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# Schwab<sup>®</sup> 1-5 Year Corporate Bond ETF

Ticker Symbol: SCHJ

## Investment Objective

The fund's goal is to track as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the total return of an index that measures the performance of the short-term U.S. corporate bond market.

## Fund Fees and Expenses

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the fund. 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.

<b>Shareholder Fees</b> (fees paid directly from your investment)	
	None
<b>Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b> (expenses that you pay each year as a % of the value of your investment)	
Management fees	0.05
Other expenses	None
<b>Total annual fund operating expenses</b>	<b>0.05</b>

## Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other funds. The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated and then sell all of your shares at the end of those time periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. Your actual costs may be higher or lower.

<b>Expenses on a \$10,000 Investment</b>			
<b>1 Year</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>5 Years</b>	<b>10 Years</b>
\$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 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 the 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.

## Principal Investment Strategies

To pursue its goal, the fund generally invests in securities that are included in the **Bloomberg Barclays US 1-5 Year Corporate Bond Index<sup>†</sup>**. The index measures the performance of U.S. investment grade, taxable corporate bonds with maturities greater than or equal to one year and less than five years that have \$300 million or more of outstanding face value. The securities in the index must be denominated in U.S. dollars and must be fixed-rate. The index includes securities publicly issued by U.S. and non-U.S. industrial, utility and financial issuers. The index excludes certain types of securities, including contingent capital securities, inflation-linked bonds, floating-rate issues, taxable and tax-exempt municipal securities, and structured notes. The index is market capitalization weighted and the securities in the index are updated on the last business day of each month. As of December 31, 2020, there were approximately 2,255 securities in the index.

It is the fund's policy that under normal circumstances it will invest at least 90% of its net assets (including, for this purpose, any borrowings for investment purposes) in securities included in the index. The fund will notify its shareholders at least 60 days before changing this policy.

Under normal circumstances, the fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in securities not included in its index. The principal types of these investments include those that the investment adviser believes will help the fund track the index, such as investments in (a) securities that are not represented in the index but the investment adviser anticipates will be added to the index; (b) high-quality liquid investments, such as securities issued by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities, including obligations that are not guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury, and obligations that are issued by private issuers; (c) other investment companies; and (d) derivatives, principally futures contracts. The fund may use futures contracts and other derivatives primarily to help manage interest rate exposure. The fund may also invest in cash and cash equivalents, including money market funds, and lend its securities to minimize the difference in performance that naturally exists between an index fund and its corresponding index.

Because it may not be possible or practical to purchase all of the securities in the index, the fund's investment adviser will seek to track the total return of the index by using sampling techniques. Sampling techniques involve investing in a limited number of index securities that, when taken together, are expected to perform similarly to the index as a whole. These techniques are based on a variety of factors, including interest rate and yield curve risk, maturity

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exposures, industry, sector and issuer weights, credit quality, and other risk factors and characteristics. The fund expects that its portfolio will hold less than the total number of securities in the index, but reserves the right to hold as many securities as it believes necessary to achieve the fund's investment objective. The fund may sell securities that are represented in the index in anticipation of their removal from the index. The fund generally expects that its maturity will be similar to that of the index. In addition, the fund generally expects that its weighted average duration will closely correspond to the weighted average duration of the index, which as of December 31, 2020, was 2.71 years.

The fund will concentrate its investments (i.e., hold 25% or more of its total assets) in a particular industry, group of industries or sector to approximately the same extent that its index is so concentrated. For purposes of this limitation, securities of the U.S. government (including its agencies and instrumentalities), and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. government securities are not considered to be issued by members of any industry.

The investment adviser seeks to achieve, over time, a correlation between the fund's performance and that of its index, before fees and expenses, of 95% or better. However, there can be no guarantee that the fund will achieve a high degree of correlation with the index. A number of factors may affect the fund's ability to achieve a high correlation with its index, including the degree to which the fund uses a sampling technique (or otherwise gives a different weighting to a security than the index does). The correlation between the performance of the fund and its index may also diverge due to transaction costs, asset valuations, timing variances, and differences between the fund's portfolio and the index resulting from legal restrictions (such as diversification requirements) that apply to the fund but not to the index.

## Principal Risks

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**Market Risk.** Financial markets rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Markets may be impacted by economic, political, regulatory and other conditions, including economic sanctions and other government actions. In addition, the occurrence of global events, such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters and epidemics, may also negatively affect the financial markets. As with any investment whose performance is tied to these markets, the value of an investment in the fund will fluctuate, which means that an investor could lose money over short or long periods.

**Investment Style Risk.** The fund is an index fund. Therefore, the fund follows the securities included in the index during upturns as well as downturns. Because of its indexing strategy, the fund does not take steps to reduce market exposure or to lessen the effects of a declining market. In addition, because of the fund's expenses, the fund's performance may be below that of the index. Errors relating to the index may occur from time to time and may not be identified by the index provider for a period of time. In addition, market disruptions could cause delays in the index's rebalancing schedule. Such errors and/or market disruptions may result in losses for the fund.

**Interest Rate Risk.** Interest rates rise and fall over time. As with any investment whose yield reflects current interest rates, the fund's yield will change over time. During periods when interest rates are low, the fund's yield (and total return) also may be low. Changes in interest rates also may affect the fund's share price: a rise in interest rates generally causes the fund's share price to fall. The longer the fund's portfolio duration, the more sensitive to interest rate movements its share price is likely to be. Also, a change in a central bank's monetary policy or economic conditions, among other things, may result in a change in interest rates, which could have sudden and unpredictable effects on the markets and significantly impact the value of fixed-income securities in which the fund invests. A sudden or unpredictable rise in interest rates may cause volatility.

**Credit Risk.** A decline in the credit quality of an issuer, guarantor or liquidity provider of a portfolio investment or a counterparty could cause the fund to lose money or underperform. The fund could lose money if, due to a decline in credit quality, the issuer, guarantor or liquidity provider of a portfolio investment or a counterparty fails to make, or is perceived as being unable or unwilling to make, timely principal or interest payments or otherwise honor its obligations.

**Sampling Index Tracking Risk.** The fund may not fully replicate the index and may hold securities not included in the index. As a result, the fund is subject to the risk that the investment adviser's investment management strategy, the implementation of which is subject to a number of constraints, may not produce the intended results. Because the fund uses a sampling approach it may not track the return of the index as well as it would if the fund purchased all of the securities in the index.

**Tracking Error Risk.** As an index fund, the fund seeks to track the performance of the index, although it may not be successful in doing so. The divergence between the performance of the fund and the index, positive or negative, is called "tracking error." Tracking error can be caused by many factors and it may be significant.

**Non-U.S. Issuer Risk.** The fund may invest in U.S.-registered, dollar-denominated bonds of non-U.S. corporations. The fund's investments in bonds of non-U.S. issuers may involve certain risks that are greater than those associated with investments in securities of U.S. issuers. These include risks of adverse changes in foreign economic, political, regulatory and other conditions; the imposition of economic sanctions or other government restrictions; differing accounting, auditing, financial reporting and legal standards and practices; differing securities market structures; and higher transaction costs. These risks may be heightened in connection with bonds issued by non-U.S. corporations and entities in emerging markets.

**Derivatives Risk.** The fund's use of derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. The fund's use of derivatives could reduce the fund's performance, increase the fund's volatility and cause the fund to lose more than the

initial amount invested. In addition, investments in derivatives may involve leverage, which means a small percentage of assets invested in derivatives can have a disproportionately large impact on the fund.

**Liquidity Risk.** The fund may be unable to sell certain securities, such as illiquid securities, readily at a favorable time or price, or the fund may have to sell them at a loss.

**Securities Lending Risk.** Securities lending involves the risk of loss of rights in, or delay in recovery of, the loaned securities if the borrower fails to return the security loaned or becomes insolvent.

**Concentration Risk.** To the extent that the fund's or the index's portfolio is concentrated in the securities of issuers in a particular market, industry, group of industries, sector or asset class, the fund may be adversely affected by the performance of those securities, may be subject to increased price volatility and may be more vulnerable to adverse economic, market, political or regulatory occurrences affecting that market, industry, group of industries, sector or asset class.

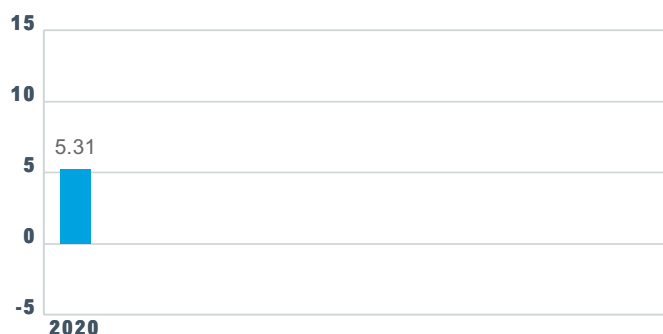
**Market Trading Risk.** Although fund shares are listed on national securities exchanges, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for fund shares will develop or be maintained. If an active market is not maintained, investors may find it difficult to buy or sell fund shares.

**Shares of the Fund May Trade at Prices Other Than NAV.** Fund shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. Although it is expected that the market price of the shares of the fund will approximate the fund's net asset value (NAV), there may be times when the market price and the NAV vary significantly. An investor may pay more than NAV when buying shares of the fund in the secondary market, and an investor may receive less than NAV when selling those shares in the secondary market. The market price of fund shares may deviate, sometimes significantly, from NAV during periods of market volatility or market disruption. For more information on the risks of investing in the fund, please see the "Fund Details" section in the prospectus.

## Performance

The bar chart below shows the fund's investment results for the prior calendar year, and the following table shows how the fund's average annual total returns for various periods compared to that of the index. This information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. All figures assume distributions were reinvested. Keep in mind that future performance (both before and after taxes) may differ from past performance. For current performance information, please see [www.schwabfunds.com/schwabetfs\\_prospectus](http://www.schwabfunds.com/schwabetfs_prospectus).

## Annual Total Returns (%) as of 12/31



**Best Quarter:** 5.31% Q2 2020

**Worst Quarter:** (1.90%) Q1 2020

## Average Annual Total Returns as of 12/31/20

	1 Year	Since Inception (10/10/19)
Before taxes	5.31%	4.74%
After taxes on distributions	4.22%	3.71%
After taxes on distributions and sale of shares	3.13%	3.17%
<b>Comparative Index</b> (reflects no deduction for expenses or taxes)		
Bloomberg Barclays US 1-5 Year Corporate Bond Index	5.41%	4.86%

The after-tax figures reflect the highest individual federal income tax rates in effect during the period and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns depend on your individual tax situation. In addition, after-tax returns are not relevant if you hold your fund shares through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan, an individual retirement account (IRA) or other tax-advantaged account.

## Investment Adviser

Charles Schwab Investment Management, Inc.

## Portfolio Managers

**Matthew Hastings, CFA**, Vice President and Head of Taxable Bond Strategies, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2019.

**Steven Hung**, Senior Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2019.

## Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The fund issues and redeems shares at its NAV only in large blocks of shares (Creation Units). These transactions are usually in exchange for a basket of securities included in the index and/or an amount of cash. As a practical matter, only Authorized Participants purchase or redeem Creation Units.

Individual shares may only be purchased and sold in the secondary market (i.e., on a national securities exchange) through a broker or dealer at market prices. Because fund shares trade at market prices rather than at NAV, fund shares may trade at a price greater

than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling 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 shares of the fund (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for shares of the fund (ask) (the “bid-ask spread”). Recent information regarding the fund’s NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at [www.schwabfunds.com](http://www.schwabfunds.com).

### **Tax Information**

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Dividends and capital gains distributions received from the fund will generally be taxable as ordinary income or capital gains, unless you are investing through an IRA, 401(k) or other tax-advantaged account (in which case you may be taxed later, upon withdrawal of your investment from such account).

### **Payments to Financial Intermediaries**

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If you purchase shares of the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the adviser and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other financial intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.



# Schwab<sup>®</sup> 5-10 Year Corporate Bond ETF

Ticker Symbol: SCHI

## Investment Objective

The fund's goal is to track as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the total return of an index that measures the performance of the intermediate-term U.S. corporate bond market.

## Fund Fees and Expenses

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the fund. 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.

<b>Shareholder Fees</b> (fees paid directly from your investment)	
	None
<b>Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b> (expenses that you pay each year as a % of the value of your investment)	
Management fees	0.05
Other expenses	None
<b>Total annual fund operating expenses</b>	<b>0.05</b>

## Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other funds. The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated and then sell all of your shares at the end of those time periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. Your actual costs may be higher or lower.

<b>Expenses on a \$10,000 Investment</b>			
<b>1 Year</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>5 Years</b>	<b>10 Years</b>
\$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 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 the 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.

## Principal Investment Strategies

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The fund will concentrate its investments (i.e., hold 25% or more of its total assets) in a particular industry, group of industries or sector to approximately the same extent that its index is so concentrated. For purposes of this limitation, securities of the U.S. government (including its agencies and instrumentalities), and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. government securities are not considered to be issued by members of any industry.

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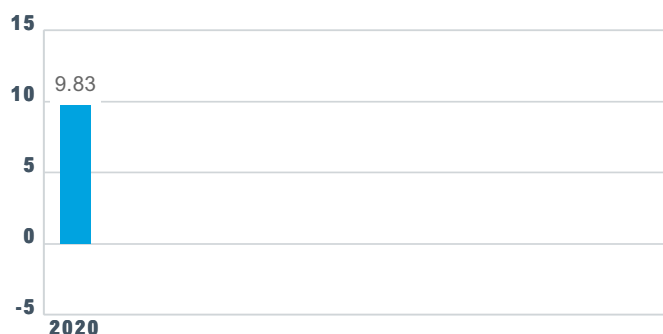
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## Annual Total Returns (%) as of 12/31



**Best Quarter:** 9.74% Q2 2020

**Worst Quarter:** (3.90%) Q1 2020

## Average Annual Total Returns as of 12/31/20

	1 Year	Since Inception (10/10/19)
Before taxes	9.83%	8.52%
After taxes on distributions	8.76%	7.48%
After taxes on distributions and sale of shares	5.79%	6.04%
<b>Comparative Index</b> (reflects no deduction for expenses or taxes)		
Bloomberg Barclays US 5-10 Year Corporate Bond Index	9.75%	8.52%

The after-tax figures reflect the highest individual federal income tax rates in effect during the period and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns depend on your individual tax situation. In addition, after-tax returns are not relevant if you hold your fund shares through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan, an individual retirement account (IRA) or other tax-advantaged account.

## Investment Adviser

Charles Schwab Investment Management, Inc.

## Portfolio Managers

**Matthew Hastings, CFA**, Vice President and Head of Taxable Bond Strategies, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2019.

**Steven Hung**, Senior Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2019.

## Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The fund issues and redeems shares at its NAV only in large blocks of shares (Creation Units). These transactions are usually in exchange for a basket of securities included in the index and/or an amount of cash. As a practical matter, only Authorized Participants purchase or redeem Creation Units.

Individual shares may only be purchased and sold in the secondary market (i.e., on a national securities exchange) through a broker or dealer at market prices. Because fund shares trade at market prices rather than at NAV, fund shares may trade at a price greater

than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling 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 shares of the fund (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for shares of the fund (ask) (the “bid-ask spread”). Recent information regarding the fund’s NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at [www.schwabfunds.com](http://www.schwabfunds.com).

### **Tax Information**

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Dividends and capital gains distributions received from the fund will generally be taxable as ordinary income or capital gains, unless you are investing through an IRA, 401(k) or other tax-advantaged account (in which case you may be taxed later, upon withdrawal of your investment from such account).

### **Payments to Financial Intermediaries**

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If you purchase shares of the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the adviser and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other financial intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.

# Schwab<sup>®</sup> U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF

Ticker Symbol: SCHZ

## Investment Objective

The fund's goal is to track as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the total return of an index that measures the performance of the broad U.S. investment-grade bond market.

## Fund Fees and Expenses

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the fund. 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.

### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

	None
<b>Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b> (expenses that you pay each year as a % of the value of your investment)	
Management fees	0.04
Other expenses	None
<b>Total annual fund operating expenses</b>	<b>0.04</b>

## Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other funds. The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those time periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. Your actual costs may be higher or lower.

### Expenses on a \$10,000 Investment

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$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 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 the 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 68% of the average value of its portfolio.

## Principal Investment Strategies

**To pursue its goal, the fund generally invests in securities that are included in the Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index<sup>†</sup>.**

The index is a broad-based benchmark measuring the performance of the U.S. investment grade, taxable bond market, including U.S. Treasuries, government-related and corporate bonds, mortgage pass-through securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, and asset-backed securities that are publicly available for sale in the United States. To be eligible for inclusion in the index, securities must be fixed-rate, non-convertible, U.S. dollar denominated with at least \$300 million or more of outstanding face value and have one or more years remaining to maturity. The index excludes certain types of securities, including tax-exempt state and local government series bonds, structured notes embedded with swaps or other special features, private placements, floating-rate securities, inflation-linked bonds and Eurobonds. The index is market capitalization weighted and the securities in the index are updated on the last business day of each month. As of December 31, 2020, there were approximately 11,998 securities in the index.

It is the fund's policy that under normal circumstances it will invest at least 90% of its net assets (including, for this purpose, any borrowings for investment purposes) in securities included in the index, including TBA transactions, as defined below. The fund will notify its shareholders at least 60 days before changing this policy.

Under normal circumstances, the fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in securities not included in its index. The principal types of these investments include those that the investment adviser believes will help the fund track the index, such as investments in (a) securities that are not represented in the index but the investment adviser anticipates will be added to the index; (b) high-quality liquid investments, such as securities issued by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities, including obligations that are not guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury, and obligations that are issued by private issuers; (c) other investment companies; and (d) derivatives, principally futures contracts. The fund may use futures contracts and other derivatives primarily to help manage interest rate exposure. The fund may also invest in cash and cash equivalents, including money market funds, and lend its securities to minimize the difference in performance that naturally exists between an index fund and its corresponding index.

Because it is not possible or practical to purchase all of the securities in the index, the fund's investment adviser will seek to track the total return of the index by using sampling techniques. Sampling techniques involve investing in a limited number of index securities that, when taken together, are expected to perform similarly to the index as a whole. These techniques are based on a

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variety of factors, including interest rate and yield curve risk, maturity exposures, industry, sector and issuer weights, credit quality, and other risk factors and characteristics. The fund expects that its portfolio will hold less than the total number of securities in the index, but reserves the right to hold as many securities as it believes necessary to achieve the fund's investment objective. The fund may sell securities that are represented in the index in anticipation of their removal from the index. The fund generally expects that its weighted average duration will closely correspond to the weighted average duration of the index, which as of December 31, 2020, was 6.14 years.

As of December 31, 2020, approximately 26.82% of the bonds represented in the index were U.S. fixed-rate agency mortgage pass-through securities. U.S. fixed-rate agency mortgage pass-through securities are securities issued by entities such as the Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae), the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) that are backed by pools of mortgages. Most transactions in fixed-rate mortgage pass-through securities occur through standardized contracts for future delivery in which the exact mortgage pools to be delivered are not specified until a few days prior to settlement, and are often referred to as "to-be-announced transactions" or "TBA transactions." In a TBA transaction, the buyer and seller agree upon general trade parameters such as agency, settlement date, par amount and price. The actual pools delivered generally are determined two days prior to settlement date; however, it is not anticipated that the fund will receive the pools, but will instead participate in rolling TBA transactions. The fund anticipates that it may enter into such contracts on a regular basis. This may result in a significantly higher portfolio turnover for the fund than a typical index fund. The fund, pending settlement of such contracts, will invest its assets in high-quality liquid short-term instruments, including Treasury securities and shares of money market mutual funds. The fund will assume its pro rata share of the fees and expenses of any money market fund that it may invest in, in addition to the fund's own fees and expenses.

The fund will concentrate its investments (i.e., hold 25% or more of its total assets) in a particular industry, group of industries or sector to approximately the same extent that its index is so concentrated. For purposes of this limitation, securities of the U.S. government (including its agencies and instrumentalities), and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. government securities are not considered to be issued by members of any industry.

The investment adviser seeks to achieve, over time, a correlation between the fund's performance and that of its index, before fees and expenses, of 95% or better. However, there can be no guarantee that the fund will achieve a high degree of correlation with the index. A number of factors may affect the fund's ability to achieve a high correlation with its index, including the degree to which the fund uses a sampling technique (or otherwise gives a different weighting to a security than the index does). The correlation between the performance of the fund and its index may also diverge due to transaction costs, asset valuations, timing variances, and differences between the fund's portfolio and the index resulting from legal restrictions (such as diversification requirements) that apply to the fund but not to the index.

## Principal Risks

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The fund is subject to risks, any of which could cause an investor to lose money. The fund's principal risks include:

**Market Risk.** Financial markets rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Markets may be impacted by economic, political, regulatory and other conditions, including economic sanctions and other government actions. In addition, the occurrence of global events, such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters and epidemics, may also negatively affect the financial markets. As with any investment whose performance is tied to these markets, the value of an investment in the fund will fluctuate, which means that an investor could lose money over short or long periods.

**Investment Style Risk.** The fund is an index fund. Therefore, the fund follows the securities included in the index during upturns as well as downturns. Because of its indexing strategy, the fund does not take steps to reduce market exposure or to lessen the effects of a declining market. In addition, because of the fund's expenses, the fund's performance may be below that of the index. Errors relating to the index may occur from time to time and may not be identified by the index provider for a period of time. In addition, market disruptions could cause delays in the index's rebalancing schedule. Such errors and/or market disruptions may result in losses for the fund.

**Interest Rate Risk.** Interest rates rise and fall over time. As with any investment whose yield reflects current interest rates, the fund's yield will change over time. During periods when interest rates are low, the fund's yield (and total return) also may be low. Changes in interest rates also may affect the fund's share price: a rise in interest rates generally causes the fund's share price to fall. The longer the fund's portfolio duration, the more sensitive to interest rate movements its share price is likely to be. Also, a change in a central bank's monetary policy or economic conditions, among other things, may result in a change in interest rates, which could have sudden and unpredictable effects on the markets and significantly impact the value of fixed-income securities in which the fund invests. A sudden or unpredictable rise in interest rates may cause volatility.

**Credit Risk.** A decline in the credit quality of an issuer, guarantor or liquidity provider of a portfolio investment or a counterparty could cause the fund to lose money or underperform. The fund could lose money if, due to a decline in credit quality, the issuer, guarantor or liquidity provider of a portfolio investment or a counterparty fails to make, or is perceived as being unable or unwilling to make, timely principal or interest payments or otherwise honor its obligations.

**Sampling Index Tracking Risk.** The fund may not fully replicate the index and may hold securities not included in the index. As a result, the fund is subject to the risk that the investment adviser's investment management strategy, the implementation of which is subject to a number of constraints, may not produce the intended

results. Because the fund uses a sampling approach it may not track the return of the index as well as it would if the fund purchased all of the securities in the index.

**Tracking Error Risk.** As an index fund, the fund seeks to track the performance of the index, although it may not be successful in doing so. The divergence between the performance of the fund and the index, positive or negative, is called “tracking error.” Tracking error can be caused by many factors and it may be significant.

**Portfolio Turnover Risk.** The fund may engage in frequent trading of its portfolio securities in connection with its tracking of the index, primarily due to the fund rolling over its positions in TBAs as it tracks the portion of the index represented by mortgage-backed securities. A higher portfolio turnover rate may result in increased transaction costs, which may lower the fund's performance. A higher portfolio turnover rate can also result in an increase in taxable capital gains distributions to the fund's shareholders.

**Prepayment and Extension Risk.** Certain fixed-income securities are subject to the risk that the securities may be paid off earlier or later than expected, especially during periods of falling or rising interest rates, respectively. Prepayments of obligations could cause the fund to forgo future interest income on the portion of the security's principal repaid early and force the fund to reinvest that money at the lower prevailing interest rates. Extensions of obligations could cause the fund to exhibit additional volatility and hold securities paying lower-than-market rates of interest. Either case could hurt the fund's performance.

**Non-U.S. Issuer Risk.** The fund may invest in U.S.-registered, dollar-denominated bonds of non-U.S. corporations, governments, agencies and supra-national entities. The fund's investments in bonds of non-U.S. issuers may involve certain risks that are greater than those associated with investments in securities of U.S. issuers. These include risks of adverse changes in foreign economic, political, regulatory and other conditions; the imposition of economic sanctions or other government restrictions; differing accounting, auditing, financial reporting and legal standards and practices; differing securities market structures; and higher transaction costs. These risks may be heightened in connection with bonds issued by non-U.S. corporations and entities in emerging markets.

**Derivatives Risk.** The fund's use of derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. The fund's use of derivatives could reduce the fund's performance, increase the fund's volatility, and cause the fund to lose more than the initial amount invested. In addition, investments in derivatives may involve leverage, which means a small percentage of assets invested in derivatives can have a disproportionately large impact on the fund.

**Mortgage-Backed and Mortgage Pass-Through Securities Risk.** Mortgage-backed securities tend to increase in value less than other debt securities when interest rates decline, but are subject to similar or greater risk of decline in market value during periods of

rising interest rates. Certain of the mortgage-backed securities in which the fund may invest are issued or guaranteed by agencies or instrumentalities of the U.S. government but are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. There can be no assurance that the U.S. government would provide financial support to its agencies or instrumentalities where it was not obligated to do so which can cause the fund to lose money or underperform. The risks of investing in mortgage-backed securities include, among others, interest rate risk, credit risk, prepayment risk and extension risk. Transactions in mortgage pass-through securities often occur through TBA transactions. The fund could lose money or underperform if a TBA counterparty defaults or goes bankrupt.

**Liquidity Risk.** The fund may be unable to sell certain securities, such as illiquid securities, readily at a favorable time or price, or the fund may have to sell them at a loss.

**Securities Lending Risk.** Securities lending involves the risk of loss of rights in, or delay in recovery of, the loaned securities if the borrower fails to return the security loaned or becomes insolvent.

**Concentration Risk.** To the extent that the fund's or the index's portfolio is concentrated in the securities of issuers in a particular market, industry, group of industries, sector or asset class, the fund may be adversely affected by the performance of those securities, may be subject to increased price volatility and may be more vulnerable to adverse economic, market, political or regulatory occurrences affecting that market, industry, group of industries, sector or asset class.

**Market Trading Risk.** Although fund shares are listed on national securities exchanges, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for fund shares will develop or be maintained. If an active market is not maintained, investors may find it difficult to buy or sell fund shares.

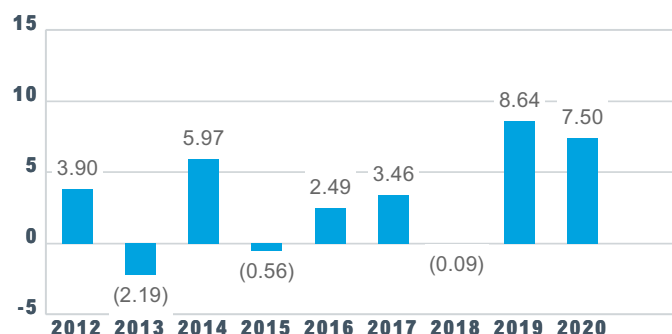
**Shares of the Fund May Trade at Prices Other Than NAV.** Fund shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. Although it is expected that the market price of the shares of the fund will approximate the fund's net asset value (NAV), there may be times when the market price and the NAV vary significantly. An investor may pay more than NAV when buying shares of the fund in the secondary market, and an investor may receive less than NAV when selling those shares in the secondary market. The market price of fund shares may deviate, sometimes significantly, from NAV during periods of market volatility or market disruption. For more information on the risks of investing in the fund, please see the “Fund Details” section in the prospectus.

## Performance

The bar chart below shows how the fund's investment results have varied from year to year, and the following table shows how the fund's average annual total returns for various periods compared to that of an index. This information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. All figures assume distributions were reinvested. Keep in mind that future performance (both before and after taxes) may differ from past performance. For current performance information, please see [www.schwabfunds.com/schwabetfs\\_prospectus](http://www.schwabfunds.com/schwabetfs_prospectus).



## Annual Total Returns (%) as of 12/31



**Best Quarter:** 3.29% Q1 2020

**Worst Quarter:** (3.03%) Q4 2016

## Average Annual Total Returns as of 12/31/20

	1 Year	5 Years	Since Inception (7/14/11)
Before taxes	7.50%	4.35%	3.54%
After taxes on distributions	6.43%	3.26%	2.57%
After taxes on distributions and sale of shares	4.43%	2.85%	2.30%
<b>Comparative Index</b> (reflects no deduction for expenses or taxes)			
Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index	7.51%	4.44%	3.64%

The after-tax figures reflect the highest individual federal income tax rates in effect during the period and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns depend on your individual tax situation. In addition, after-tax returns are not relevant if you hold your fund shares through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan, an individual retirement account (IRA) or other tax-advantaged account.

## Investment Adviser

Charles Schwab Investment Management, Inc.

## Portfolio Managers

**Matthew Hastings, CFA**, Vice President and Head of Taxable Bond Strategies, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2011.

**Steven Hung**, Senior Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2011.

**Mark McKissick, CFA**, Senior Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2017.

**Alfonso Portillo, Jr.**, Senior Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2011.

## Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The fund issues and redeems shares at its NAV only in large blocks of shares, typically 100,000 shares or more (Creation Units). These transactions are usually in exchange for a basket of securities

included in the index and/or an amount of cash. As a practical matter, only Authorized Participants purchase or redeem Creation Units. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, shares of the fund are not redeemable securities.

Individual shares of the fund trade on national securities exchanges and elsewhere during the trading day and can only be bought and sold at market prices throughout the trading day through a broker-dealer. Because fund shares trade at market prices rather than NAV, shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount).

## Tax Information

Dividends and capital gains distributions received from the fund will generally be taxable as ordinary income or capital gains, unless you are investing through an IRA, 401(k) or other tax-advantaged account (in which case you may be taxed later, upon withdrawal of your investment from such account).

## Payments to Financial Intermediaries

If you purchase shares of the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the adviser and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other financial intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.



# Schwab<sup>®</sup> U.S. TIPS ETF

Ticker Symbol: SCHP

## Investment Objective

The fund's goal is to track as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the total return of an index composed of inflation-protected U.S. Treasury securities.

## Fund Fees and Expenses

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the fund. 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.

<b>Shareholder Fees</b> (fees paid directly from your investment)	
	None
<b>Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b> (expenses that you pay each year as a % of the value of your investment)	
Management fees	0.05
Other expenses	None
<b>Total annual fund operating expenses</b>	<b>0.05</b>

## Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other funds. The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated and then sell all of your shares at the end of those time periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. Your actual costs may be higher or lower.

### Expenses on a \$10,000 Investment

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$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 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 the 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.

## Principal Investment Strategies

To pursue its goal, the fund generally invests in securities that are included in the **Bloomberg Barclays US Treasury Inflation-Linked Bond Index (Series-L)<sup>SM†</sup>**. The index includes all publicly-issued U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) that have at least one year remaining to maturity, are rated investment grade and have \$500 million or more of outstanding face value. The TIPS in the index must be denominated in U.S. dollars and must be fixed-rate and non-convertible. The index is market capitalization weighted and the TIPS in the index are updated on the last business day of each month. As of December 31, 2020, there were 43 TIPS in the index. TIPS are publicly issued, dollar denominated U.S. Government securities issued by the U.S. Treasury that have principal and interest payments linked to an official inflation measure (as measured by the Consumer Price Index, or CPI) and their payments are supported by the full faith and credit of the United States.

It is the fund's policy that under normal circumstances it will invest at least 90% of its net assets (including, for this purpose, any borrowings for investment purposes) in securities included in the index. The fund will notify its shareholders at least 60 days before changing this policy. The fund will generally seek to replicate the performance of the index by giving the same weight to a given security as the index does. However, when the investment adviser believes it is in the best interest of the fund, such as to avoid purchasing odd-lots (i.e., purchasing less than the usual number of shares traded for a security), for tax considerations, or to address liquidity considerations with respect to a security, the investment adviser may cause the fund's weighting of a security to be more or less than the index's weighting of the security.

Under normal circumstances, the fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in securities not included in its index. The principal types of these investments include those that the investment adviser believes will help the fund track the index, such as investments in (a) securities that are not represented in the index but the investment adviser anticipates will be added to the index; (b) high-quality liquid investments, such as securities issued by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities, including obligations that are not guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury, and obligations that are issued by private issuers that are guaranteed as to principal or interest by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities; and (c) other investment companies. The fund may also invest in cash and cash equivalents, including money market funds, enter into repurchase agreements, and may lend its securities to minimize the

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difference in performance that naturally exists between an index fund and its corresponding index. The fund may sell securities that are represented in the index in anticipation of their removal from the index.

The investment adviser typically seeks to track the total return of the index by replicating the index. This means that the fund generally expects that it will hold the same securities as those included in the index. However, the investment adviser may use sampling techniques if the investment adviser believes such use will best help the fund to track its index or is otherwise in the best interest of the fund. Sampling techniques involve investing in a limited number of index securities that, when taken together, are expected to perform similarly to the index as a whole. These techniques are based on a variety of factors, including interest rate and yield curve risk, maturity exposures, and other risk factors and characteristics. When the fund uses sampling techniques, the fund generally expects that its yield, maturity and weighted average duration will be similar to those of the index.

The investment adviser seeks to achieve, over time, a correlation between the fund's performance and that of its index, before fees and expenses, of 95% or better. However, there can be no guarantee that the fund will achieve a high degree of correlation with the index. A number of factors may affect the fund's ability to achieve a high correlation with its index, including the degree to which the fund utilizes a sampling technique (or otherwise gives a different weighting to a security than the index does). The correlation between the performance of the fund and its index may also diverge due to transaction costs, asset valuations, timing variances, and differences between the fund's portfolio and the index resulting from legal restrictions (such as diversification requirements) that apply to the fund but not to the index.

## Principal Risks

The fund is subject to risks, any of which could cause an investor to lose money. The fund's principal risks include:

**Market Risk.** Financial markets rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Markets may be impacted by economic, political, regulatory and other conditions, including economic sanctions and other government actions. In addition, the occurrence of global events, such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters and epidemics, may also negatively affect the financial markets. As with any investment whose performance is tied to these markets, the value of an investment in the fund will fluctuate, which means that an investor could lose money over short or long periods.

**Investment Style Risk.** The fund is an index fund. Therefore, the fund follows the securities included in the index during upturns as well as downturns. Because of its indexing strategy, the fund does not take steps to reduce market exposure or to lessen the effects of a declining market. In addition, because of the fund's expenses, the fund's performance may be below that of the index. Errors relating to the index may occur from time to time and may not be identified by the index provider for a period of time. In addition, market disruptions could cause delays in the index's rebalancing schedule. Such errors and/or market disruptions may result in losses for the fund.

**Interest Rate Risk.** Interest rates rise and fall over time. As with any investment whose yield reflects current interest rates, the fund's yield will change over time. During periods when interest rates are low, the fund's yield (and total return) also may be low. Changes in interest rates also may affect the fund's share price: a rise in interest rates generally causes the fund's share price to fall. The longer the fund's portfolio duration, the more sensitive to interest rate movements its share price is likely to be. Also, a change in a central bank's monetary policy or economic conditions, among other things, may result in a change in interest rates, which could have sudden and unpredictable effects on the markets and significantly impact the value of fixed-income securities in which the fund invests. A sudden or unpredictable rise in interest rates may cause volatility.

**Credit Risk.** A decline in the credit quality of an issuer, guarantor or liquidity provider of a portfolio investment or a counterparty could cause the fund to lose money or underperform. The fund could lose money if, due to a decline in credit quality, the issuer, guarantor or liquidity provider of a portfolio investment or a counterparty fails to make, or is perceived as being unable or unwilling to make, timely principal or interest payments or otherwise honor its obligations.

**Inflation-Protected Security Risk.** The value of inflation-protected securities, including TIPS, generally will fluctuate in response to changes in "real" interest rates, generally decreasing when real interest rates rise and increasing when real interest rates fall. Real interest rates represent nominal (or stated) interest rates reduced by the expected impact of inflation. In addition, interest payments on inflation-indexed securities will generally vary up or down along with the rate of inflation.

**Sampling Index Tracking Risk.** To the extent the fund uses sampling techniques, the fund will not fully replicate the index and may hold securities not included in the index. As a result, the fund will be subject to the risk that the investment adviser's investment management strategy, the implementation of which is subject to a number of constraints, may not produce the intended results. If the fund uses a sampling approach it may not track the return of the index as well as it would if the fund purchased all of the securities in the index.

**Tracking Error Risk.** As an index fund, the fund seeks to track the performance of the index, although it may not be successful in doing so. The divergence between the performance of the fund and the index, positive or negative, is called "tracking error." Tracking error can be caused by many factors and it may be significant.

**Liquidity Risk.** The fund may be unable to sell certain securities, such as illiquid securities, readily at a favorable time or price, or the fund may have to sell them at a loss.

**Securities Lending Risk.** Securities lending involves the risk of loss of rights in, or delay in recovery of, the loaned securities if the borrower fails to return the security loaned or becomes insolvent.

**Market Trading Risk.** Although fund shares are listed on national securities exchanges, there can be no assurance that an active

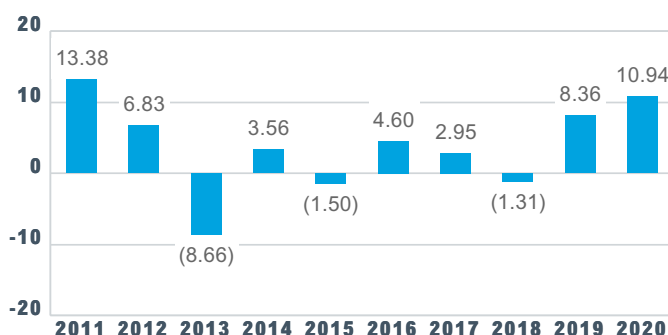
trading market for fund shares will develop or be maintained. If an active market is not maintained, investors may find it difficult to buy or sell fund shares.

**Shares of the Fund May Trade at Prices Other Than NAV.** Fund shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. Although it is expected that the market price of the shares of the fund will approximate the fund's net asset value (NAV), there may be times when the market price and the NAV vary significantly. An investor may pay more than NAV when buying shares of the fund in the secondary market, and an investor may receive less than NAV when selling those shares in the secondary market. The market price of fund shares may deviate, sometimes significantly, from NAV during periods of market volatility or market disruption. For more information on the risks of investing in the fund, please see the "Fund Details" section in the prospectus.

## Performance

The bar chart below shows how the fund's investment results have varied from year to year, and the following table shows how the fund's average annual total returns for various periods compared to that of an index. This information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. All figures assume distributions were reinvested. Keep in mind that future performance (both before and after taxes) may differ from past performance. For current performance information, please see [www.schwabfunds.com/schwabefits\\_prospectus](http://www.schwabfunds.com/schwabefits_prospectus).

**Annual Total Returns (%) as of 12/31**



**Best Quarter:** 4.49% Q3 2011

**Worst Quarter:** (7.02%) Q2 2013

**Average Annual Total Returns as of 12/31/20**

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Before taxes	10.94%	5.02%	3.73%
After taxes on distributions	10.44%	4.24%	3.08%
After taxes on distributions and sale of shares	6.47%	3.53%	2.62%
<b>Comparative Index</b> (reflects no deduction for expenses or taxes)			
Bloomberg Barclays US Treasury Inflation-Linked Bond Index (Series-L)	10.99%	5.08%	3.81%

The after-tax figures reflect the highest individual federal income tax rates in effect during the period and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns depend on

your individual tax situation. In addition, after-tax returns are not relevant if you hold your fund shares through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan, an individual retirement account (IRA) or other tax-advantaged account.

## Investment Adviser

Charles Schwab Investment Management, Inc.

## Portfolio Managers

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## Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The fund issues and redeems shares at its NAV only in large blocks of shares (Creation Units). These transactions are usually in exchange for a basket of securities included in the index and/or an amount of cash. As a practical matter, only Authorized Participants purchase or redeem Creation Units.

Individual shares may only be purchased and sold in the secondary market (i.e., on a national securities exchange) through a broker or dealer at market prices. Because fund shares trade at market prices rather than at NAV, fund shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling 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 shares of the fund (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for shares of the fund (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at [www.schwabfunds.com](http://www.schwabfunds.com).

## Tax Information

Dividends and capital gains distributions received from the fund will generally be taxable as ordinary income or capital gains, unless you are investing through an IRA, 401(k) or other tax-advantaged account (in which case you may be taxed later, upon withdrawal of your investment from such account).

## Payments to Financial Intermediaries

If you purchase shares of the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the adviser and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other financial intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# Schwab® Short-Term U.S. Treasury ETF

Ticker Symbol: **SCHO**

## Investment Objective

The fund's goal is to track as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the total return of an index that measures the performance of the short-term U.S. Treasury bond market.

## Fund Fees and Expenses

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the fund. 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.

<b>Shareholder Fees</b> (fees paid directly from your investment)	
	None
<b>Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b> (expenses that you pay each year as a % of the value of your investment)	
Management fees	0.05
Other expenses	None
<b>Total annual fund operating expenses</b>	<b>0.05</b>

## Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other funds. The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated and then sell all of your shares at the end of those time periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. Your actual costs may be higher or lower.

<b>Expenses on a \$10,000 Investment</b>				
	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>5 Years</b>	<b>10 Years</b>
	\$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 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 the 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 74% of the average value of its portfolio.

## Principal Investment Strategies

**To pursue its goal, the fund generally invests in securities that are included in the Bloomberg Barclays US Treasury 1-3 Year Index†.**

The index includes all publicly-issued U.S. Treasury securities that have a remaining maturity of greater than or equal to one year and less than three years, are rated investment grade, and have \$300 million or more of outstanding face value. The securities in the index must be denominated in U.S. dollars and must be fixed-rate and non-convertible. The index excludes U.S. Treasury stripped securities. The index is market capitalization weighted and the securities in the index are updated on the last business day of each month. As of December 31, 2020, there were 93 securities in the index.

It is the fund's policy that under normal circumstances it will invest at least 90% of its net assets (including, for this purpose, any borrowings for investment purposes) in securities included in the index. The fund will notify its shareholders at least 60 days before changing this policy.

Under normal circumstances, the fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in securities not included in its index. The principal types of these investments include those that the investment adviser believes will help the fund track the index, such as investments in (a) securities that are not represented in the index but the investment adviser anticipates will be added to the index; (b) high-quality liquid investments, such as securities issued by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities, including obligations that are not guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury, and obligations that are issued by private issuers that are guaranteed as to principal or interest by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities; and (c) other investment companies. The fund may also invest in cash and cash equivalents, including money market funds, enter into repurchase agreements, and may lend its securities to minimize the difference in performance that naturally exists between an index fund and its corresponding index.

Because it may not be possible or practical to purchase all of the securities in the index, the investment adviser will seek to track the total return of the index by using sampling techniques. Sampling techniques involve investing in a limited number of index securities that, when taken together, are expected to perform similarly to the index as a whole. These techniques are based on a variety of factors, including interest rate and yield curve risk, maturity exposures, and other risk factors and characteristics. The fund generally expects that its portfolio will hold less than the total number of securities in the index, but reserves the right to hold as many securities as it believes necessary to achieve the fund's investment objective. The fund may sell securities that are represented in the index in anticipation of their removal from the

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index. The fund generally expects that its yield and maturity will be similar to those of the index. In addition, the fund generally expects that its weighted average duration will closely correspond to the weighted average duration of the index, which as of December 31, 2020, was 1.88 years.

The investment adviser seeks to achieve, over time, a correlation between the fund's performance and that of its index, before fees and expenses, of 95% or better. However, there can be no guarantee that the fund will achieve a high degree of correlation with the index. A number of factors may affect the fund's ability to achieve a high correlation with its index, including the degree to which the fund utilizes a sampling technique (or otherwise gives a different weighting to a security than the index does). The correlation between the performance of the fund and its index may also diverge due to transaction costs, asset valuations, timing variances, and differences between the fund's portfolio and the index resulting from legal restrictions (such as diversification requirements) that apply to the fund but not to the index.

### Principal Risks

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The fund is subject to risks, any of which could cause an investor to lose money. The fund's principal risks include:

**Market Risk.** Financial markets rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Markets may be impacted by economic, political, regulatory and other conditions, including economic sanctions and other government actions. In addition, the occurrence of global events, such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters and epidemics, may also negatively affect the financial markets. As with any investment whose performance is tied to these markets, the value of an investment in the fund will fluctuate, which means that an investor could lose money over short or long periods.

**Investment Style Risk.** The fund is an index fund. Therefore, the fund follows the securities included in the index during upturns as well as downturns. Because of its indexing strategy, the fund does not take steps to reduce market exposure or to lessen the effects of a declining market. In addition, because of the fund's expenses, the fund's performance may be below that of the index. Errors relating to the index may occur from time to time and may not be identified by the index provider for a period of time. In addition, market disruptions could cause delays in the index's rebalancing schedule. Such errors and/or market disruptions may result in losses for the fund.

**Interest Rate Risk.** Interest rates rise and fall over time. As with any investment whose yield reflects current interest rates, the fund's yield will change over time. During periods when interest rates are low, the fund's yield (and total return) also may be low. Changes in interest rates also may affect the fund's share price: a rise in interest rates generally causes the fund's share price to fall. The longer the fund's portfolio duration, the more sensitive to interest rate movements its share price is likely to be. Also, a change in a central bank's monetary policy or economic conditions, among other things, may result in a change in interest rates, which could

have sudden and unpredictable effects on the markets and significantly impact the value of fixed-income securities in which the fund invests. A sudden or unpredictable rise in interest rates may cause volatility.

**Credit Risk.** A decline in the credit quality of an issuer, guarantor or liquidity provider of a portfolio investment or a counterparty could cause the fund to lose money or underperform. The fund could lose money if, due to a decline in credit quality, the issuer, guarantor or liquidity provider of a portfolio investment or a counterparty fails to make, or is perceived as being unable or unwilling to make, timely principal or interest payments or otherwise honor its obligations.

**Sampling Index Tracking Risk.** The fund may not fully replicate the index and may hold securities not included in the index. As a result, the fund is subject to the risk that the investment adviser's investment management strategy, the implementation of which is subject to a number of constraints, may not produce the intended results. Because the fund uses a sampling approach it may not track the return of the index as well as it would if the fund purchased all of the securities in the index.

**Tracking Error Risk.** As an index fund, the fund seeks to track the performance of the index, although it may not be successful in doing so. The divergence between the performance of the fund and the index, positive or negative, is called "tracking error." Tracking error can be caused by many factors and it may be significant.

**Liquidity Risk.** The fund may be unable to sell certain securities, such as illiquid securities, readily at a favorable time or price, or the fund may have to sell them at a loss.

**Securities Lending Risk.** Securities lending involves the risk of loss of rights in, or delay in recovery of, the loaned securities if the borrower fails to return the security loaned or becomes insolvent.

**Market Trading Risk.** Although fund shares are listed on national securities exchanges, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for fund shares will develop or be maintained. If an active market is not maintained, investors may find it difficult to buy or sell fund shares.

**Shares of the Fund May Trade at Prices Other Than NAV.** Fund shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. Although it is expected that the market price of the shares of the fund will approximate the fund's net asset value (NAV), there may be times when the market price and the NAV vary significantly. An investor may pay more than NAV when buying shares of the fund in the secondary market, and an investor may receive less than NAV when selling those shares in the secondary market. The market price of fund shares may deviate, sometimes significantly, from NAV during periods of market volatility or market disruption. For more information on the risks of investing in the fund, please see the "Fund Details" section in the prospectus.

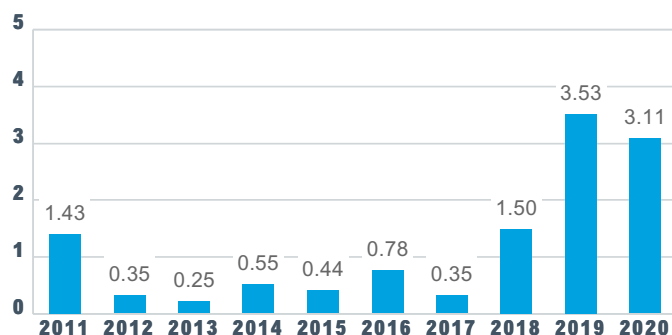
### Performance

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The bar chart below shows how the fund's investment results have varied from year to year, and the following table shows how the fund's

average annual total returns for various periods compared to that of an index. This information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. All figures assume distributions were reinvested. Keep in mind that future performance (both before and after taxes) may differ from past performance. For current performance information, please see [www.schwabfunds.com/schwabtfps\\_prospectus](http://www.schwabfunds.com/schwabtfps_prospectus).

#### Annual Total Returns (%) as of 12/31



**Best Quarter:** 2.83% Q1 2020

**Worst Quarter:** (0.49%) Q4 2016

#### Average Annual Total Returns as of 12/31/20

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Before taxes	3.11%	1.84%	1.22%
After taxes on distributions	2.57%	1.23%	0.83%
After taxes on distributions and sale of shares	1.84%	1.14%	0.77%
<b>Comparative Index</b> (reflects no deduction for expenses or taxes)			
Bloomberg Barclays US Treasury 1 – 3 Year Index	3.16%	1.91%	1.31%

The after-tax figures reflect the highest individual federal income tax rates in effect during the period and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns depend on your individual tax situation. In addition, after-tax returns are not relevant if you hold your fund shares through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan, an individual retirement account (IRA) or other tax-advantaged account.

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#### Portfolio Managers

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#### Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The fund issues and redeems shares at its NAV only in large blocks of shares (Creation Units). These transactions are usually in exchange for a basket of securities included in the index and/or an amount

of cash. As a practical matter, only Authorized Participants purchase or redeem Creation Units.

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#### Tax Information

Dividends and capital gains distributions received from the fund will generally be taxable as ordinary income or capital gains, unless you are investing through an IRA, 401(k) or other tax-advantaged account (in which case you may be taxed later, upon withdrawal of your investment from such account).

#### Payments to Financial Intermediaries

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# Schwab<sup>®</sup> Intermediate-Term U.S. Treasury ETF

Ticker Symbol: SCHR

## Investment Objective

The fund's goal is to track as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the total return of an index that measures the performance of the intermediate-term U.S. Treasury bond market.

## Fund Fees and Expenses

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the fund. 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.

<b>Shareholder Fees</b> (fees paid directly from your investment)	
	None
<b>Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b> (expenses that you pay each year as a % of the value of your investment)	
Management fees	0.05
Other expenses	None
<b>Total annual fund operating expenses</b>	<b>0.05</b>

## Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other funds. The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated and then sell all of your shares at the end of those time periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. Your actual costs may be higher or lower.

### Expenses on a \$10,000 Investment

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$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 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 the 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.

## Principal Investment Strategies

To pursue its goal, the fund generally invests in securities that are included in the **Bloomberg Barclays US Treasury 3-10 Year Index<sup>†</sup>**. The index includes all publicly-issued U.S. Treasury securities that have a remaining maturity of greater than or equal to three years and less than ten years, are rated investment grade, and have \$300 million or more of outstanding face value. The securities in the index must be denominated in U.S. dollars and must be fixed-rate and non-convertible. The index excludes U.S. Treasury stripped securities. The index is market capitalization weighted and the securities in the index are updated on the last business day of each month. As of December 31, 2020, there were 112 securities in the index.

It is the fund's policy that under normal circumstances it will invest at least 90% of its net assets (including, for this purpose, any borrowings for investment purposes) in securities included in the index. The fund will notify its shareholders at least 60 days before changing this policy.

Under normal circumstances, the fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in securities not included in its index. The principal types of these investments include those that the investment adviser believes will help the fund track the index, such as investments in (a) securities that are not represented in the index but the investment adviser anticipates will be added to the index; (b) high-quality liquid investments, such as securities issued by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities, including obligations that are not guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury, and obligations that are issued by private issuers that are guaranteed as to principal or interest by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities; and (c) other investment companies. The fund may also invest in cash and cash equivalents, including money market funds, enter into repurchase agreements, and may lend its securities to minimize the difference in performance that naturally exists between an index fund and its corresponding index.

Because it may not be possible or practical to purchase all of the securities in the index, the investment adviser will seek to track the total return of the index by using sampling techniques. Sampling techniques involve investing in a limited number of index securities that, when taken together, are expected to perform similarly to the index as a whole. These techniques are based on a variety of factors, including interest rate and yield curve risk, maturity exposures, and other risk factors and characteristics. The fund generally expects that its portfolio will hold less than the total

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number of securities in the index, but reserves the right to hold as many securities as it believes necessary to achieve the fund's investment objective. The fund may sell securities that are represented in the index in anticipation of their removal from the index. The fund generally expects that its yield and maturity will be similar to those of the index. In addition, the fund generally expects that its weighted average duration will closely correspond to the weighted average duration of the index, which as of December 31, 2020, was 5.28 years.

The investment adviser seeks to achieve, over time, a correlation between the fund's performance and that of its index, before fees and expenses, of 95% or better. However, there can be no guarantee that the fund will achieve a high degree of correlation with the index. A number of factors may affect the fund's ability to achieve a high correlation with its index, including the degree to which the fund utilizes a sampling technique (or otherwise gives a different weighting to a security than the index does). The correlation between the performance of the fund and its index may also diverge due to transaction costs, asset valuations, timing variances, and differences between the fund's portfolio and the index resulting from legal restrictions (such as diversification requirements) that apply to the fund but not to the index.

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**Interest Rate Risk.** Interest rates rise and fall over time. As with any investment whose yield reflects current interest rates, the fund's yield will change over time. During periods when interest rates are low, the fund's yield (and total return) also may be low. Changes in interest rates also may affect the fund's share price: a rise in interest rates generally causes the fund's share price to fall. The longer the fund's portfolio duration, the more sensitive to interest rate

movements its share price is likely to be. Also, a change in a central bank's monetary policy or economic conditions, among other things, may result in a change in interest rates, which could have sudden and unpredictable effects on the markets and significantly impact the value of fixed-income securities in which the fund invests. A sudden or unpredictable rise in interest rates may cause volatility.

**Credit Risk.** A decline in the credit quality of an issuer, guarantor or liquidity provider of a portfolio investment or a counterparty could cause the fund to lose money or underperform. The fund could lose money if, due to a decline in credit quality, the issuer, guarantor or liquidity provider of a portfolio investment or a counterparty fails to make, or is perceived as being unable or unwilling to make, timely principal or interest payments or otherwise honor its obligations.

**Sampling Index Tracking Risk.** The fund may not fully replicate the index and may hold securities not included in the index. As a result, the fund is subject to the risk that the investment adviser's investment management strategy, the implementation of which is subject to a number of constraints, may not produce the intended results. Because the fund uses a sampling approach it may not track the return of the index as well as it would if the fund purchased all of the securities in the index.

**Tracking Error Risk.** As an index fund, the fund seeks to track the performance of the index, although it may not be successful in doing so. The divergence between the performance of the fund and the index, positive or negative, is called "tracking error." Tracking error can be caused by many factors and it may be significant.

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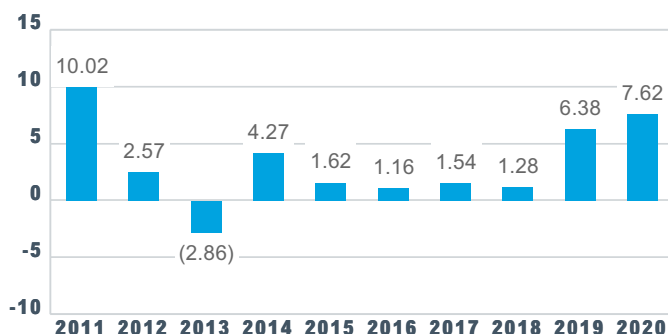
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Annual Total Returns (%) as of 12/31



Best Quarter: 7.15% Q1 2020

Worst Quarter: (3.36%) Q4 2016

Average Annual Total Returns as of 12/31/20

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Before taxes	7.62%	3.56%	3.30%
After taxes on distributions	6.91%	2.77%	2.63%
After taxes on distributions and sale of shares	4.51%	2.38%	2.27%
<b>Comparative Index</b> (reflects no deduction for expenses or taxes)			
Bloomberg Barclays US Treasury 3 – 10 Year Index	7.67%	3.63%	3.39%

The after-tax figures reflect the highest individual federal income tax rates in effect during the period and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns depend on your individual tax situation. In addition, after-tax returns are not relevant if you hold your fund shares through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan, an individual retirement account (IRA) or other tax-advantaged account.

## Investment Adviser

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## Tax Information

Dividends and capital gains distributions received from the fund will generally be taxable as ordinary income or capital gains, unless you are investing through an IRA, 401(k) or other tax-advantaged account (in which case you may be taxed later, upon withdrawal of your investment from such account).

## Payments to Financial Intermediaries

If you purchase shares of the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the adviser and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other financial intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# Schwab<sup>®</sup> Long-Term U.S. Treasury ETF

Ticker Symbol: SCHQ

## Investment Objective

The fund's goal is to track as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the total return of an index that measures the performance of the long-term U.S. Treasury bond market.

## Fund Fees and Expenses

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the fund. 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.

<b>Shareholder Fees</b> (fees paid directly from your investment)	
	None
<b>Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b> (expenses that you pay each year as a % of the value of your investment)	
Management fees	0.05
Other expenses	None
<b>Total annual fund operating expenses</b>	<b>0.05</b>

## Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other funds. The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated and then sell all of your shares at the end of those time periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. Your actual costs may be higher or lower.

<b>Expenses on a \$10,000 Investment</b>				
<b>1 Year</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>5 years</b>	<b>10 Years</b>	
\$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 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 the 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.

## Principal Investment Strategies

**To pursue its goal, the fund generally invests in securities that are included in the Bloomberg Barclays US Long Treasury Index<sup>†</sup>.**

The index includes all publicly issued, U.S. Treasury securities that have a remaining maturity of ten or more years, are rated investment grade, and have \$300 million or more of outstanding face value. The securities in the index must be denominated in U.S. dollars and must be fixed-rate and non-convertible. The index excludes U.S. Treasury stripped securities. The index is market capitalization weighted and the securities in the index are updated on the last business day of each month. As of December 31, 2020, there were 57 securities in the index.

It is the fund's policy that under normal circumstances it will invest at least 90% of its net assets (including, for this purpose, any borrowings for investment purposes) in securities included in the index. The fund will notify its shareholders at least 60 days before changing this policy.

Under normal circumstances, the fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in securities not included in its index. The principal types of these investments include those that the investment adviser believes will help the fund track the index, such as investments in (a) securities that are not represented in the index but the investment adviser anticipates will be added to the index; (b) high-quality liquid investments, such as securities issued by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities, including obligations that are not guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury, and obligations that are issued by private issuers that are guaranteed as to principal or interest by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities; and (c) other investment companies. The fund may also invest in cash and cash equivalents, including money market funds, enter into repurchase agreements, and may lend its securities to minimize the difference in performance that naturally exists between an index fund and its corresponding index.

Because it may not be possible or practical to purchase all of the securities in the index, the investment adviser will seek to track the total return of the index by using sampling techniques. Sampling techniques involve investing in a limited number of index securities that, when taken together, are expected to perform similarly to the index as a whole. These techniques are based on a variety of factors, including interest rate and yield curve risk, maturity exposures, and other risk factors and characteristics. The fund generally expects that its portfolio will hold less than the total number of securities in the index, but reserves the right to hold as many securities as it believes necessary to achieve the fund's investment objective. The fund may sell securities that are represented in the index in anticipation of their removal from the index. The fund generally expects that its yield and maturity will be

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similar to those of the index. In addition, the fund generally expects that its weighted average duration will closely correspond to the weighted average duration of the index, which as of December 31, 2020, was 19.18 years.

The investment adviser seeks to achieve, over time, a correlation between the fund's performance and that of its index, before fees and expenses, of 95% or better. However, there can be no guarantee that the fund will achieve a high degree of correlation with the index. A number of factors may affect the fund's ability to achieve a high correlation with its index, including the degree to which the fund utilizes a sampling technique (or otherwise gives a different weighting to a security than the index does). The correlation between the performance of the fund and its index may also diverge due to transaction costs, asset valuations, timing variances, and differences between the fund's portfolio and the index resulting from legal restrictions (such as diversification requirements) that apply to the fund but not to the index.

### Principal Risks

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The fund is subject to risks, any of which could cause an investor to lose money. The fund's principal risks include:

**Market Risk.** Financial markets rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Markets may be impacted by economic, political, regulatory and other conditions, including economic sanctions and other government actions. In addition, the occurrence of global events, such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters and epidemics, may also negatively affect the financial markets. As with any investment whose performance is tied to these markets, the value of an investment in the fund will fluctuate, which means that an investor could lose money over short or long periods.

**Investment Style Risk.** The fund is an index fund. Therefore, the fund follows the securities included in the index during upturns as well as downturns. Because of its indexing strategy, the fund does not take steps to reduce market exposure or to lessen the effects of a declining market. In addition, because of the fund's expenses, the fund's performance may be below that of the index. Errors relating to the index may occur from time to time and may not be identified by the index provider for a period of time. In addition, market disruptions could cause delays in the index's rebalancing schedule. Such errors and/or market disruptions may result in losses for the fund.

**Interest Rate Risk.** Interest rates rise and fall over time. As with any investment whose yield reflects current interest rates, the fund's yield will change over time. During periods when interest rates are low, the fund's yield (and total return) also may be low. Changes in interest rates also may affect the fund's share price: a rise in interest rates generally causes the fund's share price to fall. The longer the fund's portfolio duration, the more sensitive to interest rate movements its share price is likely to be. Also, a change in a central bank's monetary policy or economic conditions, among other things, may result in a change in interest rates, which could have sudden and unpredictable effects on the markets and

significantly impact the value of fixed-income securities in which the fund invests. A sudden or unpredictable rise in interest rates may cause volatility.

**Credit Risk.** A decline in the credit quality of an issuer, guarantor or liquidity provider of a portfolio investment or a counterparty could cause the fund to lose money or underperform. The fund could lose money if, due to a decline in credit quality, the issuer, guarantor or liquidity provider of a portfolio investment or a counterparty fails to make, or is perceived as being unable or unwilling to make, timely principal or interest payments or otherwise honor its obligations.

**Sampling Index Tracking Risk.** To the extent the fund uses sampling techniques, the fund will not fully replicate the index and may hold securities not included in the index. As a result, the fund will be subject to the risk that the investment adviser's investment management strategy, the implementation of which is subject to a number of constraints, may not produce the intended results. If the fund uses a sampling approach it may not track the return of the index as well as it would if the fund purchased all of the securities in the index.

**Tracking Error Risk.** As an index fund, the fund seeks to track the performance of the index, although it may not be successful in doing so. The divergence between the performance of the fund and the index, positive or negative, is called "tracking error." Tracking error can be caused by many factors and it may be significant.

**Liquidity Risk.** The fund may be unable to sell certain securities, such as illiquid securities, readily at a favorable time or price, or the fund may have to sell them at a loss.

**Securities Lending Risk.** Securities lending involves the risk of loss of rights in, or delay in recovery of, the loaned securities if the borrower fails to return the security loaned or becomes insolvent.

**Market Trading Risk.** Although fund shares are listed on national securities exchanges, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for fund shares will develop or be maintained. If an active market is not maintained, investors may find it difficult to buy or sell fund shares.

**Shares of the Fund May Trade at Prices Other Than NAV.** Fund shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. Although it is expected that the market price of the shares of the fund will approximate the fund's net asset value (NAV), there may be times when the market price and the NAV vary significantly. An investor may pay more than NAV when buying shares of the fund in the secondary market, and an investor may receive less than NAV when selling those shares in the secondary market. The market price of fund shares may deviate, sometimes significantly, from NAV during periods of market volatility or market disruption. For more information on the risks of investing in the fund, please see the "Fund Details" section in the prospectus.

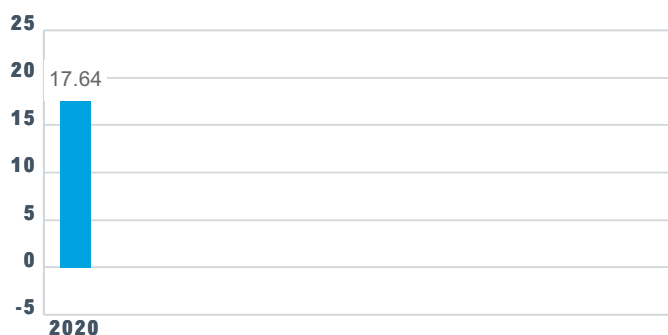
### Performance

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The bar chart below shows the fund's investment results for the prior calendar year, and the following table shows how the fund's

average annual total returns for various periods compared to that of the index. This information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. All figures assume distributions were reinvested. Keep in mind that future performance (both before and after taxes) may differ from past performance. For current performance information, please see [www.schwabfunds.com/schwabtfps\\_prospectus](http://www.schwabfunds.com/schwabtfps_prospectus).

#### Annual Total Returns (%) as of 12/31



**Best Quarter:** 21.46% Q1 2020

**Worst Quarter:** (3.01%) Q4 2020

#### Average Annual Total Returns as of 12/31/20

	1 Year	Since Inception (10/10/19)
Before taxes	17.64%	9.56%
After taxes on distributions	16.93%	8.87%
After taxes on distributions and sale of shares	10.45%	7.01%
<b>Comparative Index</b> (reflects no deduction for expenses or taxes)		
Bloomberg Barclays US Long Treasury Index	17.70%	9.59%

The after-tax figures reflect the highest individual federal income tax rates in effect during the period and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns depend on your individual tax situation. In addition, after-tax returns are not relevant if you hold your fund shares through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan, an individual retirement account (IRA) or other tax-advantaged account.

#### Investment Adviser

Charles Schwab Investment Management, Inc.

#### Portfolio Managers

**Matthew Hastings, CFA**, Vice President and Head of Taxable Bond Strategies, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2019.

**Mark McKissick, CFA**, Senior Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2019.

#### Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The fund issues and redeems shares at its NAV only in large blocks of shares (Creation Units). These transactions are usually in exchange for a basket of securities included in the index and/or an amount

of cash. As a practical matter, only Authorized Participants purchase or redeem Creation Units.

Individual shares may only be purchased and sold in the secondary market (i.e., on a national securities exchange) through a broker or dealer at market prices. Because fund shares trade at market prices rather than at NAV, fund shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling 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 shares of the fund (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for shares of the fund (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). Recent information regarding the fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available at [www.schwabfunds.com](http://www.schwabfunds.com).

#### Tax Information

Dividends and capital gains distributions received from the fund will generally be taxable as ordinary income or capital gains, unless you are investing through an IRA, 401(k) or other tax-advantaged account (in which case you may be taxed later, upon withdrawal of your investment from such account).

#### Payments to Financial Intermediaries

If you purchase shares of the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the adviser and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other financial intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.



# About the Funds

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The funds described in this prospectus are advised by Charles Schwab Investment Management, Inc. (CSIM or the investment adviser). Each fund is an “exchange-traded fund” (ETF). ETFs are funds that trade like other publicly-traded securities. The funds in this prospectus are index funds and are designed to track the total return of an index. Because the composition of an index tends to be comparatively stable, most index funds historically have shown low portfolio turnover compared to actively managed funds.

This strategy distinguishes an index fund from an “actively managed” fund. Instead of choosing investments for the fund based on portfolio management’s judgment, an index is used to determine which securities the fund should own.

Unlike shares of a mutual fund, shares of the funds are listed on a national securities exchange and trade at market prices that change throughout the day. The market price for each of the fund’s shares may be different from its net asset value per share (NAV). The funds have their own CUSIP numbers and trade on the NYSE Arca, Inc. under the following tickers:

Schwab 1-5 Year Corporate Bond ETF	SCHJ
Schwab 5-10 Year Corporate Bond ETF	SCHI
Schwab U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF	SCHZ
Schwab U.S. TIPS ETF	SCHP
Schwab Short-Term U.S. Treasury ETF	SCHO
Schwab Intermediate-Term U.S. Treasury ETF	SCHR
Schwab Long-Term U.S. Treasury ETF	SCHQ

The funds issue and redeem shares at their NAV only in large blocks of shares (Creation Units). These transactions are usually in exchange for a basket of securities and/or an amount of cash. As a practical matter, only institutional investors who have entered into an authorized participant agreement (Authorized Participants) purchase or redeem Creation Units.

### A Note to Retail Investors

Shares can be purchased directly from the funds only in exchange for a basket of securities and/or an amount of cash that is expected to be worth a minimum of two million dollars or more. Most individual investors, therefore, will not be able to purchase shares directly from the funds. Instead, these investors will purchase shares in the secondary market through a brokerage account or with the assistance of a broker. Thus, some of the information contained in this prospectus – such as information about purchasing and redeeming shares from the funds and references to transaction fees imposed on purchases and redemptions – is not relevant to most individual investors. Shares purchased or sold through a brokerage account or with the assistance of a broker may be subject to brokerage commissions and charges.

The funds’ performance will fluctuate over time and, as with all investments, future performance may differ from past performance.

# Fund Details

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There can be no assurance that the funds will achieve their objectives. Except as explicitly described otherwise, the investment objectives, strategies and policies of each fund may be changed without shareholder approval.

The principal investment strategies and the main risks associated with investing in each fund are summarized in the fund summaries at the front of this prospectus. This section takes a more detailed look at some of the types of securities, the associated risks, and the various investment strategies that may be used in the day-to-day portfolio management of the funds, as described below. In addition to the particular types of securities and strategies that are described in this prospectus, each fund may use strategies that are not described herein in support of its overall investment goal. These additional strategies and the risks associated with them are described in the “Investment Objectives, Strategies, Risks and Limitations” section in the Statement of Additional Information (SAI).

Each fund reserves the right to substitute a different index for the index it currently tracks if the current index is discontinued, if the agreement with the sponsor of its current index is terminated or for any other reason determined in good faith by the fund's Board of Trustees. In any such instance, the substitute index would represent the same market segment as the current index.

## Investment Objectives and More About Principal Risks

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### Schwab 1-5 Year Corporate Bond ETF

#### Investment Objective

The fund's goal is to track as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the total return of an index that measures the performance of the short-term U.S. corporate bond market. The fund's investment objective is not fundamental and therefore may be changed by the fund's Board of Trustees without shareholder approval.

#### Non-Principal Investment Strategies

**Temporary Investment Measures.** During unusual economic or market conditions or for liquidity purposes, the fund may temporarily depart from its normal investment policies and strategies when the investment adviser believes doing so is in the fund's best interest, provided the strategy or policy employed is consistent with the fund's investment objective. For example, the fund may invest beyond its normal limits in derivatives or certain debt securities if it is unable to invest directly in a component security of its index.

#### More Information About Principal Investment Risks

The fund is subject to risks, any of which could cause an investor to lose money.

**Market Risk.** Financial markets rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Markets may be impacted by economic, political, regulatory and other conditions, including economic sanctions and other government actions. In addition, the occurrence of global events, such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters and epidemics, may also negatively affect the financial markets. These events could reduce consumer demand or economic output; result in market closures, low or negative interest rates, travel restrictions or quarantines; and significantly adversely impact the economy. Governmental and quasi-governmental authorities and regulators throughout the world have in the past often responded to serious economic disruptions with a variety of significant fiscal and monetary policy changes which could have an unexpected impact on financial markets and the fund's investments. As with any investment whose performance is tied to these markets, the value of an investment in the fund will fluctuate, which means that an investor could lose money over short or long periods.

**Interest Rate Risk.** Interest rates rise and fall over time. As with any investment whose yield reflects current interest rates, the fund's yield will change over time. During periods when interest rates are low or there are negative interest rates, the fund's yield (and total return) also may be low or the fund may be unable to maintain positive returns. Changes in interest rates also may affect the fund's share price: a rise in interest rates generally causes the fund's share price to fall. This risk is greater when the fund holds fixed-income securities with longer maturities. The longer the fund's portfolio duration, the more sensitive to interest rate movements its share price is likely to be. For example, a fund with a longer portfolio duration is more likely to experience a decrease in its share price as interest rates rise. Duration is an estimate of a security's (or portfolio of securities) sensitivity to changes in prevailing interest rates that is based on certain factors that may prove to be incorrect. It is therefore not an exact measurement and may not be able to reliably predict a particular security's price sensitivity to changes in interest rates.

Economic conditions and other factors, including a central bank's monetary policy, may result in changes in interest rates, which could have sudden and unpredictable effects on the markets and significantly impact the value of fixed-income securities in which the fund invests. Rising interest rates may decrease liquidity in the fixed-income securities markets, making it more difficult for the fund to sell its fixed-income

securities holdings at a time when the investment adviser might wish to sell such securities. In addition, decreased market liquidity also may make it more difficult to value some or all of the fund's fixed-income securities holdings. Certain countries have experienced negative interest rates on certain fixed-income securities. Negative or very low interest rates could magnify the risks associated with changes in interest rates. In general, changing interest rates, including rates that fall below zero, could have unpredictable effects on markets and may expose fixed-income and related markets to heightened volatility. To the extent that the investment adviser of the fund anticipates interest rate trends imprecisely, the fund could miss yield opportunities or its share price could fall. Inflation-protected securities may react differently to interest rate changes than other types of fixed-income securities and tend to react to changes in "real" interest rates.

**Credit Risk.** A decline in the credit quality of an issuer, guarantor or liquidity provider of a portfolio investment or a counterparty could cause the fund to lose money or underperform. The fund could lose money if, due to a decline in credit quality, the issuer, guarantor or liquidity provider of a portfolio investment or a counterparty fails to make, or is perceived as being unable or unwilling to make, timely principal or interest payments or otherwise honor its obligations. The credit quality of the fund's portfolio holdings can change rapidly in certain market environments and any default on the part of a single portfolio investment could cause the fund's share price or yield to fall. Certain U.S. government securities that the fund invests in are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government, which means they are neither issued nor guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury. There can be no assurance that the U.S. government will provide financial support to securities of its agencies and instrumentalities if it is not obligated to do so under law. Also, any government guarantees on securities the fund owns do not extend to the shares of the fund itself.

**Tracking Error Risk.** As an index fund, the fund seeks to track the performance of the index, although it may not be successful in doing so. The divergence between the performance of the fund and the index, positive or negative, is called "tracking error." Tracking error can be caused by many factors and it may be significant. For example, the fund may not invest in certain securities in the index, match the securities' weighting to the index, or the fund may invest in securities not in the index, due to regulatory, operational, custodial or liquidity constraints; corporate transactions; asset valuations; transaction costs and timing; tax considerations; and index rebalancing, which may result in tracking error. The fund may attempt to offset the effects of not being invested in certain index securities by making substitute investments, but these efforts may not be successful. In addition, cash flows into and out of the fund, operating expenses and trading costs all affect the ability of the fund to match the performance of the index, because the index does not have to manage cash flows and does not incur any costs.

**Non-U.S. Issuer Risk.** The fund may invest in U.S.-registered, dollar-denominated bonds of non-U.S. corporations. Investments in bonds of non-U.S. issuers involve certain risks that are more significant than those associated with investments in securities of U.S. issuers. These include risks of adverse changes in foreign economic, political, regulatory and other conditions; the imposition of economic sanctions or other government restrictions; differing accounting, auditing, financial reporting and legal standards and practices; differing securities market structures; and higher transaction costs. In certain countries, non-U.S. issuers may be subject to less governmental regulation than U.S. issuers and legal remedies available to investors may be more limited than those available with respect to investments in the United States. The securities of some foreign companies may be less liquid and at times more volatile than securities of comparable U.S. companies. Moreover, individual foreign economies may differ favorably or unfavorably from the U.S. economy in such respects as growth of gross national product, rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency and balance of payments position, and the prices of foreign bonds and the U.S. bonds have, at times, moved in opposite directions. Changes to the financial condition or credit rating of a non-U.S. issuer may also adversely affect the value of the non-U.S. issuer's securities held by the fund. These risks may be heightened in connection with bonds issued by non-U.S. corporations and entities in emerging markets.

**Derivatives Risk.** The fund may invest in derivative instruments. The principal types of derivatives used by the fund are futures contracts. A futures contract is an agreement to buy or sell a financial instrument at a specific price on a specific day. The fund's use of derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. Certain of these risks, such as market risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and leverage risk, are discussed elsewhere in this prospectus. The fund's use of derivatives is also subject to lack of availability risk, valuation risk, correlation risk and tax risk. Lack of availability risk is the risk that suitable derivative transactions may not be available in all circumstances for risk management or other purposes. Valuation risk is the risk that a particular derivative may be valued incorrectly. Correlation risk is the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate perfectly with the underlying asset, rate or index. Tax risk is the risk that the use of derivatives may cause the fund to realize higher amounts of short-term capital gains. The fund's use of derivatives could reduce the fund's performance, increase the fund's volatility, and cause the fund to lose more than the initial amount invested. Furthermore, the use of derivatives subject to regulation by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) could cause the fund to become a commodity pool, which would require the fund to comply with certain CFTC rules.

**Liquidity Risk.** Liquidity risk exists when particular investments may be difficult to purchase, sell or value, especially during stressed market conditions. The market for certain investments may become illiquid due to specific adverse changes in the conditions of a particular issuer or under adverse market or economic conditions independent of the issuer. In addition, limited dealer inventories of certain securities could potentially lead to decreased liquidity. In such cases, the fund, due to limitations on investments in illiquid securities and the difficulty in readily purchasing and selling such securities at favorable times or prices, may decline in value, experience lower returns and/or be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain issuer or sector. Further, transactions in illiquid securities may entail transaction costs that are higher than those for transactions in liquid securities.

**Leverage Risk.** Certain fund transactions, such as derivatives transactions, may give rise to a form of leverage and may expose the fund to greater risk. Leverage tends to magnify the effect of any decrease or increase in the value of the fund's portfolio securities. The use of leverage may cause the fund to liquidate portfolio positions when it would not be advantageous to do so in order to satisfy its obligations.

**Securities Lending Risk.** The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers, and other financial institutions provided a number of conditions are satisfied, including that the loan is fully collateralized. When the fund lends portfolio securities, its investment performance will continue to reflect changes in the value of the securities loaned, and the fund will also receive a fee or interest on the collateral. Securities lending involves the risk of loss of rights in, or delay in recovery of, the loaned securities if the borrower fails to return the security loaned or becomes insolvent. The fund will also bear the risk of any decline in value of securities acquired with cash collateral. The fund may pay lending fees to a party arranging the loan.

**Operational Risk.** Each fund is exposed to operational risk arising from a number of factors, including, but not limited to, human error, processing and communication errors, errors of the fund's service providers, counterparties or other third parties, failed or inadequate processes and technology or system failures. Each fund seeks to reduce these operational risks through controls and procedures believed to be reasonably designed to address these risks. However, these controls and procedures cannot address every possible risk and may not fully mitigate the risks that they are intended to address.

**Market Trading Risk.** Although fund shares are listed on national securities exchanges, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for fund shares will develop or be maintained. If an active market is not maintained, investors may find it difficult to buy or sell fund shares. Trading of shares of the fund on a national securities exchange may be halted if exchange officials deem such action appropriate, if the fund is delisted, or if the activation of marketwide "circuit breakers" halts stock trading generally. If the fund's shares are delisted, the fund may seek to list its shares on another market, merge with another ETF, or redeem its shares at NAV.

**Shares of the Fund May Trade at Prices Other Than NAV.** As with all ETFs, fund shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. Although it is expected that the market price of the shares of the fund will approximate the fund's NAV, there may be times when the market price and the NAV vary significantly. Thus, an investor may pay more than NAV when buying shares of the fund in the secondary market, and an investor may receive less than NAV when selling those shares in the secondary market. The investment adviser cannot predict whether shares will trade above (premium), below (discount) or at NAV. The fund may have a limited number of financial institutions that may act as "Authorized Participants" or market makers. Only Authorized Participants who have entered into agreements with the fund's distributor may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the fund (as discussed in the "Creation and Redemption" section below). If those Authorized Participants exit the business or are unable to process creation and/or redemption orders (including in situations where Authorized Participants have limited or diminished access to capital required to post collateral), and no other Authorized Participant is able to step forward to create and/or redeem, fund shares may trade at a premium or discount to NAV like closed-end fund shares (and may even face delisting). Similar effects may result if market makers exit the business or are unable to continue making markets in the fund's shares. More generally, market makers are not obligated to make a market in the fund's shares, and Authorized Participants are not obligated to submit purchase or redemption orders for Creation Units. Further, while the creation/redemption feature is designed to make it likely that shares normally will trade close to the value of the fund's holdings, disruptions to creations and/or redemptions, including disruptions at market makers, Authorized Participants or market participants, or during periods of significant market volatility, may result in market prices that differ significantly from the value of the fund's holdings. In addition, transactions by large shareholders may account for a large percentage of trading volume on the fund's primary listing exchange and may, therefore, have a material effect on the market price of the fund's shares.

The market price of fund shares during the trading day, like the price of any exchange-traded security, may be impacted by a "bid/ask" spread. The bid/ask spread is the difference between what investors are willing to pay for fund shares (the "bid" price) and the price at which investors are willing to sell fund shares (the "ask" price). The spread may vary over time and is based on many factors including supply and demand for the underlying securities held by the fund, supply and demand for shares of the fund itself, and the historical and current magnitude of price fluctuation of the fund's asset class. The spread is generally narrower if the fund has higher trading volume and wider if the fund has lower trading volume (which may be the case for funds that are newly launched or small in size). Bid/ask spreads may also be wider during times of higher market volatility. At those times, fund shares are most likely to be traded at a discount to NAV, and the discount is likely to be greatest when the price of shares is falling fastest, which may be the time that investors most want to sell shares.

There are various methods by which investors can purchase and sell shares of the fund and various types of orders that may be placed. Investors should consult their financial intermediary before purchasing or selling shares of the fund.

## Schwab 5-10 Year Corporate Bond ETF

### Investment Objective

The fund's goal is to track as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the total return of an index that measures the performance of the intermediate-term U.S. corporate bond market. The fund's investment objective is not fundamental and therefore may be changed by the fund's Board of Trustees without shareholder approval.

## Non-Principal Investment Strategies

**Temporary Investment Measures.** During unusual economic or market conditions or for liquidity purposes, the fund may temporarily depart from its normal investment policies and strategies when the investment adviser believes doing so is in the fund's best interest, provided the strategy or policy employed is consistent with the fund's investment objective. For example, the fund may invest beyond its normal limits in derivatives or certain debt securities if it is unable to invest directly in a component security of its index.

## More Information About Principal Investment Risks

The fund is subject to risks, any of which could cause an investor to lose money.

**Market Risk.** Financial markets rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Markets may be impacted by economic, political, regulatory and other conditions, including economic sanctions and other government actions. In addition, the occurrence of global events, such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters and epidemics, may also negatively affect the financial markets. These events could reduce consumer demand or economic output; result in market closures, low or negative interest rates, travel restrictions or quarantines; and significantly adversely impact the economy. Governmental and quasi-governmental authorities and regulators throughout the world have in the past often responded to serious economic disruptions with a variety of significant fiscal and monetary policy changes which could have an unexpected impact on financial markets and the fund's investments. As with any investment whose performance is tied to these markets, the value of an investment in the fund will fluctuate, which means that an investor could lose money over short or long periods.

**Interest Rate Risk.** Interest rates rise and fall over time. As with any investment whose yield reflects current interest rates, the fund's yield will change over time. During periods when interest rates are low or there are negative interest rates, the fund's yield (and total return) also may be low or the fund may be unable to maintain positive returns. Changes in interest rates also may affect the fund's share price: a rise in interest rates generally causes the fund's share price to fall. This risk is greater when the fund holds fixed-income securities with longer maturities. The longer the fund's portfolio duration, the more sensitive to interest rate movements its share price is likely to be. For example, a fund with a longer portfolio duration is more likely to experience a decrease in its share price as interest rates rise. Duration is an estimate of a security's (or portfolio of securities) sensitivity to changes in prevailing interest rates that is based on certain factors that may prove to be incorrect. It is therefore not an exact measurement and may not be able to reliably predict a particular security's price sensitivity to changes in interest rates.

Economic conditions and other factors, including a central bank's monetary policy, may result in changes in interest rates, which could have sudden and unpredictable effects on the markets and significantly impact the value of fixed-income securities in which the fund invests. Rising interest rates may decrease liquidity in the fixed-income securities markets, making it more difficult for the fund to sell its fixed-income securities holdings at a time when the investment adviser might wish to sell such securities. In addition, decreased market liquidity also may make it more difficult to value some or all of the fund's fixed-income securities holdings. Certain countries have experienced negative interest rates on certain fixed-income securities. Negative or very low interest rates could magnify the risks associated with changes in interest rates. In general, changing interest rates, including rates that fall below zero, could have unpredictable effects on markets and may expose fixed-income and related markets to heightened volatility. To the extent that the investment adviser of the fund anticipates interest rate trends imprecisely, the fund could miss yield opportunities or its share price could fall. Inflation-protected securities may react differently to interest rate changes than other types of fixed-income securities and tend to react to changes in "real" interest rates.

**Credit Risk.** A decline in the credit quality of an issuer, guarantor or liquidity provider of a portfolio investment or a counterparty could cause the fund to lose money or underperform. The fund could lose money if, due to a decline in credit quality, the issuer, guarantor or liquidity provider of a portfolio investment or a counterparty fails to make, or is perceived as being unable or unwilling to make, timely principal or interest payments or otherwise honor its obligations. The credit quality of the fund's portfolio holdings can change rapidly in certain market environments and any default on the part of a single portfolio investment could cause the fund's share price or yield to fall. Certain U.S. government securities that the fund invests in are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government, which means they are neither issued nor guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury. There can be no assurance that the U.S. government will provide financial support to securities of its agencies and instrumentalities if it is not obligated to do so under law. Also, any government guarantees on securities the fund owns do not extend to the shares of the fund itself.

**Tracking Error Risk.** As an index fund, the fund seeks to track the performance of the index, although it may not be successful in doing so. The divergence between the performance of the fund and the index, positive or negative, is called "tracking error." Tracking error can be caused by many factors and it may be significant. For example, the fund may not invest in certain securities in the index, match the securities' weighting to the index, or the fund may invest in securities not in the index, due to regulatory, operational, custodial or liquidity constraints; corporate transactions; asset valuations; transaction costs and timing; tax considerations; and index rebalancing, which may result in tracking error. The fund may attempt to offset the effects of not being invested in certain index securities by making substitute investments, but these efforts may not be successful. In addition, cash flows into and out of the fund, operating expenses and trading costs all affect the ability of the fund to match the performance of the index, because the index does not have to manage cash flows and does not incur any costs.



**Non-U.S. Issuer Risk.** The fund may invest in U.S.-registered, dollar-denominated bonds of non-U.S. corporations. Investments in bonds of non-U.S. issuers involve certain risks that are more significant than those associated with investments in securities of U.S. issuers. These include risks of adverse changes in foreign economic, political, regulatory and other conditions; the imposition of economic sanctions or other government restrictions; differing accounting, auditing, financial reporting and legal standards and practices; differing securities market structures; and higher transaction costs. In certain countries, non-U.S. issuers may be subject to less governmental regulation than U.S. issuers and legal remedies available to investors may be more limited than those available with respect to investments in the United States. The securities of some foreign companies may be less liquid and at times more volatile than securities of comparable U.S. companies. Moreover, individual foreign economies may differ favorably or unfavorably from the U.S. economy in such respects as growth of gross national product, rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency and balance of payments position, and the prices of foreign bonds and the U.S. bonds have, at times, moved in opposite directions. Changes to the financial condition or credit rating of a non-U.S. issuer may also adversely affect the value of the non-U.S. issuer's securities held by the fund. These risks may be heightened in connection with bonds issued by non-U.S. corporations and entities in emerging markets.

**Derivatives Risk.** The fund may invest in derivative instruments. The principal types of derivatives used by the fund are futures contracts. A futures contract is an agreement to buy or sell a financial instrument at a specific price on a specific day. The fund's use of derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. Certain of these risks, such as market risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and leverage risk, are discussed elsewhere in this prospectus. The fund's use of derivatives is also subject to lack of availability risk, valuation risk, correlation risk and tax risk. Lack of availability risk is the risk that suitable derivative transactions may not be available in all circumstances for risk management or other purposes. Valuation risk is the risk that a particular derivative may be valued incorrectly. Correlation risk is the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate perfectly with the underlying asset, rate or index. Tax risk is the risk that the use of derivatives may cause the fund to realize higher amounts of short-term capital gains. The fund's use of derivatives could reduce the fund's performance, increase the fund's volatility, and cause the fund to lose more than the initial amount invested. Furthermore, the use of derivatives subject to regulation by the CFTC could cause the fund to become a commodity pool, which would require the fund to comply with certain CFTC rules.

**Liquidity Risk.** Liquidity risk exists when particular investments may be difficult to purchase, sell or value, especially during stressed market conditions. The market for certain investments may become illiquid due to specific adverse changes in the conditions of a particular issuer or under adverse market or economic conditions independent of the issuer. In addition, limited dealer inventories of certain securities could potentially lead to decreased liquidity. In such cases, the fund, due to limitations on investments in illiquid securities and the difficulty in readily purchasing and selling such securities at favorable times or prices, may decline in value, experience lower returns and/or be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain issuer or sector. Further, transactions in illiquid securities may entail transaction costs that are higher than those for transactions in liquid securities.

**Leverage Risk.** Certain fund transactions, such as derivatives transactions, may give rise to a form of leverage and may expose the fund to greater risk. Leverage tends to magnify the effect of any decrease or increase in the value of the fund's portfolio securities. The use of leverage may cause the fund to liquidate portfolio positions when it would not be advantageous to do so in order to satisfy its obligations.

**Securities Lending Risk.** The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers, and other financial institutions provided a number of conditions are satisfied, including that the loan is fully collateralized. When the fund lends portfolio securities, its investment performance will continue to reflect changes in the value of the securities loaned, and the fund will also receive a fee or interest on the collateral. Securities lending involves the risk of loss of rights in, or delay in recovery of, the loaned securities if the borrower fails to return the security loaned or becomes insolvent. The fund will also bear the risk of any decline in value of securities acquired with cash collateral. The fund may pay lending fees to a party arranging the loan.

**Operational Risk.** Each fund is exposed to operational risk arising from a number of factors, including, but not limited to, human error, processing and communication errors, errors of the fund's service providers, counterparties or other third parties, failed or inadequate processes and technology or system failures. Each fund seeks to reduce these operational risks through controls and procedures believed to be reasonably designed to address these risks. However, these controls and procedures cannot address every possible risk and may not fully mitigate the risks that they are intended to address.

**Market Trading Risk.** Although fund shares are listed on national securities exchanges, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for fund shares will develop or be maintained. If an active market is not maintained, investors may find it difficult to buy or sell fund shares. Trading of shares of the fund on a national securities exchange may be halted if exchange officials deem such action appropriate, if the fund is delisted, or if the activation of marketwide "circuit breakers" halts stock trading generally. If the fund's shares are delisted, the fund may seek to list its shares on another market, merge with another ETF, or redeem its shares at NAV.

**Shares of the Fund May Trade at Prices Other Than NAV.** As with all ETFs, fund shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. Although it is expected that the market price of the shares of the fund will approximate the fund's NAV, there may be times when the market price and the NAV vary significantly. Thus, an investor may pay more than NAV when buying shares of the fund in the secondary market, and an investor may receive less than NAV when selling those shares in the secondary market. The investment adviser cannot



predict whether shares will trade above (premium), below (discount) or at NAV. The fund may have a limited number of financial institutions that may act as “Authorized Participants” or market makers. Only Authorized Participants who have entered into agreements with the fund’s distributor may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the fund (as discussed in the “Creation and Redemption” section below). If those Authorized Participants exit the business or are unable to process creation and/or redemption orders (including in situations where Authorized Participants have limited or diminished access to capital required to post collateral), and no other Authorized Participant is able to step forward to create and/or redeem, fund shares may trade at a premium or discount to NAV like closed-end fund shares (and may even face delisting). Similar effects may result if market makers exit the business or are unable to continue making markets in the fund’s shares. More generally, market makers are not obligated to make a market in the fund’s shares, and Authorized Participants are not obligated to submit purchase or redemption orders for Creation Units. Further, while the creation/ redemption feature is designed to make it likely that shares normally will trade close to the value of the fund’s holdings, disruptions to creations and/or redemptions, including disruptions at market makers, Authorized Participants or market participants, or during periods of significant market volatility, may result in market prices that differ significantly from the value of the fund’s holdings. In addition, transactions by large shareholders may account for a large percentage of trading volume on the fund’s primary listing exchange and may, therefore, have a material effect on the market price of the fund’s shares.

The market price of fund shares during the trading day, like the price of any exchange-traded security, may be impacted by a “bid/ask” spread. The bid/ask spread is the difference between what investors are willing to pay for fund shares (the “bid” price) and the price at which investors are willing to sell fund shares (the “ask” price). The spread may vary over time and is based on many factors including supply and demand for the underlying securities held by the fund, supply and demand for shares of the fund itself, and the historical and current magnitude of price fluctuation of the fund’s asset class. The spread is generally narrower if the fund has higher trading volume and wider if the fund has lower trading volume (which may be the case for funds that are newly launched or small in size). Bid/ask spreads may also be wider during times of higher market volatility. At those times, fund shares are most likely to be traded at a discount to NAV, and the discount is likely to be greatest when the price of shares is falling fastest, which may be the time that investors most want to sell shares.

There are various methods by which investors can purchase and sell shares of the fund and various types of orders that may be placed. Investors should consult their financial intermediary before purchasing or selling shares of the fund.

## Schwab U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF

### Investment Objective

The fund’s goal is to track as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the total return of an index that measures the performance of the broad U.S. investment-grade bond market. The fund’s investment objective is not fundamental and therefore may be changed by the fund’s Board of Trustees without shareholder approval.

### More About the Index

**The fund’s index is comprised of U.S. investment grade, taxable fixed-income securities, including U.S. Treasuries, government-related and corporate bonds, mortgage pass-through securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, and asset-backed securities that are publicly available for sale in the United States.** To be eligible for inclusion in the index, securities must be fixed-rate, non-convertible, U.S. dollar denominated with at least \$300 million or more of outstanding face value and have one or more years remaining to maturity. Asset-backed securities must have a minimum deal size of \$500 million and a minimum tranche size of \$25 million. For commercial mortgage-backed securities, the original aggregate transaction must have a minimum deal size of \$500 million and a minimum tranche size of \$25 million; the aggregate outstanding transaction sizes must be at least \$300 million to remain in the index. For mortgage-backed security pass-throughs, pool aggregates must have a minimum of \$1 billion par amount outstanding. The index excludes certain types of securities, including tax-exempt state and local government series bonds, structured notes embedded with swaps or other special features, private placements, floating-rate securities, inflation-linked bonds, and Eurobonds. The index is market capitalization weighted and the securities in the index are updated on the last business day of each month.

### Non-Principal Investment Strategies

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### More Information About Principal Investment Risks

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the financial markets. These events could reduce consumer demand or economic output; result in market closures, low or negative interest rates, travel restrictions or quarantines; and significantly adversely impact the economy. Governmental and quasi-governmental authorities and regulators throughout the world have in the past often responded to serious economic disruptions with a variety of significant fiscal and monetary policy changes which could have an unexpected impact on financial markets and the fund's investments. As with any investment whose performance is tied to these markets, the value of an investment in the fund will fluctuate, which means that an investor could lose money over short or long periods.

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Economic conditions and other factors, including a central bank's monetary policy, may result in changes in interest rates, which could have sudden and unpredictable effects on the markets and significantly impact the value of fixed-income securities in which the fund invests. Rising interest rates may decrease liquidity in the fixed-income securities markets, making it more difficult for the fund to sell its fixed-income securities holdings at a time when the investment adviser might wish to sell such securities. In addition, decreased market liquidity also may make it more difficult to value some or all of the fund's fixed-income securities holdings. Certain countries have experienced negative interest rates on certain fixed-income securities. Negative or very low interest rates could magnify the risks associated with changes in interest rates. In general, changing interest rates, including rates that fall below zero, could have unpredictable effects on markets and may expose fixed-income and related markets to heightened volatility. To the extent that the investment adviser of the fund anticipates interest rate trends imprecisely, the fund could miss yield opportunities or its share price could fall. Inflation-protected securities may react differently to interest rate changes than other types of fixed-income securities and tend to react to changes in "real" interest rates.

**Credit Risk.** A decline in the credit quality of an issuer, guarantor or liquidity provider of a portfolio investment or a counterparty could cause the fund to lose money or underperform. The fund could lose money if, due to a decline in credit quality, the issuer, guarantor or liquidity provider of a portfolio investment or a counterparty fails to make, or is perceived as being unable or unwilling to make, timely principal or interest payments or otherwise honor its obligations. The credit quality of the fund's portfolio holdings can change rapidly in certain market environments and any default on the part of a single portfolio investment could cause the fund's share price or yield to fall. Certain U.S. government securities that the fund invests in are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government, which means they are neither issued nor guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury. There can be no assurance that the U.S. government will provide financial support to securities of its agencies and instrumentalities if it is not obligated to do so under law. Also, any government guarantees on securities the fund owns do not extend to the shares of the fund itself.

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**Portfolio Turnover Risk.** The fund may engage in frequent trading of its portfolio securities in connection with its tracking of the index, primarily due to the fund rolling over its positions in TBAs as it tracks the portion of the index represented by mortgage-backed securities. A portfolio turnover rate of 200%, for example, is equivalent to the fund buying and selling all of its securities two times during the course of the year. A high portfolio turnover rate (such as 100% or more) could result in high brokerage costs, though the brokerage costs incurred in connection with rolling over TBA positions are expected to be minimal. A high portfolio turnover rate also can result in an increase in taxable capital gains distributions to the fund's shareholders.

**Prepayment and Extension Risk.** Certain fixed-income securities are subject to the risk that the securities may be paid off earlier or later than expected, especially during periods of falling or rising interest rates, respectively. Rising interest rates tend to extend the duration of certain fixed-income securities, making them more sensitive to changes in interest rates. As a result, in a period of rising interest rates, the fund could exhibit additional volatility and hold securities paying lower-than-market rates of interest. This is known as extension

risk. When interest rates decline, borrowers may pay off their fixed-income securities sooner than expected. This can reduce the fund's returns because the fund will have to reinvest that money at the lower prevailing interest rates. In addition, prepayments and subsequent reinvestments increase the fund's portfolio turnover rate. This is known as prepayment risk. Either situation could hurt the fund's performance.

**Non-U.S. Issuer Risk.** The fund may invest in U.S.-registered, dollar-denominated bonds of non-U.S. corporations, governments, agencies and supra-national entities. Investments in bonds of non-U.S. issuers involve certain risks that are more significant than those associated with investments in securities of U.S. issuers. These include risks of adverse changes in foreign economic, political, regulatory and other conditions; the imposition of economic sanctions or other government restrictions; differing accounting, auditing, financial reporting and legal standards and practices; differing securities market structures; and higher transaction costs. In certain countries, non-U.S. issuers may be subject to less governmental regulation than U.S. issuers and legal remedies available to investors may be more limited than those available with respect to investments in the United States. The securities of some foreign companies may be less liquid and at times more volatile than securities of comparable U.S. companies. Moreover, individual foreign economies may differ favorably or unfavorably from the U.S. economy in such respects as growth of gross national product, rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency and balance of payments position, and the prices of foreign bonds and the U.S. bonds have, at times, moved in opposite directions. Changes to the financial condition or credit rating of a non-U.S. issuer may also adversely affect the value of the non-U.S. issuer's securities held by the fund. These risks may be heightened in connection with bonds issued by non-U.S. corporations and entities in emerging markets.

**Derivatives Risk.** The fund may invest in derivative instruments. The principal types of derivatives used by the fund are futures contracts. A futures contract is an agreement to buy or sell a financial instrument at a specific price on a specific day. The fund's use of derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. Certain of these risks, such as market risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and leverage risk, are discussed elsewhere in this prospectus. The fund's use of derivatives is also subject to lack of availability risk, valuation risk, correlation risk and tax risk. Lack of availability risk is the risk that suitable derivative transactions may not be available in all circumstances for risk management or other purposes. Valuation risk is the risk that a particular derivative may be valued incorrectly. Correlation risk is the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate perfectly with the underlying asset, rate or index. Tax risk is the risk that the use of derivatives may cause the fund to realize higher amounts of short-term capital gains. The fund's use of derivatives could reduce the fund's performance, increase the fund's volatility, and cause the fund to lose more than the initial amount invested. Furthermore, the use of derivatives subject to regulation by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) could cause the fund to become a commodity pool, which would require the fund to comply with certain CFTC rules.

**Mortgage-Backed and Mortgage Pass-Through Securities Risk.** Mortgage-backed securities tend to increase in value less than other debt securities when interest rates decline, but are subject to similar or greater risk of decline in market value during periods of rising interest rates. Because of prepayment and extension risk, mortgage-backed securities react differently to changes in interest rates than other debt securities. Small movements in interest rates – both increases and decreases – may quickly and significantly affect the value of certain mortgage-backed securities. In addition, certain of the mortgage-backed securities in which the fund may invest are issued or guaranteed by agencies or instrumentalities of the U.S. government but are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government and there can be no assurance that the U.S. government would provide financial support to its agencies or instrumentalities where it was not obligated to do so which can cause the fund to lose money or underperform. The risks of investing in mortgage-backed securities include, among others, interest rate risk, credit risk, prepayment risk and extension risk, as well as risks associated with the nature of the underlying mortgage assets and the servicing of those assets. These securities are subject to the risk of default on the underlying mortgages, and such risk is heightened during periods of economic downturn. Transactions in mortgage pass-through securities often occur through TBA transactions. If a TBA counterparty defaults or goes bankrupt the fund may experience adverse market action, expenses, or delays in connection with the purchase or sale of the pools of mortgage pass-through securities specified in a TBA transaction which can cause the fund to lose money or underperform.

**Liquidity Risk.** Liquidity risk exists when particular investments may be difficult to purchase, sell or value, especially during stressed market conditions. The market for certain investments may become illiquid due to specific adverse changes in the conditions of a particular issuer or under adverse market or economic conditions independent of the issuer. In addition, limited dealer inventories of certain securities could potentially lead to decreased liquidity. In such cases, the fund, due to limitations on investments in illiquid securities and the difficulty in readily purchasing and selling such securities at favorable times or prices, may decline in value, experience lower returns and/or be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain issuer or sector. Further, transactions in illiquid securities may entail transaction costs that are higher than those for transactions in liquid securities.

**Leverage Risk.** Certain fund transactions, such as TBA transactions or derivatives transactions, may give rise to a form of leverage and may expose the fund to greater risk. Leverage tends to magnify the effect of any decrease or increase in the value of the fund's portfolio securities. The use of leverage may cause the fund to liquidate portfolio positions when it would not be advantageous to do so in order to satisfy its obligations.

**Securities Lending Risk.** The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers, and other financial institutions provided a number of conditions are satisfied, including that the loan is fully collateralized. When the fund lends portfolio securities, its investment performance will continue to reflect changes in the value of the securities loaned, and the fund will also receive a fee or interest on the collateral. Securities

lending involves the risk of loss of rights in, or delay in recovery of, the loaned securities if the borrower fails to return the security loaned or becomes insolvent. The fund will also bear the risk of any decline in value of securities acquired with cash collateral. The fund may pay lending fees to a party arranging the loan.

**Operational Risk.** Each fund is exposed to operational risk arising from a number of factors, including, but not limited to, human error, processing and communication errors, errors of the fund's service providers, counterparties or other third parties, failed or inadequate processes and technology or system failures. Each fund seeks to reduce these operational risks through controls and procedures believed to be reasonably designed to address these risks. However, these controls and procedures cannot address every possible risk and may not fully mitigate the risks that they are intended to address.

**Market Trading Risk.** Although fund shares are listed on national securities exchanges, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for fund shares will develop or be maintained. If an active market is not maintained, investors may find it difficult to buy or sell fund shares. Trading of shares of the fund on a national securities exchange may be halted if exchange officials deem such action appropriate, if the fund is delisted, or if the activation of marketwide "circuit breakers" halts stock trading generally. If the fund's shares are delisted, the fund may seek to list its shares on another market, merge with another ETF, or redeem its shares at NAV.

**Shares of the Fund May Trade at Prices Other Than NAV.** As with all ETFs, fund shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. Although it is expected that the market price of the shares of the fund will approximate the fund's NAV, there may be times when the market price and the NAV vary significantly. Thus, an investor may pay more than NAV when buying shares of the fund in the secondary market, and an investor may receive less than NAV when selling those shares in the secondary market. The investment adviser cannot predict whether shares will trade above (premium), below (discount) or at NAV. The fund may have a limited number of financial institutions that may act as "Authorized Participants" or market makers. Only Authorized Participants who have entered into agreements with the fund's distributor may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the fund (as discussed in the "Creation and Redemption" section below). If those Authorized Participants exit the business or are unable to process creation and/or redemption orders (including in situations where Authorized Participants have limited or diminished access to capital required to post collateral), and no other Authorized Participant is able to step forward to create and redeem in either of these cases, fund shares may trade at a discount to NAV like closed-end fund shares (and may even face delisting). Similar effects may result if market makers exit the business or are unable to continue making markets in the fund's shares. More generally, market makers are not obligated to make a market in the fund's shares, and Authorized Participants are not obligated to submit purchase or redemption orders for Creation Units. Further, while the creation/redemption feature is designed to make it likely that shares normally will trade close to the value of the fund's holdings, disruptions to creations and redemptions, including disruptions at market makers, Authorized Participants or market participants, or during periods of significant market volatility, may result in market prices that differ significantly from the value of the fund's holdings. In addition, transactions by large shareholders may account for a large percentage of trading volume on the fund's primary listing exchange and may, therefore, have a material effect on the market price of the fund's shares.

The market price of fund shares during the trading day, like the price of any exchange-traded security, includes a "bid/ask" spread charged by the exchange specialist, market makers or other participants that trade the fund shares. The bid/ask spread on ETF shares varies over time based on the fund's trading volume and market liquidity. As a result, the bid/ask spread on ETF shares is generally larger when the shares have little trading volume or market liquidity and generally lower when the shares have high trading volume or market liquidity. In addition, in times of severe market disruption, the bid/ask spread can increase significantly. At those times, fund shares are most likely to be traded at a discount to NAV, and the discount is likely to be greatest when the price of shares is falling fastest, which may be the time that investors most want to sell shares. The investment adviser believes that, under normal market conditions, large market price discounts or premiums to NAV will not be sustained because of arbitrage opportunities. There are various methods by which investors can purchase and sell shares of the fund and various types of orders that may be placed. Investors should consult their financial intermediary before purchasing or selling shares of the fund.

## Schwab U.S. TIPS ETF

### Investment Objective

The fund's goal is to track as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the total return of an index composed of inflation-protected U.S. Treasury securities. The fund's investment objective is not fundamental and therefore may be changed by the fund's Board of Trustees without shareholder approval.

### More Information About Principal Investment Risks

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**Market Risk.** Financial markets rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Markets may be impacted by economic, political, regulatory and other conditions, including economic sanctions and other government actions. In addition, the occurrence of global events, such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters and epidemics, may also negatively affect



the financial markets. These events could reduce consumer demand or economic output; result in market closures, low or negative interest rates, travel restrictions or quarantines; and significantly adversely impact the economy. Governmental and quasi-governmental authorities and regulators throughout the world have in the past often responded to serious economic disruptions with a variety of significant fiscal and monetary policy changes which could have an unexpected impact on financial markets and the fund's investments. As with any investment whose performance is tied to these markets, the value of an investment in the fund will fluctuate, which means that an investor could lose money over short or long periods.

**Interest Rate Risk.** Interest rates rise and fall over time. As with any investment whose yield reflects current interest rates, the fund's yield will change over time. During periods when interest rates are low or there are negative interest rates, the fund's yield (and total return) also may be low or the fund may be unable to maintain positive returns. Changes in interest rates also may affect the fund's share price: a rise in interest rates generally causes the fund's share price to fall. This risk is greater when the fund holds fixed-income securities with longer maturities. The longer the fund's portfolio duration, the more sensitive to interest rate movements its share price is likely to be. For example, a fund with a longer portfolio duration is more likely to experience a decrease in its share price as interest rates rise. Duration is an estimate of a security's (or portfolio of securities) sensitivity to changes in prevailing interest rates that is based on certain factors that may prove to be incorrect. It is therefore not an exact measurement and may not be able to reliably predict a particular security's price sensitivity to changes in interest rates.

Economic conditions and other factors, including a central bank's monetary policy, may result in changes in interest rates, which could have sudden and unpredictable effects on the markets and significantly impact the value of fixed-income securities in which the fund invests. Rising interest rates may decrease liquidity in the fixed-income securities markets, making it more difficult for the fund to sell its fixed-income securities holdings at a time when the investment adviser might wish to sell such securities. In addition, decreased market liquidity also may make it more difficult to value some or all of the fund's fixed-income securities holdings. Certain countries have experienced negative interest rates on certain fixed-income securities. Negative or very low interest rates could magnify the risks associated with changes in interest rates. In general, changing interest rates, including rates that fall below zero, could have unpredictable effects on markets and may expose fixed-income and related markets to heightened volatility. To the extent that the investment adviser of the fund anticipates interest rate trends imprecisely, the fund could miss yield opportunities or its share price could fall. Inflation-protected securities may react differently to interest rate changes than other types of fixed-income securities and tend to react to changes in "real" interest rates.

**Credit Risk.** A decline in the credit quality of an issuer, guarantor or liquidity provider of a portfolio investment or a counterparty could cause the fund to lose money or underperform. The fund could lose money if, due to a decline in credit quality, the issuer, guarantor or liquidity provider of a portfolio investment or a counterparty fails to make, or is perceived as being unable or unwilling to make, timely principal or interest payments or otherwise honor its obligations. The credit quality of the fund's portfolio holdings can change rapidly in certain market environments and any default on the part of a single portfolio investment could cause the fund's share price or yield to fall. Certain U.S. government securities that the fund invests in are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government, which means they are neither issued nor guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury. There can be no assurance that the U.S. government will provide financial support to securities of its agencies and instrumentalities if it is not obligated to do so under law. Also, any government guarantees on securities the fund owns do not extend to the shares of the fund itself.

**Inflation-Protected Security Risk.** The value of inflation-protected securities, including TIPS, generally will fluctuate in response to changes in "real" interest rates. Real interest rates represent nominal (or stated) interest rates reduced by the expected impact of inflation. The value of an inflation-protected security generally decreases when real interest rates rise and generally increase when real interest rates fall. In addition, the principal value of an inflation-protected security is periodically adjusted up or down along with the rate of inflation. If the measure of inflation falls, the principal value of the inflation-protected security will be adjusted downwards, and consequently, the interest payable on the security will be reduced. In certain interest rate environments, such as when real interest rates are rising faster than nominal interest rates, inflation-protected securities may experience greater losses than other fixed-income securities with similar durations. Repayment of the original bond principal upon maturity (as adjusted for inflation) is guaranteed by the United States Treasury in the case of TIPS. For securities that do not provide a similar guarantee, the adjusted principal value of the security to be repaid at maturity is subject to credit risk.

**Tracking Error Risk.** As an index fund, the fund seeks to track the performance of the index, although it may not be successful in doing so. The divergence between the performance of the fund and the index, positive or negative, is called "tracking error." Tracking error can be caused by many factors and it may be significant. For example, the fund may not invest in certain securities in the index, match the securities' weighting to the index, or the fund may invest in securities not in the index, due to regulatory, operational, custodial or liquidity constraints; corporate transactions; asset valuations; transaction costs and timing; tax considerations; and index rebalancing, which may result in tracking error. The fund may attempt to offset the effects of not being invested in certain index securities by making substitute investments, but these efforts may not be successful. In addition, cash flows into and out of the fund, operating expenses and trading costs all affect the ability of the fund to match the performance of the index, because the index does not have to manage cash flows and does not incur any costs.



**Liquidity Risk.** Liquidity risk exists when particular investments may be difficult to purchase, sell or value, especially during stressed market conditions. The market for certain investments may become illiquid due to specific adverse changes in the conditions of a particular issuer or under adverse market or economic conditions independent of the issuer. In addition, limited dealer inventories of certain securities could potentially lead to decreased liquidity. In such cases, the fund, due to limitations on investments in illiquid securities and the difficulty in readily purchasing and selling such securities at favorable times or prices, may decline in value, experience lower returns and/or be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain issuer or sector. Further, transactions in illiquid securities may entail transaction costs that are higher than those for transactions in liquid securities.

**Securities Lending Risk.** The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers, and other financial institutions provided a number of conditions are satisfied, including that the loan is fully collateralized. When the fund lends portfolio securities, its investment performance will continue to reflect changes in the value of the securities loaned, and the fund will also receive a fee or interest on the collateral. Securities lending involves the risk of loss of rights in, or delay in recovery of, the loaned securities if the borrower fails to return the security loaned or becomes insolvent. The fund will also bear the risk of any decline in value of securities acquired with cash collateral. The fund may pay lending fees to a party arranging the loan.

**Operational Risk.** Each fund is exposed to operational risk arising from a number of factors, including, but not limited to, human error, processing and communication errors, errors of the fund's service providers, counterparties or other third parties, failed or inadequate processes and technology or system failures. Each fund seeks to reduce these operational risks through controls and procedures believed to be reasonably designed to address these risks. However, these controls and procedures cannot address every possible risk and may not fully mitigate the risks that they are intended to address.

**Market Trading Risk.** Although fund shares are listed on national securities exchanges, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for fund shares will develop or be maintained. If an active market is not maintained, investors may find it difficult to buy or sell fund shares. Trading of shares of the fund on a national securities exchange may be halted if exchange officials deem such action appropriate, if the fund is delisted, or if the activation of marketwide "circuit breakers" halts stock trading generally. If the fund's shares are delisted, the fund may seek to list its shares on another market, merge with another ETF, or redeem its shares at NAV.

**Shares of the Fund May Trade at Prices Other Than NAV.** As with all ETFs, fund shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. Although it is expected that the market price of the shares of the fund will approximate the fund's NAV, there may be times when the market price and the NAV vary significantly. Thus, an investor may pay more than NAV when buying shares of the fund in the secondary market, and an investor may receive less than NAV when selling those shares in the secondary market. The investment adviser cannot predict whether shares will trade above (premium), below (discount) or at NAV. The fund may have a limited number of financial institutions that may act as "Authorized Participants" or market makers. Only Authorized Participants who have entered into agreements with the fund's distributor may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the fund (as discussed in the "Creation and Redemption" section below). If those Authorized Participants exit the business or are unable to process creation and/or redemption orders (including in situations where Authorized Participants have limited or diminished access to capital required to post collateral), and no other Authorized Participant is able to step forward to create and redeem in either of these cases, fund shares may trade at a discount to NAV like closed-end fund shares (and may even face delisting). Similar effects may result if market makers exit the business or are unable to continue making markets in the fund's shares. More generally, market makers are not obligated to make a market in the fund's shares, and Authorized Participants are not obligated to submit purchase or redemption orders for Creation Units. Further, while the creation/redemption feature is designed to make it likely that shares normally will trade close to the value of the fund's holdings, disruptions to creations and redemptions, including disruptions at market makers, Authorized Participants or market participants, or during periods of significant market volatility, may result in market prices that differ significantly from the value of the fund's holdings. In addition, transactions by large shareholders may account for a large percentage of trading volume on the fund's primary listing exchange and may, therefore, have a material effect on the market price of the fund's shares.

The market price of fund shares during the trading day, like the price of any exchange-traded security, includes a "bid/ask" spread charged by the exchange specialist, market makers or other participants that trade the fund shares. The bid/ask spread on ETF shares varies over time based on the fund's trading volume and market liquidity. As a result, the bid/ask spread on ETF shares is generally larger when the shares have little trading volume or market liquidity and generally lower when the shares have high trading volume or market liquidity. In addition, in times of severe market disruption, the bid/ask spread can increase significantly. At those times, fund shares are most likely to be traded at a discount to NAV, and the discount is likely to be greatest when the price of shares is falling fastest, which may be the time that investors most want to sell shares. The investment adviser believes that, under normal market conditions, large market price discounts or premiums to NAV will not be sustained because of arbitrage opportunities. There are various methods by which investors can purchase and sell shares of the fund and various types of orders that may be placed. Investors should consult their financial intermediary before purchasing or selling shares of the fund.

## Schwab Short-Term U.S. Treasury ETF

### Investment Objective

The fund's goal is to track as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the total return of an index that measures the performance of the short-term U.S. Treasury bond market. The fund's investment objective is not fundamental and therefore may be changed by the fund's Board of Trustees without shareholder approval.

## More Information About Principal Investment Risks

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## Schwab Intermediate-Term U.S. Treasury ETF

### Investment Objective

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## Schwab Long-Term U.S. Treasury ETF

### Investment Objective

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The fund is subject to risks, any of which could cause an investor to lose money.

**Market Risk.** Financial markets rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Markets may be impacted by economic, political, regulatory and other conditions, including economic sanctions and other government actions. In addition, the occurrence of global events, such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters and epidemics, may also negatively affect the financial markets. These events could reduce consumer demand or economic output; result in market closures, low or negative interest rates, travel restrictions or quarantines; and significantly adversely impact the economy. Governmental and quasi-governmental authorities and regulators throughout the world have in the past often responded to serious economic disruptions with a variety of significant fiscal and monetary policy changes which could have an unexpected impact on financial markets and the fund's investments. As with any investment whose performance is tied to these markets, the value of an investment in the fund will fluctuate, which means that an investor could lose money over short or long periods.

**Interest Rate Risk.** Interest rates rise and fall over time. As with any investment whose yield reflects current interest rates, the fund's yield will change over time. During periods when interest rates are low or there are negative interest rates, the fund's yield (and total return) also may be low or the fund may be unable to maintain positive returns. Changes in interest rates also may affect the fund's share price: a rise in interest rates generally causes the fund's share price to fall. This risk is greater when the fund holds fixed-income securities with longer maturities. The longer the fund's portfolio duration, the more sensitive to interest rate movements its share price is likely to be. For example, a fund with a longer portfolio duration is more likely to experience a decrease in its share price as interest rates rise. Duration is an estimate of a security's (or portfolio of securities) sensitivity to changes in prevailing interest rates that is based on certain factors that may prove to be incorrect. It is therefore not an exact measurement and may not be able to reliably predict a particular security's price sensitivity to changes in interest rates.

Economic conditions and other factors, including a central bank's monetary policy, may result in changes in interest rates, which could have sudden and unpredictable effects on the markets and significantly impact the value of fixed-income securities in which the fund invests. Rising interest rates may decrease liquidity in the fixed-income securities markets, making it more difficult for the fund to sell its fixed-income securities holdings at a time when the investment adviser might wish to sell such securities. In addition, decreased market liquidity also may make it more difficult to value some or all of the fund's fixed-income securities holdings. Certain countries have experienced negative interest rates on certain fixed-income securities. Negative or very low interest rates could magnify the risks associated with changes in interest rates. In general, changing interest rates, including rates that fall below zero, could have unpredictable effects on markets and may expose fixed-income and related markets to heightened volatility. To the extent that the investment adviser of the fund anticipates interest rate trends imprecisely, the fund could miss yield opportunities or its share price could fall. Inflation-protected securities may react differently to interest rate changes than other types of fixed-income securities and tend to react to changes in "real" interest rates.

**Credit Risk.** A decline in the credit quality of an issuer, guarantor or liquidity provider of a portfolio investment or a counterparty could cause the fund to lose money or underperform. The fund could lose money if, due to a decline in credit quality, the issuer, guarantor or liquidity provider of a portfolio investment or a counterparty fails to make, or is perceived as being unable or unwilling to make, timely principal or interest payments or otherwise honor its obligations. The credit quality of the fund's portfolio holdings can change rapidly in certain market environments and any default on the part of a single portfolio investment could cause the fund's share price or yield to fall. Certain U.S. government securities that the fund invests in are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government, which means they are neither issued nor guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury. There can be no assurance that the U.S. government will provide financial support to securities of its agencies and instrumentalities if it is not obligated to do so under law. Also, any government guarantees on securities the fund owns do not extend to the shares of the fund itself.

**Tracking Error Risk.** As an index fund, the fund seeks to track the performance of the index, although it may not be successful in doing so. The divergence between the performance of the fund and the index, positive or negative, is called "tracking error." Tracking error can be caused by many factors and it may be significant. For example, the fund may not invest in certain securities in the index, match the securities' weighting to the index, or the fund may invest in securities not in the index, due to regulatory, operational, custodial or liquidity constraints; corporate transactions; asset valuations; transaction costs and timing; tax considerations; and index rebalancing, which may result in tracking error. The fund may attempt to offset the effects of not being invested in certain index securities by making substitute investments, but these efforts may not be successful. In addition, cash flows into and out of the fund, operating expenses and trading costs all affect the ability of the fund to match the performance of the index, because the index does not have to manage cash flows and does not incur any costs.

**Liquidity Risk.** Liquidity risk exists when particular investments may be difficult to purchase, sell or value, especially during stressed market conditions. The market for certain investments may become illiquid due to specific adverse changes in the conditions of a particular issuer or under adverse market or economic conditions independent of the issuer. In addition, limited dealer inventories of certain securities could potentially lead to decreased liquidity. In such cases, the fund, due to limitations on investments in illiquid securities and the

difficulty in readily purchasing and selling such securities at favorable times or prices, may decline in value, experience lower returns and/or be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain issuer or sector. Further, transactions in illiquid securities may entail transaction costs that are higher than those for transactions in liquid securities.

**Securities Lending Risk.** The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers, and other financial institutions provided a number of conditions are satisfied, including that the loan is fully collateralized. When the fund lends portfolio securities, its investment performance will continue to reflect changes in the value of the securities loaned, and the fund will also receive a fee or interest on the collateral. Securities lending involves the risk of loss of rights in, or delay in recovery of, the loaned securities if the borrower fails to return the security loaned or becomes insolvent. The fund will also bear the risk of any decline in value of securities acquired with cash collateral. The fund may pay lending fees to a party arranging the loan.

**Operational Risk.** Each fund is exposed to operational risk arising from a number of factors, including, but not limited to, human error, processing and communication errors, errors of the fund's service providers, counterparties or other third parties, failed or inadequate processes and technology or system failures. Each fund seeks to reduce these operational risks through controls and procedures believed to be reasonably designed to address these risks. However, these controls and procedures cannot address every possible risk and may not fully mitigate the risks that they are intended to address.

**Market Trading Risk.** Although fund shares are listed on national securities exchanges, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for fund shares will develop or be maintained. If an active market is not maintained, investors may find it difficult to buy or sell fund shares. Trading of shares of the fund on a national securities exchange may be halted if exchange officials deem such action appropriate, if the fund is delisted, or if the activation of marketwide "circuit breakers" halts stock trading generally. If the fund's shares are delisted, the fund may seek to list its shares on another market, merge with another ETF, or redeem its shares at NAV.

**Shares of the Fund May Trade at Prices Other Than NAV.** As with all ETFs, fund shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. Although it is expected that the market price of the shares of the fund will approximate the fund's NAV, there may be times when the market price and the NAV vary significantly. Thus, an investor may pay more than NAV when buying shares of the fund in the secondary market, and an investor may receive less than NAV when selling those shares in the secondary market. The investment adviser cannot predict whether shares will trade above (premium), below (discount) or at NAV. The fund may have a limited number of financial institutions that may act as "Authorized Participants" or market makers. Only Authorized Participants who have entered into agreements with the fund's distributor may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the fund (as discussed in the "Creation and Redemption" section below). If those Authorized Participants exit the business or are unable to process creation and/or redemption orders (including in situations where Authorized Participants have limited or diminished access to capital required to post collateral), and no other Authorized Participant is able to step forward to create and/or redeem, fund shares may trade at a premium or discount to NAV like closed-end fund shares (and may even face delisting). Similar effects may result if market makers exit the business or are unable to continue making markets in the fund's shares. More generally, market makers are not obligated to make a market in the fund's shares, and Authorized Participants are not obligated to submit purchase or redemption orders for Creation Units. Further, while the creation/redemption feature is designed to make it likely that shares normally will trade close to the value of the fund's holdings, disruptions to creations and/or redemptions, including disruptions at market makers, Authorized Participants or market participants, or during periods of significant market volatility, may result in market prices that differ significantly from the value of the fund's holdings. In addition, transactions by large shareholders may account for a large percentage of trading volume on the fund's primary listing exchange and may, therefore, have a material effect on the market price of the fund's shares.

The market price of fund shares during the trading day, like the price of any exchange-traded security, may be impacted by a "bid/ask" spread. The bid/ask spread is the difference between what investors are willing to pay for fund shares (the "bid" price) and the price at which investors are willing to sell fund shares (the "ask" price). The spread may vary over time and is based on many factors including supply and demand for the underlying securities held by the fund, supply and demand for shares of the fund itself, and the historical and current magnitude of price fluctuation of the fund's asset class. The spread is generally narrower if the fund has higher trading volume and wider if the fund has lower trading volume (which may be the case for funds that are newly launched or small in size). Bid/ask spreads may also be wider during times of higher market volatility. At those times, fund shares are most likely to be traded at a discount to NAV, and the discount is likely to be greatest when the price of shares is falling fastest, which may be the time that investors most want to sell shares.

There are various methods by which investors can purchase and sell shares of the fund and various types of orders that may be placed. Investors should consult their financial intermediary before purchasing or selling shares of the fund.

## Maturity and Duration: A Brief Explanation

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*"Maturity" and "duration" are concepts generally associated with fixed-income investments, such as bonds, and, as an investor or potential investor in a fixed-income fund, it is important that you have a basic understanding of each concept and how each relates to your investment. The following discussion about maturity and duration will also help you understand how bond prices – and, by extension, the share price of a fund that invests in bonds – can be expected to change given a change in interest rates.*

## Maturity and Duration – The Basics

A **BOND** is a loan between an issuer and a bondholder that obligates the issuer to pay the bondholder a specified sum of money, usually at specific intervals, over a specified period of time. More specifically, in exchange for the loan amount, or **PRINCIPAL**, a bondholder receives **INTEREST** – or **COUPON** – payments from the issuer as compensation for the use – or borrowing – of the bondholder's principal for a specific period of time. "ISSUERS" may include entities such as corporations, governments, government agencies and municipalities, while "BONDHOLDERS" may include, but are not limited to, mutual funds or ETFs, banks, insurance companies and individuals.

In addition to the coupon payments that an issuer is obligated to pay a bondholder, the issuer is also obligated to repay the principal amount at "maturity." A bond's **MATURITY** represents when the final principal payment of a bond is scheduled to be repaid. Simply, it is the period of time until a bondholder can expect to receive all of its money, or principal, back from the issuer. A bond's **MATURITY DATE** is the specific date by which the entire principal amount is to be repaid.

**DURATION** is a measure that estimates the sensitivity of a bond's price relative to interest rate changes. Duration is often expressed as a period of time (i.e., 6 months, 1 year, 2.5 years, etc.). Generally, a lower duration indicates a lower sensitivity to changes in interest rates, and a higher duration indicates a higher sensitivity to changes in interest rates. Unlike maturity, which only measures the time until final payment of principal, duration considers the timing and pattern of interest and principal payments. Because different factors are considered when calculating maturity and duration, a bond's duration is often shorter than its maturity and can at times be significantly shorter than the maturity. Another characteristic of duration is that as interest rates decline, duration tends to increase.

When thinking about the concepts of maturity and duration, there are two common risks<sup>1</sup> generally associated with fixed-income investments that are important to consider. The first relates to maturity: **there is risk that an issuer may be unable to repay the principal due.** Usually, this risk increases with time. Bondholders typically have greater transparency with respect to an issuer's ability to repay a loan over shorter time horizons, while assessing the future becomes more difficult as the periods get longer. As a result, bonds with longer maturities tend to carry higher repayment risk than bonds with shorter maturities. This is one reason why longer-maturity bonds typically pay higher interest rates than shorter-maturity bonds. Similarly, funds that invest in bonds with longer maturities are subject to higher repayment risk, but will typically pay higher dividends than funds that invest in bonds with shorter maturities.

The second risk relates to the **impact of interest rates on a bond's price.** Interest rates generally fluctuate; meaning, they can increase or decrease prior to a bond's maturity date. This means that during an investor's holding period, a bond's coupon may be less than or greater than current market interest rates. To the extent a bond's coupon is different from current market interest rates, **a bond's price will fall or rise to align with current market interest rates.** Bond prices exhibit an inverse relationship relative to interest rates: when interest rates decline, bond prices increase and vice versa. For example, assume you purchased a new issue bond when interest rates were 4%. Now assume that since you purchased that bond interest rates increased by 1% to 5%. Keeping in mind that bond prices and interest rates have an inverse relationship – when interest rates increase, a bond's price declines – the price of the purchased 4% coupon bond in this example would decline because bonds can now be purchased with 5% coupons making the 4% coupon bond less valuable.

### More on Duration

While having a basic understanding of both maturity and duration is important for any fixed-income investor, maturity tends to be more straightforward than the concept of duration, which requires a bit more discussion. In its simplest terms, duration attempts to quantify and estimate how much a bond's price can be expected to change in response to changing interest rates. Typically, duration increases as a bond's maturity increases and decreases as a bond's maturity decreases; meaning, longer-maturity bonds have higher durations than shorter-maturity bonds. With this in mind, remember that as duration increases, a bond's sensitivity to changes in interest rates increases. That means that when interest rates increase:

- Relative to longer duration bonds, shorter duration bonds would fall less in price because an investor's principal would be repaid at the lower interest rate sooner.
- Longer-duration bonds, on the other hand, would fall in price more than shorter-duration bonds, due to the longer horizon of holding bonds paying less interest than current interest rates.

So, when looking at the example above, where interest rates rose from 4% to 5%, the extent to which the 4% coupon bond would decline in price is dependent upon the bond's duration – the longer the duration, the more it would decline in price. For example, a 4% coupon bond with a duration of 2 years would decline less in price than a 4% coupon bond with a duration of 4 years. This is true when assessing the extent to which any bond's price may change when interest rates change.

Beyond providing a way to compare the relative interest rate sensitivity of bonds, duration attempts to estimate the expected change in a bond's value should interest rates change by 1%. Again, recall the example above, where interest rates rose from 4% to 5%. Under this

<sup>1</sup> All investments are subject to risks, including risks not discussed in this section of the prospectus. Please refer to the risks disclosed elsewhere in this prospectus and the SAI to understand the risks of investing in the funds.

scenario, a bond with a 6 year duration would generally be expected to decline in price by approximately 6% (1% price move for each year of duration), while a bond with a 7 year duration would generally be expected to decline in price by approximately 7%. If the example above were reversed and interest rates instead declined by 1%, from 4% to 3%, the opposite would occur:

- Relative to longer-duration bonds, shorter duration bonds would appreciate less in price; longer-duration bonds would appreciate more in price than shorter-duration bonds.
- A bond with a 6 year duration would generally be expected to increase in value by approximately 6% (1% price move for each year of duration), while a bond, or bond fund, with a 7 year duration would generally be expected to increase in value by approximately 7%.

It is important to understand that a bond's duration is not constant. As stated earlier, duration considers the timing and pattern of interest and principal payments. As time progresses, the period of time remaining until interest and principal payments are made changes, impacting the duration of a bond – as the time until those payments are made shortens, the duration also shortens. In addition, and as discussed previously, duration is also impacted by interest rate changes. As such, duration is a gauge of a bond's sensitivity to interest rate changes, but it should not be relied on as an exact measure of the price change if interest rates change.

### **Maturity and Duration – At the Fund Level**

A fund that invests in bonds is impacted in the same way as the individual bond described in the examples above – as interest rates increase the value of fund shares will decline, and as interest rates decline the value of fund shares will increase. To provide investors with information about a fund's interest rate risk exposure, the fund typically provides the average maturity and duration of the portfolio, which take into consideration the maturity and duration of all the fund's fixed-income investments. A fund with a shorter portfolio average maturity and duration is expected to be less impacted by changing interest rates than a fund with a longer portfolio average maturity and duration. Simply stated, a fund with a shorter portfolio average maturity and duration is generally less volatile as a result of interest rate changes than a fund with a longer portfolio average maturity and duration.

In the same way that a bond's duration is not constant, a fund's portfolio average maturity and duration are not constant. A fund's portfolio average duration will change as a result of duration changes to the bonds the fund owns, as described above. Further, both the average maturity and duration may change as the fund's portfolio manager buys and/or sells bonds owned by the fund. To remain aware of the interest rate sensitivity of funds you own, it is helpful to periodically review the fund's reported average portfolio maturity and duration.

### **Maturity and Duration – Other Fixed-Income Securities**

The above discussion provides a general overview of the concepts of maturity and duration. Application and calculation of these concepts may be slightly different or become more complex when applied to other types of fixed-income securities, which may require different assessments to determine and/or calculate maturity and duration. For example, to calculate the duration for securitized investments, such as mortgage-backed securities and certain asset-backed securities, an investor must look-through to the instruments underlying the securities and must account for the pace of repayment of the underlying instruments. To learn more about maturity and duration for the specific types of fixed-income investments that the funds may invest in, please refer to the SAI.

## **Portfolio Holdings**

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A description of the funds' policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of a fund's portfolio securities is available in the SAI.

# Financial Highlights

This section provides further details about each fund's financial history for the past five years or, if shorter, for its period of operations. Certain information reflects financial results for a single fund share. "Total return" shows the percentage that an investor in a fund would have earned or lost during a given period, assuming all distributions were reinvested. This information for fiscal years/periods ended December 31, 2016 through December 31, 2019 has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm. The information for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020 has been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP (Deloitte). Deloitte's full report is included in each fund's annual report (see back cover).

## Schwab 1-5 Year Corporate Bond ETF

	1/1/20– 12/31/20	10/10/19 <sup>(1)</sup> – 12/31/19
<b>Per-Share Data</b>		
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$ 50.04	\$ 50.00
Income (loss) from investment operations:		
Net investment income (loss) <sup>(2)</sup>	0.89	0.23
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	1.74	0.02
Total from investment operations	2.63	0.25
Less distributions:		
Distributions from net investment income	(0.89)	(0.21)
Distributions from net realized gains	(0.41)	–
Total distributions	(1.30)	(0.21)
Net asset value at end of period	\$ 51.37	\$ 50.04
Total return	5.31%	0.50% <sup>(3)</sup>
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>		
Ratios to average net assets:		
Total expenses	0.05%	0.06% <sup>(4)(5)</sup>
Net investment income (loss)	1.74%	2.01% <sup>(4)</sup>
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(6)</sup>	80%	12% <sup>(3)</sup>
Net assets, end of period (x 1,000)	\$118,146	\$35,029

<sup>(1)</sup> Commencement of operations.

<sup>(2)</sup> Calculated based on the average shares outstanding during the period.

<sup>(3)</sup> Not annualized.

<sup>(4)</sup> Annualized.

<sup>(5)</sup> Effective December 13, 2019, the annual operating expense ratio was reduced to 0.05%. The ratio presented for the period ended 12/31/19 is a blended ratio.

<sup>(6)</sup> Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from processing of in-kind creations or redemptions.



## Schwab 5-10 Year Corporate Bond ETF

	1/1/20- 12/31/20	10/10/19 <sup>(1)</sup> - 12/31/19
<b>Per-Share Data</b>		
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$ 50.07	\$ 50.00
Income (loss) from investment operations:		
Net investment income (loss) <sup>(2)</sup>	1.26	0.29
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	3.60	0.04
Total from investment operations	4.86	0.33
Less distributions:		
Distributions from net investment income	(1.24)	(0.26)
Net asset value at end of period	\$ 53.69	\$ 50.07
Total return	9.83%	0.67% <sup>(3)</sup>
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>		
Ratios to average net assets:		
Total expenses	0.05%	0.06% <sup>(4)(5)</sup>
Net investment income (loss)	2.43%	2.61% <sup>(4)</sup>
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(6)</sup>	36%	8% <sup>(3)</sup>
Net assets, end of period (x 1,000)	\$190,584	\$110,151

<sup>(1)</sup> Commencement of operations.

<sup>(2)</sup> Calculated based on the average shares outstanding during the period.

<sup>(3)</sup> Not annualized.

<sup>(4)</sup> Annualized.

<sup>(5)</sup> Effective December 13, 2019, the annual operating expense ratio was reduced to 0.05%. The ratio presented for the period ended 12/31/19 is a blended ratio.

<sup>(6)</sup> Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from processing of in-kind creations or redemptions.

## Schwab U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF

	1/1/20- 12/31/20	1/1/19- 12/31/19	1/1/18- 12/31/18	1/1/17- 12/31/17	1/1/16- 12/31/16
<b>Per-Share Data</b>					
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$ 53.43	\$ 50.59	\$ 52.07	\$ 51.55	\$ 51.41
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income (loss) <sup>(1)</sup>	1.19	1.43	1.35	1.18	1.06
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	2.79	2.90	(1.42)	0.59	0.23 <sup>(2)</sup>
Total from investment operations	3.98	4.33	(0.07)	1.77	1.29
Less distributions:					
Distributions from net investment income	(1.36)	(1.49)	(1.41)	(1.25)	(1.15)
Net asset value at end of period	\$ 56.05	\$ 53.43	\$ 50.59	\$ 52.07	\$ 51.55
Total return	7.50%	8.64%	(0.09%)	3.46%	2.49%
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>					
Ratios to average net assets:					
Total expenses	0.04%	0.04%	0.04%	0.04%	0.05% <sup>(3)</sup>
Net investment income (loss)	2.14%	2.71%	2.67%	2.26%	2.01%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	68%	63%	71%	101%	119%
Net assets, end of period (x 1,000)	\$8,732,745	\$7,383,509	\$5,544,583	\$4,925,693	\$3,309,447

<sup>(1)</sup> Calculated based on the average shares outstanding during the period.

<sup>(2)</sup> The per share amount does not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities on the Statement of Operations during the period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values.

<sup>(3)</sup> Effective October 7, 2016, the annual operating expense ratio was reduced. The ratio presented for the period ended 12/31/16 is a blended ratio.

<sup>(4)</sup> Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from processing of in-kind creations or redemptions.

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes to-be-announced (TBA) transactions.

**Schwab U.S. TIPS ETF**

	1/1/20- 12/31/20	1/1/19- 12/31/19	1/1/18- 12/31/18	1/1/17- 12/31/17	1/1/16- 12/31/16
<b>Per-Share Data</b>					
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$ 56.57	\$ 53.27	\$ 55.39	\$ 54.84	\$ 53.15
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income (loss) <sup>(1)</sup>	0.81	1.21	1.51	1.17	0.99
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	5.37	3.23	(2.23)	0.43	1.46
Total from investment operations	6.18	4.44	(0.72)	1.60	2.45
Less distributions:					
Distributions from net investment income	(0.69)	(1.14)	(1.40)	(1.05)	(0.76)
Net asset value at end of period	\$ 62.06	\$ 56.57	\$ 53.27	\$ 55.39	\$ 54.84
Total return	10.94%	8.36%	(1.31%)	2.95%	4.60%
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>					
Ratios to average net assets:					
Total expenses	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.07%
Net investment income (loss)	1.36%	2.18%	2.80%	2.13%	1.78%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(3)</sup>	23%	20%	17%	19%	16%
Net assets, end of period (x 1,000)	\$14,090,007	\$8,733,970	\$5,779,263	\$2,880,386	\$1,614,977

<sup>(1)</sup> Calculated based on the average shares outstanding during the period.

<sup>(2)</sup> Effective March 1, 2017, the annual operating expense ratio was reduced. The ratio presented for the period ended 12/31/17 is a blended ratio.

<sup>(3)</sup> Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from processing of in-kind creations or redemptions.

## Schwab Short-Term U.S. Treasury ETF

	1/1/20- 12/31/20	1/1/19- 12/31/19	1/1/18- 12/31/18	1/1/17- 12/31/17	1/1/16- 12/31/16
<b>Per-Share Data</b>					
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$ 50.48	\$ 49.88	\$ 50.03	\$ 50.41	\$ 50.43
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income (loss) <sup>(1)</sup>	0.65	1.14	0.94	0.57	0.42
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	0.91	0.60	(0.20) <sup>(2)</sup>	(0.39)	(0.03)
Total from investment operations	1.56	1.74	0.74	0.18	0.39
Less distributions:					
Distributions from net investment income	(0.65)	(1.14)	(0.89)	(0.56)	(0.41)
Net asset value at end of period	\$ 51.39	\$ 50.48	\$ 49.88	\$ 50.03	\$ 50.41
Total return	3.11%	3.53%	1.50%	0.35%	0.78%
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>					
Ratios to average net assets:					
Total expenses	0.05%	0.06% <sup>(3)</sup>	0.06%	0.06%	0.08% <sup>(4)</sup>
Net investment income (loss)	1.26%	2.27%	1.89%	1.13%	0.83%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(5)</sup>	74%	77%	65%	65%	66%
Net assets, end of period (x 1,000)	\$7,507,924	\$5,262,952	\$4,254,630	\$2,181,398	\$1,414,092

<sup>(1)</sup> Calculated based on the average shares outstanding during the period.

<sup>(2)</sup> The per share amount does not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities during the period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values.

<sup>(3)</sup> Effective December 13, 2019, the annual operating expense ratio was reduced to 0.05%. The ratio presented for the period ended 12/31/19 is a blended ratio.

<sup>(4)</sup> Effective December 29, 2016, the annual operating expense ratio was reduced. The ratio presented for the period ended 12/31/16 is a blended ratio.

<sup>(5)</sup> Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from processing of in-kind creations or redemptions.

## Schwab Intermediate-Term U.S. Treasury ETF

	1/1/20- 12/31/20	1/1/19- 12/31/19	1/1/18- 12/31/18	1/1/17- 12/31/17	1/1/16- 12/31/16
<b>Per-Share Data</b>					
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$ 54.97	\$ 52.89	\$ 53.35	\$ 53.41	\$ 53.55
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income (loss) <sup>(1)</sup>	0.94	1.28	1.21	0.89	0.79
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	3.24	2.07	(0.55) <sup>(2)</sup>	(0.07)	(0.15)
Total from investment operations	4.18	3.35	0.66	0.82	0.64
Less distributions:					
Distributions from net investment income	(0.94)	(1.27)	(1.12)	(0.88)	(0.78)
Net asset value at end of period	\$ 58.21	\$ 54.97	\$ 52.89	\$ 53.35	\$ 53.41
Total return	7.62%	6.38%	1.28%	1.54%	1.16%
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>					
Ratios to average net assets:					
Total expenses	0.05%	0.06% <sup>(3)</sup>	0.06%	0.06%	0.09% <sup>(4)</sup>
Net investment income (loss)	1.63%	2.35%	2.34%	1.66%	1.44%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(5)</sup>	51%	38%	41%	30%	30%
Net assets, end of period (x 1,000)	\$3,952,710	\$4,735,743	\$3,480,449	\$1,165,708	\$790,506

<sup>(1)</sup> Calculated based on the average shares outstanding during the period.

<sup>(2)</sup> The per share amount does not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities during the period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values.

<sup>(3)</sup> Effective December 13, 2019, the annual operating expense ratio was reduced to 0.05%. The ratio presented for the period ended 12/31/19 is a blended ratio.

<sup>(4)</sup> Effective December 29, 2016, the annual operating expense ratio was reduced. The ratio presented for the period ended 12/31/16 is a blended ratio.

<sup>(5)</sup> Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from processing of in-kind creations or redemptions.



## Schwab Long-Term U.S. Treasury ETF

	1/1/20– 12/31/20	10/10/19 <sup>(1)</sup> – 12/31/19
<b>Per-Share Data</b>		
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$ 47.34	\$ 50.00
Income (loss) from investment operations:		
Net investment income (loss) <sup>(2)</sup>	0.86	0.22
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	7.50	(2.67)
Total from investment operations	8.36	(2.45)
Less distributions:		
Distributions from net investment income	(0.83)	(0.21)
Net asset value at end of period	\$ 54.87	\$ 47.34
Total return	17.64%	(4.91%) <sup>(3)</sup>
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>		
Ratios to average net assets:		
Total expenses	0.05%	0.06% <sup>(4)(5)</sup>
Net investment income (loss)	1.55%	2.07% <sup>(4)</sup>
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(6)</sup>	45%	3% <sup>(3)</sup>
Net assets, end of period (x 1,000)	\$90,535	\$18,935

<sup>(1)</sup> Commencement of operations.

<sup>(2)</sup> Calculated based on the average shares outstanding during the period.

<sup>(3)</sup> Not annualized.

<sup>(4)</sup> Annualized.

<sup>(5)</sup> Effective December 13, 2019, the annual operating expense ratio was reduced to 0.05%. The ratio presented for the period ended 12/31/19 is a blended ratio.

<sup>(6)</sup> Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from processing of in-kind creations or redemptions.

# Fund Management

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The investment adviser for the funds is Charles Schwab Investment Management, Inc. (CSIM), 211 Main Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. CSIM was founded in 1989 and as of February 28, 2021, managed approximately \$594.2 billion in assets.

As the investment adviser, CSIM oversees the asset management and administration of the funds. As compensation for these services, CSIM receives a management fee from each fund. For the 12 months ended December 31, 2020, these fees were 0.05% for the Schwab 1-5 Year Corporate Bond ETF, 0.05% Schwab 5-10 Year Corporate Bond ETF, 0.04% for the Schwab U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF, 0.05% for the Schwab U.S. TIPS ETF, 0.05% for the Schwab Short-Term U.S. Treasury ETF, 0.05% for the Schwab Intermediate-Term U.S. Treasury ETF and 0.05% for the Schwab Long-Term U.S. Treasury ETF. These figures, which are expressed as a percentage of each fund's average daily net assets, represent the actual amounts paid.

Pursuant to the Amended and Restated Advisory Agreement between CSIM and Schwab Strategic Trust (the Trust), on behalf of each fund, CSIM pays the operating expenses of each fund, excluding taxes, any brokerage expenses, and extraordinary or non-routine expenses.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board of Trustees' approval of each fund's Amended and Restated Advisory Agreement is available in the funds' 2020 semiannual report, which covers the period from January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020.

**Matthew Hastings, CFA**, Vice President and Head of Taxable Bond Strategies, leads the portfolio management team for the Schwab Fixed-Income ETFs and Schwab's taxable bond funds. He also has overall responsibility for all aspects of the management of the funds. Prior to joining CSIM in 1999, Mr. Hastings was in fixed-income sales and trading at Lehman Brothers. He has worked in the fixed-income securities industry since 1996.

**Steven Hung**, Senior Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the Schwab 1 – 5 Year Corporate Bond ETF, the Schwab 5 – 10 Year Corporate Bond ETF and the Schwab U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF. His primary focus is on corporate bonds. Prior to joining CSIM in 1999, Mr. Hung was an associate in Schwab's management training program for nine months. In that role, he worked as a clerk on the options trading floor of the Pacific Coast Stock Exchange.

**Mark McKissick, CFA**, Senior Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the Schwab U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF, the Schwab U.S. TIPS ETF, the Schwab Short-Term U.S. Treasury ETF, the Schwab Intermediate-Term U.S. Treasury ETF and the Schwab Long-Term U.S. Treasury ETF. Prior to joining CSIM in 2016, Mr. McKissick worked at Denver Investments for 17 years, most recently as a director of fixed income and portfolio manager. In this role he co-managed multiple bond strategies, as well as oversaw the firm's fixed-income business including the investment process, client service and other administrative functions.

**Alfonso Portillo, Jr.**, Senior Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the Schwab U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF. His primary focus is securitized products. Prior to joining CSIM in 2007, Mr. Portillo worked for ten years at Pacific Investment Management Company, most recently as a vice president and member of the mortgage- and asset-backed portfolio management team. He has worked in fixed-income asset management since 1996.

Additional information about the portfolio managers' compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio managers and the portfolio managers' ownership of securities in each fund is available in the SAI.

**Distributor.** The funds' Distributor is SEI Investments Distribution Co. The Distributor, located at 1 Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, PA 19456, is a broker-dealer registered with the SEC. The Distributor distributes Creation Units for the funds and does not maintain a secondary market in shares of the funds.

# Investing in the Funds

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On the following pages, you will find information on buying and selling shares. Most investors will invest in the funds by placing orders through their brokerage account at Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. (Schwab) or an account with another broker/dealer or other intermediary. Authorized Participants (as defined in "Purchase and Redemption of Creation Units," below) may invest directly in the funds by placing orders for Creation Units through the funds' transfer agent, State Street Bank and Trust Company (direct orders). Helpful information on taxes is included as well.

The funds generally are not registered for sale in jurisdictions outside the United States and are intended for purchase by persons residing in the United States. A person is considered resident in the United States if at the time of the investment (i) the account has an address of record in the United States or a U.S. territory (including APO/FPO/DPO) and (ii) all account owners are resident in the United States or a U.S. territory and have a valid U.S. taxpayer identification number. If an existing account is updated to reflect a non-U.S. address, the account may be restricted from making additional investments.

Shares of the funds trade on national securities exchanges and elsewhere during the trading day and can be bought and sold throughout the trading day like other shares of publicly traded securities. When buying or selling shares through a broker most investors will incur customary brokerage commissions and charges. In addition, you may incur the cost of the "spread" – that is, any difference between the bid price (the highest price a buyer is willing to pay for a share of a fund) and the ask price (the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for a share of a fund).

## Shares of the funds trade under the following trading symbols:

Schwab 1-5 Year Corporate Bond ETF	SCHJ
Schwab 5-10 Year Corporate Bond ETF	SCHI
Schwab U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF	SCHZ
Schwab U.S. TIPS ETF	SCHP
Schwab Short-Term U.S. Treasury ETF	SCHO
Schwab Intermediate-Term U.S. Treasury ETF	SCHR
Schwab Long-Term U.S. Treasury ETF	SCHQ

Shares of the funds may be acquired or redeemed directly from the funds only in Creation Units or multiples thereof, as discussed in the "Creation and Redemption" section below. Once created, shares of the funds trade in the secondary market in amounts less than a Creation Unit. The funds do not impose any minimum investment for shares of the funds purchased on an exchange or in the secondary market. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, shares are not redeemable by the funds.

## Share Trading Prices

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As with other types of securities, the trading prices of shares in the secondary market can be affected by market forces such as supply and demand, economic conditions and other factors. The price you pay or receive when you buy or sell your shares in the secondary market may be more (a premium) or less (a discount) than the NAV of such shares.

### Premium/Discount Information

Information showing the number of days the market price of each fund's shares was greater than the fund's NAV per share (i.e., at a premium) and the number of days it was less than the fund's NAV per share (i.e., at a discount), for various time periods, is available by visiting the funds' website [www.schwabfunds.com](http://www.schwabfunds.com).

## Determination of Net Asset Value

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The NAV of a fund's shares is calculated as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), generally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, on each day the NYSE is open for trading (each, a Business Day). NAV per share is calculated by dividing a fund's net assets by the number of the fund's shares outstanding. If the NYSE is closed due to weather or other extenuating circumstances on a day it would typically be open for business, or the NYSE has an unscheduled early closing on a day it has opened for business, the funds reserve the right to treat such day as a Business Day and accept purchase and redemption orders and calculate their respective NAVs as of the normally scheduled close of regular trading on the NYSE for that day.

In valuing their securities, the funds use market quotes or official closing prices if they are readily available. In cases where quotes are not readily available or the investment adviser deems them unreliable, the funds may value securities based on fair values developed using methods approved by the funds' Board of Trustees. When valuing fixed-income securities with remaining maturities of more than 60 days, the funds use the value of the security provided by pricing services. The pricing services value most fixed-income securities at an evaluated price by employing methodologies that utilize actual market transactions, broker-supplied valuations, or other methodologies designed to identify the market value for such securities. Securities with remaining maturities of 60 days or less are generally valued at an evaluated price; however, such securities may be valued at their amortized cost if it approximates the security's market value.

The funds' Board of Trustees has adopted procedures, which include fair value methodologies, to fair value the funds' securities when market prices are not "readily available" or are unreliable. For example, the funds may fair value a security when a security is de-listed or its trading is halted or suspended; when a security's primary pricing source is unable or unwilling to provide a price; when a security's primary trading market is closed during regular market hours; or when a security's value is materially affected by events occurring after the close of the security's primary trading market. By fair valuing securities whose prices may have been affected by events occurring after the close of trading, the funds seek to establish prices that investors might expect to realize upon the current sales of these securities. The funds' fair value methodologies seek to ensure that the prices at which the funds' shares are purchased and redeemed are fair and do not result in dilution of shareholder interest or other harm to shareholders. Generally, when fair valuing a security, the funds will take into account all reasonably available information that may be relevant to a particular valuation including, but not limited to, fundamental analytical data regarding the issuer, information relating to the issuer's business, recent trades or offers of the security, general and specific market conditions and the specific facts giving rise to the need to fair value the security. The funds make fair value determinations in good faith and in accordance with the fair value methodologies included in the Board of Trustees adopted valuation procedures. Due to the subjective and variable nature of fair value pricing, there can be no assurance that the funds could obtain the fair value assigned to the security upon the sale of such security.

Transactions in fund shares will be priced at NAV only if you purchase or redeem shares directly from the funds in Creation Units. Fund shares that are purchased or sold on a national securities exchange will be effected at prevailing market prices, which may be higher or lower than NAV, and may be subject to brokerage commissions and charges. As described below, purchases and redemptions of Creation Units will be priced at the NAV next determined after receipt of the purchase or redemption order.

## Purchase and Redemption of Creation Units

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### Creation and Redemption

The shares that trade in the secondary market are "created" at NAV. The funds issue and redeem shares only in Creation Units, which are large blocks of shares. Only institutional investors who have entered into an authorized participant agreement (known as Authorized Participants) may purchase or redeem Creation Units. Creation Units generally are issued and redeemed in exchange for a specified basket of securities and/or a designated amount of cash. Each Business Day, prior to the opening of trading, the funds publish the specific securities and designated amount of cash included in that day's basket for the funds through the National Securities Clearing Corporation (NSCC) or other method of public dissemination. The funds reserve the right to accept or pay out a basket of securities or cash that differs from the published basket. The prices at which creations and redemptions occur are based on the next calculation of NAV after an order is received and deemed acceptable by the transfer agent. Orders from Authorized Participants to create or redeem Creation Units will only be accepted on a Business Day and are also subject to acceptance by the funds and the transfer agent.

Creations and redemptions must be made by an Authorized Participant that has executed an agreement with the Distributor with respect to creations and redemptions of Creation Unit aggregations. Information about the procedures regarding creation and redemption of Creation Units is included in the SAI.

### Authorized Participants and the Continuous Offering of Shares

Because new shares may be created and issued on an ongoing basis, at any point during the life of the funds, a "distribution," as such term is used in the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (Securities Act), may be occurring. Broker-dealers and other persons are cautioned that some activities on their part may, depending on the circumstances, result in them being deemed participants in a distribution in a manner that could render them statutory underwriters and subject to the prospectus-delivery and liability provisions of the Securities Act. Nonetheless, any determination of whether one is an underwriter must take into account all the relevant facts and circumstances of each particular case.

Broker-dealers should also note that dealers who are not "underwriters," but are participating in a distribution (as contrasted to ordinary secondary transactions), and thus dealing with shares that are part of an "unsold allotment" within the meaning of Section 4(a)(3)(C) of the Securities Act, would be unable to take advantage of the prospectus delivery exemption provided by Section 4(a)(3) of the Securities Act. For delivery of prospectuses to exchange members, the prospectus delivery mechanism of Rule 153 under the Securities Act is only available with respect to transactions on a national securities exchange.

## Creation and Redemption Transaction Fees for Creation Units

The funds may impose a creation transaction fee and a redemption transaction fee to offset transfer and other transaction costs associated with the issuance and redemption of Creation Units. The creation and redemption transaction fees applicable to the funds are listed below. The standard creation transaction fee is charged to each purchaser on the day such purchaser creates a Creation Unit. The standard fee is a single charge and will be the amount indicated below regardless of the number of Creation Units purchased by an investor on the same day. Similarly, the standard redemption transaction fee will be the amount indicated below regardless of the number of Creation Units redeemed that day. In addition, purchasers and redeemers of shares in Creation Units are responsible for payment of the costs of transferring securities to or out of the funds. Purchasers and redeemers of Creation Units for cash may also be subject to an additional variable charge up to the maximum amount shown in the table below. This additional variable charge will offset the transaction costs to the funds of buying or selling portfolio securities. In certain circumstances, the cost of any standard transaction fees and/or additional variable charges may be waived by a fund when doing so is believed to be in the best interests of the fund. From time to time, the investment adviser may cover the cost of any transaction fees.

The following table shows, as of March 31, 2021, the approximate value of one Creation Unit of each fund, including the standard and maximum additional creation and redemption transaction fee. These fees are payable only by investors who purchase shares directly from the funds. Retail investors who purchase shares through their brokerage account will not pay these fees. Investors who use the services of a broker or other such intermediary may pay fees for such services.

Fund	Approximate Value of One Creation Unit	Standard Creation/Redemption Transaction Fee	Maximum Additional Creation Transaction Fee <sup>(1)</sup>	Maximum Additional Redemption Transaction Fee <sup>(1)</sup>
Schwab 1-5 Year Corporate Bond ETF	\$2,547,000	\$100	3.0%	2.0%
Schwab 5-10 Year Corporate Bond ETF	\$2,569,500	\$100	3.0%	2.0%
Schwab U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF	\$5,392,340	\$500	3.0%	2.0%
Schwab U.S. TIPS ETF	\$3,056,390	\$ 0	3.0%	2.0%
Schwab Short-Term U.S. Treasury ETF	\$2,565,170	\$ 0	3.0%	2.0%
Schwab Intermediate-Term U.S. Treasury ETF	\$2,820,400	\$ 0	3.0%	2.0%
Schwab Long-Term U.S. Treasury ETF	\$2,366,500	\$ 0	3.0%	2.0%

<sup>(1)</sup> As a percentage of total amount invested or redeemed.

## Additional Policies

### Policy regarding short-term or excessive trading

The funds do not impose any restrictions on the frequency of purchases and redemptions of fund shares. When considering that a policy regarding short-term or excessive trading was not necessary for the funds, the Board of Trustees considered the structure of the funds as ETFs and that fund shares are purchased and redeemed directly with the funds only in large quantities (Creation Units) by Authorized Participants who are authorized to purchase and redeem shares directly with the funds. Because purchase and redemption transactions with Authorized Participants are an essential part of the ETF process and help keep ETF trading prices in line with NAV, the funds accommodate frequent purchases and redemptions by Authorized Participants. Frequent purchases and redemptions for cash may increase index tracking error and portfolio transaction costs and may lead to realization of capital gains. Frequent in-kind creations and redemptions do not give rise to these concerns. The funds reserve the right to reject or limit any purchase order at any time.

The funds reserve the right to impose restrictions on disruptive or abusive trading. Such trading is defined by the funds as purchases and sales of fund shares in amounts and frequency determined by the funds to be significant and in a pattern of activity that can potentially be detrimental to the funds and their shareholders. Such adverse effects can include diluting the value of the shareholders' holdings, increasing fund transaction costs, disrupting portfolio management strategy, incurring unwanted taxable gains, or forcing funds to hold excess levels of cash. The funds may reject purchase or redemption orders in such instances. The funds also impose a transaction fee on Creation Unit transactions that is designed to offset the funds' transfer and other transaction costs associated with the issuance and redemption of the Creation Units. The Board of Trustees may determine that policies and procedures regarding the frequency of purchases and redemptions of fund shares are necessary in the future.

### Investments by Registered Investment Companies

Section 12(d)(1) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, restricts investments by registered investment companies in the securities of other investment companies, including shares of the funds. Registered investment companies are permitted to invest in the funds beyond the limits set forth in section 12(d)(1), subject to certain terms and conditions including that such investment companies enter into an agreement with the funds.



## Payments to Financial Intermediaries

The investment adviser or its affiliates make payments out of their own resources, or provide products and services at a discount, to certain brokerage firms, banks, insurance companies, retirement plan service providers and other financial intermediaries that perform shareholder, recordkeeping, sub-accounting and other administrative services in connection with investments in fund shares. The investment adviser or its affiliates also make payments out of their own resources, or provide products and services at a discount, to certain financial intermediaries in connection with certain activities or services which may facilitate, directly or indirectly, investment in the funds. These payments may relate to marketing and/or fund promotion activities and presentations, educational training programs, conferences, the development and support of technology platforms and/or reporting systems, data analytics and support, or making shares of the funds available to their customers. These payments, which may be significant, are paid by the investment adviser or its affiliates out of their own resources and not from the assets of the funds.

Payments to a financial intermediary may create potential conflicts of interest between the intermediary and its clients as the payments may provide such intermediary with an incentive to favor sales of shares of the funds over other investment options they make available to their customers. Please see the SAI for additional information.

## Distributions and Taxes

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Any investment in the funds typically involves several tax considerations. The information below is meant as a general summary for U.S. citizens and residents. Please see the SAI for additional information. Because each person's tax situation is different, you should consult your tax advisor about the tax implications of your investment in a fund. You also can visit the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

As a shareholder, you are entitled to your share of the dividends and gains your fund earns. Dividends from net investment income, if any, are generally declared and paid monthly for the funds. Distributions of net realized capital gains, if any, generally are declared and paid once a year, although the funds may do so more frequently as determined by the Board of Trustees. Although it is not generally expected, if a fund's distributions exceed its realized taxable income and capital gains during a taxable year, then all or a portion of the distributions made during that year may be characterized as a return of capital to shareholders. A return of capital distribution generally will not be taxable but will reduce the shareholder's cost basis and result in a higher capital gain or lower capital loss when those shares on which the distribution was received are sold. To the extent that a return of capital distribution exceeds a shareholder's adjusted basis, the distribution will be treated as gain from the sale of shares. Each fund reserves the right to declare special distributions if, in its reasonable discretion, such action is necessary or advisable to preserve its status as a regulated investment company or to avoid imposition of income or excise taxes on undistributed income or realized gains. Dividends and other distributions on shares of the funds are distributed on a pro rata basis to beneficial owners of such shares. During the fourth quarter of the year, typically in early November, an estimate of the funds' year-end distributions, if any, may be made available on the funds' website [www.schwabfunds.com](http://www.schwabfunds.com).

Unless you are investing through an IRA, 401(k) or other tax-advantaged account, your fund distributions generally have tax consequences. Each fund's net investment income and short-term capital gains are distributed as dividends and will be taxable as ordinary income. Other capital gains distributions are taxable as long-term capital gains, regardless of how long you have held your shares in a fund. The maximum individual rate applicable to long-term capital gains and qualified dividend income is generally either 15% or 20%, depending on whether the individual's income exceeds certain threshold amounts. However, it is not expected that any of the funds' distributions will be eligible to be treated as qualified dividend income subject to the reduced rates. Distributions generally are taxable in the tax year in which they are declared, whether you reinvest them or take them in cash.

Generally, any sale of your shares is a taxable event. A sale of your shares may give rise to a gain or loss. In general, any gain or loss realized upon a taxable disposition of shares will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the shares have been held for more than one year. Otherwise, the gain or loss on the taxable disposition of shares will be treated as short-term capital gain or loss. The maximum individual rate applicable to long-term capital gains is generally either 15% or 20%, depending on whether the individual's income exceeds certain threshold amounts. Any loss realized upon a taxable disposition of shares held for six months or less will be treated as long-term, rather than short-term, to the extent of any long-term capital gains distributions received (or deemed received) by you with respect to the shares. All or a portion of any loss realized upon a taxable disposition of shares will be disallowed if you purchase other substantially identical shares within 30 days before or after the disposition. In such a case, the basis of the newly purchased shares will be adjusted to reflect the disallowed loss.

An additional 3.8% Medicare tax is imposed on certain net investment income (including ordinary dividends and capital gains distributions received from a fund and net gains from redemptions or other taxable dispositions of fund shares) of U.S. individuals, estates and trusts to the extent that such person's "modified adjusted gross income" (in the case of an individual) or "adjusted gross income" (in the case of an estate or trust) exceeds certain threshold amounts.

At the beginning of every year, the funds provide shareholders with information detailing the tax status of any distributions the funds paid during the previous calendar year. Schwab customers also receive information on distributions and transactions in their monthly account statements.

Adjustments for inflation to the principal amount of an inflation-protected U.S. Treasury bond held by a fund may be included for tax purposes in a fund's gross income, even though no cash attributable to such gross income has been received by the fund. In such event, a fund may be required to make annual distributions to shareholders that exceed the cash it has otherwise received. To pay such distributions, a fund may be required to raise cash by selling portfolio investments. The sale of such investments could result in capital gains to a fund and additional capital gain distributions to fund shareholders. In addition, adjustments during the taxable year for deflation to an inflation-indexed bond held by a fund may cause amounts distributed in the taxable year as income to be characterized as a return of capital.

If you are investing through a taxable account and purchase shares of the funds just before it declares a distribution, you may receive a portion of your investment back as a taxable distribution. This is because when the funds make a distribution, the share price is reduced by the amount of the distribution. You can avoid "buying a dividend," as it is often called, by finding out if a distribution is imminent and waiting until afterwards to invest. Of course, you may decide that the opportunity to gain a few days of investment performance outweighs the tax consequences of buying a dividend.

Foreign shareholders may be subject to different U.S. federal income tax treatment, including withholding tax at the rate of 30% on amounts treated as ordinary dividends from a fund, as discussed in more detail in the SAI. Furthermore, the funds are required to withhold U.S. tax (at a 30% rate) on payments of taxable dividends made to certain non-U.S. entities that fail to comply (or be deemed compliant) with extensive reporting and withholding requirements designed to inform the U.S. Department of the Treasury of U.S.-owned foreign investment accounts. Shareholders may be requested to provide additional information to a fund to enable the fund to determine whether withholding is required.

### **Taxes on Creation and Redemption of Creation Units**

An Authorized Participant who exchanges securities for Creation Units generally will recognize a gain or a loss equal to the difference between the market value of the Creation Units at the time of the exchange and the sum of the exchanger's aggregate basis in the securities surrendered and the cash component paid. A person who redeems Creation Units will generally recognize a gain or loss equal to the difference between the exchanger's basis in the Creation Units and the sum of the aggregate market value of the securities and the amount of cash received for such Creation Units. 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 for Creation Units should consult a tax advisor with respect to whether wash sale rules apply and when a loss might be deductible. 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 funds' shares (or securities surrendered) have been held for more than one year and as short-term capital gain or loss if the shares (or securities surrendered) have been held for one year or less.

If you purchase or redeem Creation Units, you will be sent a confirmation statement showing how many shares you purchased or sold and at what price. Persons purchasing or redeeming Creation Units should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the tax treatment of any creation or redemption transaction.

## **Additional Information**

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### **Index Provider**

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