                       | 0.35%                       |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 1.87%                    | 1.77%                    | 1.71%                       | 1.68%                       | 1.87%                       |
| Portfolio turnover rate (e) . . . . .                 | 19%                      | 21%                      | 24%                         | 26%                         | 32%                         |

- (a) On November 29, 2017, the SPDR S&P Insurance ETF underwent a 3-for-1 share split. The per share data presented here have been retroactively adjusted to reflect this split.
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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P Internet ETF |                       |                       |                       |   |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
|   | Year Ended<br>6/30/20 | Year Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year Ended<br>6/30/17 | For the<br>Period<br>6/28/16*-<br>6/30/16 |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 89.16              | \$ 87.63              | \$ 67.40              | \$52.65               | \$50.00                                   |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                       |                       |                       |                       |   |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) . . . . .            | 0.41                  | 0.36                  | (0.06)                | (0.05)                | (0.00)(b)                                 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (c) . . . . . | 12.39                 | 2.84                  | 27.23                 | 15.85                 | 2.65                                      |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | 12.80                 | 3.20                  | 27.17                 | 15.80                 | 2.65                                      |
| Net equalization credits and charges (a) . . . . .    | (0.01)                | (0.03)                | (0.25)                | 0.02                  | —   |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                       |                       |                       |                       |   |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (0.44)                | (0.37)                | —                     | —                     | —   |
| Net realized gains . . . . .                          | —                     | (1.27)                | (6.69)                | (1.07)                | —   |
| Total distributions . . . . .                         | (0.44)                | (1.64)                | (6.69)                | (1.07)                | —   |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | <u>\$101.51</u>       | <u>\$ 89.16</u>       | <u>\$ 87.63</u>       | <u>\$67.40</u>        | <u>\$52.65</u>                            |
| <b>Total return (d)</b> . . . . .                     | 14.46%                | 3.90%                 | 42.73%                | 30.34%                | 5.31%                                     |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                       |                       |                       |                       |   |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$24,363              | \$34,772              | \$35,051              | \$3,370               | \$5,265                                   |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                       |                       |                       |                       |   |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.35%                 | 0.35%                 | 0.35%                 | 0.35%                 | 0.35%(e)                                  |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 0.49%                 | 0.41%                 | (0.07)%               | (0.08)%               | (0.35)%(e)                                |
| Portfolio turnover rate (f) . . . . .                 | 57%                   | 85%                   | 67%                   | 63%                   | 0%(g)(h)                                  |

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(g) Amount is less than 0.5%.

(h) Not annualized.



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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | <b>SPDR S&amp;P Kensho Clean Power ETF</b> |  |
|---|--|--|
|   | <b>Year<br/>Ended<br/>6/30/20</b>          | <b>For the<br/>Period<br/>10/23/18*-<br/>6/30/19</b> |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> ..... | <u>\$ 38.06</u>                            | <u>\$29.92</u>                                       |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>  |  |  |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) .....            | 1.04                                       | 0.48   |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (b) ..... | <u>10.88</u>                               | <u>7.97</u>  |
| Total from investment operations .....            | <u>11.92</u>                               | <u>8.45</u>  |
| Net equalization credits and charges (a) .....    | <u>0.26</u>                                | <u>0.06</u>  |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>        |  |  |
| Net investment income .....                       | <u>(0.80)</u>                              | <u>(0.37)</u>  |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> .....       | <u>\$ 49.44</u>                            | <u>\$38.06</u>                                       |
| <b>Total return (c)</b> .....                     | 32.40%                                     | 28.61%   |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>              |  |  |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) .....         | \$29,418                                   | \$6,279  |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>              |  |  |
| Total expenses .....                              | 0.45%                                      | 0.45%(d)   |
| Net investment income (loss) .....                | 2.42%                                      | 2.08%(d)   |
| Portfolio turnover rate (e) .....                 | 37%  | 24%(f)   |

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(d) Annualized.

(e) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

(f) Not annualized.

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | <b>SPDR S&amp;P Kensho Final Frontiers ETF</b> |  |
|---|--|--|
|   | <b>Year<br/>Ended<br/>6/30/20</b>              | <b>For the<br/>Period<br/>10/23/18*-<br/>6/30/19</b> |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | <u>\$33.70</u>                                 | <u>\$ 30.13</u>                                      |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |  |  |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) . . . . .            | 0.29   | 0.18   |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (b) . . . . . | <u>(3.63)</u>                                  | <u>3.57</u>  |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | <u>(3.34)</u>                                  | <u>3.75</u>  |
| Net equalization credits and charges (a) . . . . .    | <u>0.21</u>                                    | <u>0.00(c)</u>                                       |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |  |  |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | <u>(0.21)</u>                                  | <u>(0.18)</u>  |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | <u><u>\$30.36</u></u>                          | <u><u>\$ 33.70</u></u>                               |
| <b>Total return (d)</b> . . . . .                     | (9.34)%  | 12.52%   |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |  |  |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$8,804  | \$ 3,370   |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |  |  |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.45%  | 0.46%(e)   |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 0.87%  | 0.89%(e)   |
| Portfolio turnover rate (f) . . . . .                 | 39%  | 17%(g)   |

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(f) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

(g) Not annualized.

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P Kensho Future Security ETF |                          |   |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20            | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | For the<br>Period<br>12/27/17* -<br>6/30/18 |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 37.52                            | \$ 32.83                 | \$ 30.00                                    |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                                     |                          |   |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) . . . . .            | 0.46                                | 0.09                     | 0.03  |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (b) . . . . . | (0.96)                              | 5.44                     | 2.84  |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | (0.50)                              | 5.53                     | 2.87  |
| Net equalization credits and charges (a) . . . . .    | 0.02                                | (0.30)                   | 0.00(c)                                     |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                                     |                          |   |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (0.44)                              | (0.54)                   | (0.04)                                      |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | <u>\$ 36.60</u>                     | <u>\$ 37.52</u>          | <u>\$ 32.83</u>                             |
| <b>Total return (d)</b> . . . . .                     | (1.16)%                             | 16.36%                   | 9.56%                                       |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                                     |                          |   |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$19,397                            | \$19,883                 | \$ 8,207                                    |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                                     |                          |   |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.45%                               | 0.45%                    | 0.46%(e)                                    |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 1.25%                               | 0.27%                    | 0.20%(e)                                    |
| Portfolio turnover rate (f) . . . . .                 | 25%                                 | 28%                      | 32%(g)                                      |

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(g) Not annualized.

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P Kensho Intelligent Structures ETF |                          |   |
|---|--|--------------------------|---|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20                   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | For the<br>Period<br>12/27/17* -<br>6/30/18 |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> ..... | \$30.22                                    | \$28.99                  | \$ 30.00                                    |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>  |  |                          |   |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) .....            | 0.42                                       | 0.21                     | 0.11  |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (b) ..... | (0.27)                                     | 1.23                     | (1.03)                                      |
| Total from investment operations .....            | 0.15                                       | 1.44                     | (0.92)                                      |
| Net equalization credits and charges (a) .....    | (0.01)                                     | (0.00)(c)                | 0.00(c)                                     |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>        |  |                          |   |
| Net investment income .....                       | (0.45)                                     | (0.21)                   | (0.09)                                      |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> .....       | \$29.91                                    | \$30.22                  | \$ 28.99                                    |
| <b>Total return (d)</b> .....                     | 0.45%                                      | 5.01%                    | (3.07)%                                     |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>              |  |                          |   |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) .....         | \$6,281                                    | \$9,067                  | \$ 4,349                                    |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>              |  |                          |   |
| Total expenses .....                              | 0.45%                                      | 0.45%                    | 0.46%(e)                                    |
| Net investment income (loss) .....                | 1.43%                                      | 0.73%                    | 0.67%(e)                                    |
| Portfolio turnover rate (f) .....                 | 26%  | 22%                      | 45%(g)                                      |

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(g) Not annualized.

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P Kensho New Economies Composite ETF |  |
|---|---|--|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20                    | For the<br>Period<br>10/23/18*-<br>6/30/19 |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 33.27                                    | \$ 30.17                                   |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |   |  |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) . . . . .            | 0.43  | 0.21                                       |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (b) . . . . . | 3.43  | 2.56                                       |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | 3.86  | 2.77                                       |
| Net equalization credits and charges (a) . . . . .    | 0.48  | 0.44                                       |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |   |  |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (0.34)                                      | (0.11)                                     |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 37.27                                    | \$ 33.27                                   |
| <b>Total return (c)</b> . . . . .                     | 13.09%                                      | 10.71%                                     |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |   |  |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$1,011,260                                 | \$41,760                                   |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |   |  |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.20%                                       | 0.20%(d)                                   |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 1.27%                                       | 0.99%(d)                                   |
| Portfolio turnover rate (e) . . . . .                 | 91%   | 98%(f)                                     |

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(d) Annualized.

(e) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

(f) Not annualized.



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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P Kensho Smart Mobility ETF |                          |   |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20           | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | For the<br>Period<br>12/27/17* -<br>6/30/18 |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$28.05                            | \$29.77                  | \$30.00                                     |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                                    |                          |   |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) . . . . .            | 0.40                               | 0.24                     | 0.06  |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (b) . . . . . | 3.41                               | (1.20)                   | (0.24)                                      |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | 3.81                               | (0.96)                   | (0.18)                                      |
| Net equalization credits and charges (a) . . . . .    | 0.16                               | (0.10)                   | 0.01  |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                                    |                          |   |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (0.45)                             | (0.66)                   | (0.06)                                      |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | <u>\$31.57</u>                     | <u>\$28.05</u>           | <u>\$29.77</u>                              |
| <b>Total return (c)</b> . . . . .                     | 14.48%                             | (3.22)%                  | (0.58)%                                     |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                                    |                          |   |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$5,367                            | \$7,011                  | \$5,954                                     |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                                    |                          |   |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.45%                              | 0.45%                    | 0.46%(d)                                    |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 1.47%                              | 0.85%                    | 0.39%(d)                                    |
| Portfolio turnover rate (e) . . . . .                 | 29%                                | 36%                      | 63%(f)                                      |

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(d) Annualized.

(e) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

(f) Not annualized.

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P Metals & Mining ETF |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20     | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16 |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 28.38                     | \$ 35.52                 | \$ 29.96                 | \$ 24.37                 | \$ 24.34                 |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                              |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) . . . . .            | 0.39                         | 0.59                     | 0.73                     | 0.23                     | 0.39                     |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (b) . . . . . | (7.21)                       | (7.11)                   | 5.51                     | 5.61                     | (0.04)                   |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | (6.82)                       | (6.52)                   | 6.24                     | 5.84                     | 0.35                     |
| Net equalization credits and charges (a) . . . . .    | 0.04                         | 0.04                     | 0.07                     | (0.01)                   | 0.09                     |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                              |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (0.39)                       | (0.66)                   | (0.75)                   | (0.24)                   | (0.41)                   |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | <u>\$ 21.21</u>              | <u>\$ 28.38</u>          | <u>\$ 35.52</u>          | <u>\$ 29.96</u>          | <u>\$ 24.37</u>          |
| <b>Total return (c)</b> . . . . .                     | (23.98)%                     | (18.25)%                 | 21.01%                   | 23.93%                   | 2.53%                    |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                              |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$395,524                    | \$534,979                | \$852,506                | \$692,084                | \$665,428                |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                              |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.35%                        | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 1.58%                        | 1.90%                    | 2.12%                    | 0.77%                    | 2.03%                    |
| Portfolio turnover rate (d) . . . . .                 | 41%                          | 28%                      | 32%                      | 51%                      | 57%                      |

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- (c) Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each distribution. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.
- (d) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Equipment & Services ETF |                             |                             |                             |                             |
|---|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20                    | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16(a) |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 96.20                                    | \$ 169.70                   | \$ 155.00                   | \$ 187.40                   | \$ 260.50                   |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |   |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Net investment income (loss) (b) . . . . .            | 1.15  | 0.90                        | 2.60                        | 1.00                        | 2.70                        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (c) . . . . . | (63.13)                                     | (73.50)                     | 14.90                       | (32.40)                     | (73.00)                     |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | (61.98)                                     | (72.60)                     | 17.50                       | (31.40)                     | (70.30)                     |
| Net equalization credits and charges (b) . . . . .    | 0.07  | (0.00)(d)                   | 0.20                        | (0.00)(d)                   | 0.10                        |
| Contribution from Affiliate . . . . .                 | —   | —                           | 0.00(d)                     | —                           | —                           |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |   |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (1.16)                                      | (0.90)                      | (3.00)                      | (1.00)                      | (2.90)                      |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 33.13                                    | \$ 96.20                    | \$ 169.70                   | \$ 155.00                   | \$ 187.40                   |
| <b>Total return (e)</b> . . . . .                     | (64.70)%                                    | (42.79)%                    | 11.48%                      | (16.88)%                    | (26.87)%                    |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |   |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$96,561                                    | \$186,698                   | \$402,923                   | \$258,000                   | \$238,941                   |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |   |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.35%                                       | 0.35%                       | 0.35%                       | 0.35%                       | 0.35%                       |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 1.99%                                       | 0.73%                       | 1.62%                       | 0.50%                       | 1.45%                       |
| Portfolio turnover rate (f) . . . . .                 | 51%   | 34%                         | 44%                         | 34%                         | 51%                         |

(a) On March 30, 2020, SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Equipment & Services ETF underwent 1-for-10 reverse stock split. The per share data presented here have been retroactively adjusted to reflect this split.

(b) Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.

(c) Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.

(d) Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.

(e) Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each distribution. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.

(f) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

**SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Exploration & Production ETF**

|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17(a) | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16(a) |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 108.92                   | \$ 172.16                   | \$ 127.60                   | \$ 139.16                   | \$ 186.92                   |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                             |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Net investment income (loss) (b) . . . . .            | 1.46                        | 1.12                        | 1.08                        | 1.20                        | 1.76                        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (c) . . . . . | (56.76)                     | (63.20)                     | 44.56                       | (11.64)                     | (47.64)                     |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | (55.30)                     | (62.08)                     | 45.64                       | (10.44)                     | (45.88)                     |
| Net equalization credits and charges (b) . . . . .    | 0.02                        | 0.00(d)                     | 0.00(d)                     | 0.08                        | 0.08                        |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                             |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (1.42)                      | (1.16)                      | (1.08)                      | (1.20)                      | (1.96)                      |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | <u>\$ 52.22</u>             | <u>\$ 108.92</u>            | <u>\$ 172.16</u>            | <u>\$ 127.60</u>            | <u>\$ 139.16</u>            |
| <b>Total return (e)</b> . . . . .                     | (50.86)%                    | (36.12)%                    | 35.90%                      | (7.53)%                     | (24.38)%                    |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                             |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$2,067,927                 | \$1,884,277                 | \$3,107,237                 | \$2,319,165                 | \$1,943,140                 |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                             |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.35%                       | 0.35%                       | 0.35%                       | 0.35%                       | 0.35%                       |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 2.13%                       | 0.81%                       | 0.76%                       | 0.81%                       | 1.34%                       |
| Portfolio turnover rate (f) . . . . .                 | 41%                         | 37%                         | 36%                         | 34%                         | 44%                         |

- (a) After the close of trading on March 30, 2020, the SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Exploration & Production ETF underwent a 1-for-4 reverse share split. The historical per share activity presented here has been retroactively adjusted to reflect this split. See Note 10.
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- (f) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P Pharmaceuticals ETF |                          |                          |                          |                             |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20     | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16(a) |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 39.76                     | \$ 42.99                 | \$ 43.04                 | \$ 41.84                 | \$ 62.34                    |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                              |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Net investment income (loss) (b) . . . . .            | 0.27                         | 0.24                     | 0.25                     | 0.25                     | 0.26                        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (c) . . . . . | 3.37                         | (3.17)                   | (0.04)                   | 1.21                     | (17.20)                     |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | 3.64                         | (2.93)                   | 0.21                     | 1.46                     | (16.94)                     |
| Net equalization credits and charges (b) . . . . .    | (0.02)                       | 0.00(d)                  | (0.00)(d)                | (0.00)(d)                | (0.00)(d)                   |
| Voluntary contribution from Adviser . . . . .         | —                            | —                        | —                        | —                        | —                           |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                              |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (0.29)                       | (0.30)                   | (0.26)                   | (0.26)                   | (0.24)                      |
| Net realized gains . . . . .                          | —                            | —                        | —                        | —                        | (3.32)                      |
| Total distributions . . . . .                         | (0.29)                       | (0.30)                   | (0.26)                   | (0.26)                   | (3.56)                      |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 43.09                     | \$ 39.76                 | \$ 42.99                 | \$ 43.04                 | \$ 41.84                    |
| <b>Total return (e)</b> . . . . .                     | 9.18%                        | (6.83)%                  | 0.46%                    | 3.50%                    | (28.21)%                    |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                              |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$243,443                    | \$212,716                | \$335,310                | \$454,110                | \$508,393                   |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                              |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.35%                        | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                       |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 0.67%                        | 0.57%                    | 0.60%                    | 0.58%                    | 0.51%                       |
| Portfolio turnover rate (f) . . . . .                 | 31%                          | 42%                      | 46%                      | 41%                      | 69%                         |

(a) On September 8, 2015, the SPDR S&P Pharmaceuticals ETF underwent a 2-for-1 share split. The per share data presented here have been retroactively adjusted to reflect this split.

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(f) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.



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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P Regional Banking ETF |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20      | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16 |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 53.53                      | \$ 60.96                 | \$ 54.97                 | \$ 38.45                 | \$ 44.16                 |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                               |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) . . . . .            | 1.37                          | 1.15                     | 0.93                     | 0.78                     | 0.77                     |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (b) . . . . . | (15.21)                       | (7.32)                   | 5.91                     | 16.48                    | (5.70)                   |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | (13.84)                       | (6.17)                   | 6.84                     | 17.26                    | (4.93)                   |
| Net equalization credits and charges (a) . . . . .    | 0.11                          | (0.06)                   | 0.05                     | 0.04                     | 0.01                     |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                               |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (1.39)                        | (1.20)                   | (0.90)                   | (0.78)                   | (0.79)                   |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | <u>\$ 38.41</u>               | <u>\$ 53.53</u>          | <u>\$ 60.96</u>          | <u>\$ 54.97</u>          | <u>\$ 38.45</u>          |
| <b>Total return (c)</b> . . . . .                     | (25.96)%                      | (10.15)%                 | 12.56%                   | 45.19%                   | (11.16)%                 |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                               |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$1,208,104                   | \$2,237,599              | \$5,404,393              | \$3,850,902              | \$1,615,033              |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                               |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.35%                         | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 2.79%                         | 2.03%                    | 1.56%                    | 1.54%                    | 1.89%                    |
| Portfolio turnover rate (d) . . . . .                 | 35%                           | 27%                      | 33%                      | 52%                      | 86%                      |

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- (d) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P Retail ETF      |                          |                          |                          |                             |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16(a) |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> ..... | \$ 42.42                 | \$ 48.57                 | \$ 40.72                 | \$ 41.97                 | \$ 49.33                    |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>  |                          |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Net investment income (loss) (b) .....            | 0.68                     | 0.69                     | 0.73                     | 0.61                     | 0.53                        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (c) ..... | 0.42                     | (6.18)                   | 7.85                     | (1.17)                   | (7.36)                      |
| Total from investment operations .....            | 1.10                     | (5.49)                   | 8.58                     | (0.56)                   | (6.83)                      |
| Net equalization credits and charges (b) .....    | 0.01                     | (0.00)(d)                | (0.06)                   | (0.09)                   | 0.01                        |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>        |                          |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Net investment income .....                       | (0.66)                   | (0.66)                   | (0.67)                   | (0.60)                   | (0.54)                      |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> .....       | <u>\$ 42.87</u>          | <u>\$ 42.42</u>          | <u>\$ 48.57</u>          | <u>\$ 40.72</u>          | <u>\$ 41.97</u>             |
| <b>Total return (e)</b> .....                     | 2.74%                    | (11.33)%                 | 21.07%                   | (1.59)%                  | (13.84)%                    |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>              |                          |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) .....         | \$265,787                | \$263,038                | \$369,128                | \$443,807                | \$491,027                   |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>              |                          |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Total expenses .....                              | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                       |
| Net investment income (loss) .....                | 1.68%                    | 1.47%                    | 1.66%                    | 1.40%                    | 1.16%                       |
| Portfolio turnover rate (f) .....                 | 43%                      | 45%                      | 43%                      | 33%                      | 41%                         |

(a) On September 8, 2015, the SPDR S&P Retail ETF underwent a 2-for-1 share split. The per share data presented here have been retroactively adjusted to reflect this split.

(b) Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.

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(f) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P Semiconductor ETF |                          |                          |                          |                             |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16(a) |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 84.40                   | \$ 72.31                 | \$ 61.70                 | \$ 44.48                 | \$ 43.06                    |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                            |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Net investment income (loss) (b) . . . . .            | 0.54                       | 0.66                     | 0.55                     | 0.41                     | 0.30                        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (c) . . . . . | 27.60                      | 12.18                    | 10.59                    | 17.21                    | 1.41                        |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | 28.14                      | 12.84                    | 11.14                    | 17.62                    | 1.71                        |
| Net equalization credits and charges (b) . . . . .    | (0.00)                     | (0.03)                   | (0.01)                   | (0.01)                   | 0.01                        |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                            |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (0.54)                     | (0.72)                   | (0.52)                   | (0.39)                   | (0.30)                      |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | <u>\$ 112.00</u>           | <u>\$ 84.40</u>          | <u>\$ 72.31</u>          | <u>\$ 61.70</u>          | <u>\$ 44.48</u>             |
| <b>Total return (d)</b> . . . . .                     | 33.43%                     | 17.86%                   | 18.04%                   | 39.67%                   | 4.03%                       |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                            |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$498,412                  | \$291,186                | \$318,166                | \$311,598                | \$195,692                   |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                            |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.35%                      | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                       |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 0.55%                      | 0.88%                    | 0.79%                    | 0.72%                    | 0.72%                       |
| Portfolio turnover rate (e) . . . . .                 | 21%                        | 32%                      | 29%                      | 37%                      | 50%                         |

- (a) On September 8, 2015, the SPDR S&P Semiconductor ETF underwent a 2-for-1 share split. The per share data presented here have been retroactively adjusted to reflect this split.
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|   | SPDR S&P Software & Services ETF |                          |                          |                          |                             |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20         | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16(a) |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 96.24                         | \$ 80.89                 | \$ 62.58                 | \$ 50.60                 | \$ 51.17                    |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                                  |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Net investment income (loss) (b) . . . . .            | 0.37                             | 0.19                     | 0.14                     | 0.42                     | 0.24                        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (c) . . . . . | 15.25                            | 15.40                    | 18.48                    | 11.98                    | (0.49)                      |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | 15.62                            | 15.59                    | 18.62                    | 12.40                    | (0.25)                      |
| Net equalization credits and charges (b) . . . . .    | (0.01)                           | (0.02)                   | 0.00(d)                  | 0.01                     | (0.00)(d)                   |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                                  |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (0.41)                           | (0.22)                   | (0.13)                   | (0.43)                   | (0.23)                      |
| Net realized gains . . . . .                          | —                                | —                        | (0.18)                   | —                        | (0.09)                      |
| Total distributions . . . . .                         | (0.41)                           | (0.22)                   | (0.31)                   | (0.43)                   | (0.32)                      |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 111.44                        | \$ 96.24                 | \$ 80.89                 | \$ 62.58                 | \$ 50.60                    |
| <b>Total return (e)</b> . . . . .                     | 16.34%                           | 19.30%                   | 29.83%                   | 24.62%                   | (0.46)%                     |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                                  |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$241,825                        | \$249,261                | \$88,979                 | \$59,450                 | \$45,542                    |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                                  |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.35%                            | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                       |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 0.38%                            | 0.21%                    | 0.19%                    | 0.74%                    | 0.49%                       |
| Portfolio turnover rate (f) . . . . .                 | 31%                              | 47%                      | 29%                      | 29%                      | 62%                         |

- (a) On September 8, 2015, the SPDR S&P Software & Services ETF underwent a 2-for-1 share split. The per share data presented here have been retroactively adjusted to reflect this split.
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- (f) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

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|   | SPDR S&P Telecom ETF     |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16 |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 67.70                 | \$ 72.20                 | \$ 70.47                 | \$ 58.39                 | \$ 57.47                 |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) . . . . .            | 0.53                     | 0.80                     | 1.56                     | 1.02                     | 0.76                     |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (b) . . . . . | 2.15                     | (4.43)                   | 1.75                     | 11.92                    | 1.05                     |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | 2.68                     | (3.63)                   | 3.31                     | 12.94                    | 1.81                     |
| Net equalization credits and charges (a) . . . . .    | (0.02)                   | (0.09)                   | 0.12                     | 0.04                     | (0.10)                   |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (0.59)                   | (0.78)                   | (1.70)                   | (0.90)                   | (0.79)                   |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 69.77                 | \$ 67.70                 | \$ 72.20                 | \$ 70.47                 | \$ 58.39                 |
| <b>Total return (c)</b> . . . . .                     | 3.98%                    | (5.17)%                  | 4.97%                    | 22.25%                   | 3.04%                    |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$48,842                 | \$57,545                 | \$162,460                | \$77,517                 | \$23,355                 |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 0.78%                    | 1.12%                    | 2.21%                    | 1.47%                    | 1.37%                    |
| Portfolio turnover rate (d) . . . . .                 | 44%                      | 35%                      | 33%                      | 46%                      | 33%                      |

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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR S&P Transportation ETF |                          |                          |                          |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20    | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16(a) |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 61.22                    | \$ 63.09                 | \$ 55.40                 | \$ 43.63                 | \$ 48.48                    |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                             |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Net investment income (loss) (b) . . . . .            | 0.57                        | 0.67                     | 0.49                     | 0.37                     | 0.30                        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (c) . . . . . | (8.36)                      | (1.82)                   | 7.68                     | 11.76                    | (4.63)                      |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | (7.79)                      | (1.15)                   | 8.17                     | 12.13                    | (4.33)                      |
| Net equalization credits and charges (b) . . . . .    | 0.01                        | (0.01)                   | (0.00)(d)                | 0.01                     | (0.01)                      |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                             |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (0.58)                      | (0.71)                   | (0.48)                   | (0.37)                   | (0.31)                      |
| Net realized gains . . . . .                          | —                           | —                        | —                        | —                        | (0.20)                      |
| Total distributions . . . . .                         | (0.58)                      | (0.71)                   | (0.48)                   | (0.37)                   | (0.51)                      |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 52.86                    | \$ 61.22                 | \$ 63.09                 | \$ 55.40                 | \$ 43.63                    |
| <b>Total return (e)</b> . . . . .                     | (12.74)%                    | (1.80)%                  | 14.74%                   | 27.87%                   | (8.92)%                     |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                             |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$179,722                   | \$148,155                | \$233,429                | \$182,818                | \$170,163                   |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                             |                          |                          |                          |                             |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.35%                       | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                    | 0.35%                       |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 0.99%                       | 1.09%                    | 0.79%                    | 0.71%                    | 0.66%                       |
| Portfolio turnover rate (f) . . . . .                 | 29%                         | 18%                      | 27%                      | 29%                      | 32%                         |

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(d) Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.

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(f) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.



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*Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period*

|   | SPDR Wells Fargo® Preferred Stock ETF |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/20              | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/19 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/18 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/17 | Year<br>Ended<br>6/30/16 |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . . | \$ 43.11                              | \$ 43.29                 | \$ 45.00                 | \$ 45.98                 | \$ 43.32                 |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations:</b>      |                                       |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) . . . . .            | 2.31                                  | 2.41                     | 2.46                     | 2.41                     | 2.51                     |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (b) . . . . . | (1.53)                                | (0.02)                   | (1.93)                   | (0.93)                   | 2.48                     |
| Total from investment operations . . . . .            | 0.78                                  | 2.39                     | 0.53                     | 1.48                     | 4.99                     |
| Net equalization credits and charges (a) . . . . .    | (0.03)                                | (0.01)                   | 0.04                     | (0.01)                   | 0.12                     |
| Contribution from Affiliate . . . . .                 | —                                     | 0.00(c)                  | —                        | —                        | —                        |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>            |                                       |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net investment income . . . . .                       | (2.32)                                | (2.56)                   | (2.28)                   | (2.45)                   | (2.45)                   |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .       | \$ 41.54                              | \$ 43.11                 | \$ 43.29                 | \$ 45.00                 | \$ 45.98                 |
| <b>Total return (d)</b> . . . . .                     | 1.67%                                 | 5.86%(e)                 | 1.34%                    | 3.45%                    | 12.11%                   |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                  |                                       |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . . . .         | \$1,121,515                           | \$829,813                | \$588,791                | \$537,704                | \$565,508                |
| <b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>                  |                                       |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Total expenses . . . . .                              | 0.45%                                 | 0.45%                    | 0.45%                    | 0.45%                    | 0.45%                    |
| Net investment income (loss) . . . . .                | 5.39%                                 | 5.72%                    | 5.60%                    | 5.41%                    | 5.61%                    |
| Portfolio turnover rate (f) . . . . .                 | 36%                                   | 35%                      | 52%                      | 31%                      | 31%                      |

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- (e) If an Affiliate had not made a contribution during the year ended June 30, 2019, the total return would have remained 5.86%.
- (f) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.



## WHERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FUNDS

This Prospectus does not contain all the information included in the Registration Statement filed with the SEC with respect to Fund Shares. An SAI and the annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders, each of which has been or will be filed with the SEC, provide more information about the Funds. The Prospectus and SAI may be supplemented from time to time. In the annual report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected each Fund's performance during the Fund's last fiscal year, as applicable. The SAI is incorporated herein by reference (*i.e.*, it is legally part of this Prospectus). These materials may be obtained without charge, upon request, by writing to the Distributor, State Street Global Advisors Funds Distributors, LLC, One Iron Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02210, by visiting the Funds' website at <https://www.ssga.com/spdrs> or by calling the following number:

**Investor Information: 1-866-787-2257**

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Shareholder inquiries may be directed to the Funds in writing to State Street Global Advisors Funds Distributors, LLC, One Iron Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02210, or by calling the Investor Information number listed above.

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**Dealers effecting transactions in Fund Shares, whether or not participating in this distribution, are generally required to deliver a Prospectus. This is in addition to any obligation of dealers to deliver a Prospectus when acting as underwriters.**

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