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Prospectus

October 31, 2015

SPDR® Series Trust

SPDR Russell 3000® ETF (THRK)

SPDR Russell 1000® ETF (ONEK)

SPDR Russell 2000 ETF (TWOK)

SPDR S&P® 500 Buyback ETF (SPYB)

SPDR S&P 500 High Dividend ETF (SPYD)

SPDR S&P 500 Growth ETF (SPYG)

SPDR S&P 500 Value ETF (SPYV)

SPDR Russell Small Cap Completeness® ETF (RSCO)

SPDR S&P 400 Mid Cap Growth ETF (MDYG)

SPDR S&P 400 Mid Cap Value ETF (MDYV)

SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap ETF (SLY)

SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap Growth ETF (SLYG)

SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap Value ETF (SLYV)

SPDR Global Dow ETF (DGT)

SPDR Dow Jones REIT ETF (RWR)

SPDR S&P Bank ETF (KBE)

SPDR S&P Capital Markets ETF (KCE)

SPDR S&P Insurance ETF (KIE)

SPDR S&P Regional Banking ETF (KRE)

SPDR Morgan Stanley Technology ETF (MTK)

SPDR S&P Dividend ETF (SDY)

SPDR S&P Aerospace & Defense ETF (XAR)

SPDR S&P Biotech ETF (XBI)

SPDR S&P Building & Construction ETF

SPDR S&P Computer Hardware ETF (XHW)

SPDR S&P Food & Beverage ETF

SPDR S&P Health Care Equipment ETF (XHE)

SPDR S&P Health Care Services ETF (XHS)

SPDR S&P Homebuilders ETF (XHB)

SPDR S&P LeisureTime ETF

SPDR S&P Metals & Mining ETF (XME)

SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Equipment & Services ETF (XES)

SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Exploration & Production ETF (XOP)

SPDR S&P Outsourcing & IT Consulting ETF

SPDR S&P Pharmaceuticals ETF (XPH)

SPDR S&P Retail ETF (XRT)

SPDR S&P Semiconductor ETF (XSD)

SPDR S&P Software & Services ETF (XSW)

SPDR S&P Telecom ETF (XTL)

SPDR S&P Transportation ETF (XTN)

SPDR S&P 1500 Value Tilt ETF (VLU)

SPDR S&P 1500 Momentum Tilt ETF (MMTM)

SPDR S&P 1500 Volatility Tilt ETF

SPDR Russell 1000 Low Volatility ETF (LGLV)

SPDR Russell 2000 Low Volatility ETF (SMLV)

SPDR Wells Fargo® Preferred Stock ETF (PSK)

SPDR MSCI USA Quality Mix ETF (QUS)

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

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FUND SUMMARIES

SPDR® Russell 3000® ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR Russell 3000 ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks a broad universe of exchange traded U.S. equity securities.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.10% |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None |
| Other expenses | 0.01% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.11% |

EXAMPLE:

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

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------------|--------|--------|---------|
| <u></u> \$11 | \$35 | \$62 | \$141 |

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 3% of the average value of its portfolio.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the Russell 3000 Index (the "Index"), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. ("SSGA FM" or the "Adviser"), the investment adviser to the Fund, may invest the Fund's assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund's assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

The Index measures the performance of the largest 3,000 U.S. companies, representing approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market. The Russell 3000 Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive, unbiased, and stable barometer of the broad market and is completely reconstituted annually to ensure new and growing equities are reflected. As of September 30, 2015, a significant portion of the Index comprised companies in the technology and financial sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 2,986 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING INTHE FUND

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

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

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

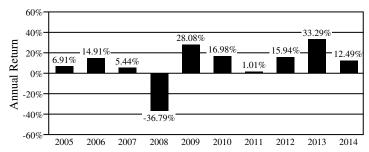
Technology Sector Risk: Market or economic factors impacting technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund's investments. The value of stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly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

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

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 16.30% (Q2, 2009) Lowest Quarterly Return: -22.49% (Q4, 2008)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -5.43%.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Prior to July 9, 2013, the Fund's investment strategy sought to track the total return performance of an index different from the Russell 3000 Index. Performance of the Fund prior to July 9, 2013 is therefore based on the Fund's investment strategy to track the prior index.

| | One Year | Five Years | Ten Years |
|--|----------|------------|-----------|
| Return Before Taxes | 12.49% | 15.48% | 7.98% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 11.90% | 15.06% | 7.62% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 7.49% | 12.47% | 6.47% |
| Russell 3000 Index | | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 12.56% | 15.63% | 7.94% |
| Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Index | | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 12.47% | 15.72% | 8.10% |

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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

Mike Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser. He joined the Adviser in 2010.

John Tucker, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser. He joined the Adviser in 1988.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Vice President of the Adviser. He joined the Adviser in 1996.

PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® Russell 1000® ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR Russell 1000 ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of large capitalization exchange traded U.S. equity securities.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.10% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.01% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.11% |

¹ The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$11 | \$35 | \$62 | \$141 |

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 3% of the average value of its portfolio.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the Russell 1000 Index (the "Index"), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. ("SSGA FM" or the "Adviser"), the investment adviser to the Fund, may invest the Fund's assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund's assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

The Index measures the performance of the large-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. It is a subset of the Russell 3000® Index and includes approximately 1,000 of the largest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership. The Russell 1000 Index represents approximately 90% of the U.S. market. The Russell 1000 Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the large-cap segment and is completely reconstituted annually to ensure new and growing equities are reflected. As of September 30, 2015, a significant portion of the Index comprised companies in the technology and financial sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 1,032 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING INTHE FUND

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

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

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

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

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

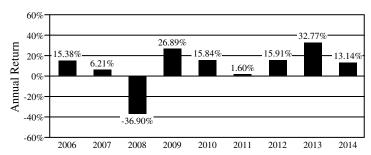
Technology Sector Risk: Market or economic factors impacting technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund's investments. The value of stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly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

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

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 15.57% (Q2, 2009) Lowest Quarterly Return: -22.14% (Q4, 2008)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -5.25%.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Prior to July 9, 2013, the Fund's investment strategy sought to track the total return performance of an index different from the Russell 1000 Index . Performance of the Fund prior to July 9, 2013 is therefore based on the Fund's investment strategy to track the prior index.

| | One Year | Five Years | Since Inception (11/8/05) |
|--|----------|------------|---------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes | 13.14% | 15.43% | 8.26% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 12.53% | 14.93% | 7.82% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 7.71% | 12.35% | 6.61% |
| Russell 1000 Index | | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 13.24% | 15.64% | 8.35% |
| Dow Jones U.S. Large-Cap Total Stock Market Index (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 13.40% | 15.58% | 8.36% |

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PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® Russell 2000® ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR Russell 2000 ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of small capitalization exchange traded U.S. equity securities.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.12% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.12% |

The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

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

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the Russell 2000® Index (the "Index"), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. ("SSGA FM" or the "Adviser"), the investment adviser to the Fund, may invest the Fund's assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund's assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

The Index measures the performance of the small-cap segment of the U.S. equity market. The Index is a subset of the Russell 3000® Index representing approximately 10% of the total market capitalization of the Russell 3000® Index. The Index includes approximately 2000 of the smallest securities, based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership. The Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased small-cap barometer and is completely reconstituted annually to ensure larger stocks do not distort the performance and characteristics of the true small-cap opportunity set. As of September 30, 2015, a significant portion of the Index comprised companies in the financial, technology and health care sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 1,957 securities.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING INTHE FUND

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

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

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

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

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

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

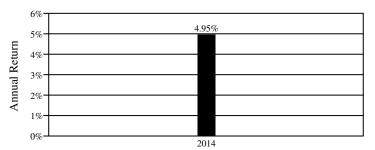
Unconstrained Sector Risk: The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets within one or more economic sectors or industries, which may change from time to time. Greater investment focus on one or more sectors or industries increases the potential for volatility and the risk that events negatively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

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

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 9.68% (Q4, 2014) Lowest Quarterly Return: -7.29% (Q3, 2014)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -7.69%.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

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

| | One Year | Since Inception (7/8/13) |
|--|----------|-----------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes | 4.95% | 14.14% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 4.17% | 13.37% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 2.79% | 10.51% |
| Russell 2000 Index | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 4.89% | 14.18% |

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TAX INFORMATION

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PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P 500 Buyback ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P 500 Buyback ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of publicly traded issuers that have a high buyback ratio.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.35% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses ² | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.35% |

The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

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| Year 1 | Year 3 |
|--------|--------|
| \$36 | \$113 |

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. From the Fund's inception on February 4, 2015, to the most recent fiscal year end, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 18% of the average value of its portfolio.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

² "Other expenses" are based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.

The Index provides exposure to the 100 constituent companies in the S&P 500® with the highest buyback ratio in the last 12 months. A "buyback" occurs when a company buys back its own shares from the marketplace, reducing the number of shares outstanding. At each rebalancing reference date, the buyback ratio is defined as the monetary amount of cash paid for common shares bought back in the last four calendar quarters with interim reports available divided by the total market capitalization of common shares at the beginning of the buyback period.

Constituents are equally weighted and the Index is rebalanced quarterly. The rebalancing reference dates are the last trading day of March, June, September and December. Index rebalancings are effective after market close on the third Friday of the month following the reference date. As of September 30, 2015, a significant portion of the Index comprised companies in the consumer discretionary, technology and financial sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 101 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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Buyback Risk: Stocks of companies that announce share buybacks are often anticipated to perform well because buybacks typically are a signal that a company's management believes its shares are undervalued. This positive signal from management may cause the value of such shares to rise after an announcement. However, the announcement of a buyback may not be an accurate predictor of future share performance.

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

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

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Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the

Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

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

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

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PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P 500 High Dividend ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.12% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses ² | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.12% |

The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

| Year 1 | Year 3 |
|--------|--------|
| \$12 | \$39 |

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. The Fund's portfolio turnover rate has been omitted because the Fund had not commenced investment operations prior to the end of the most recent fiscal year.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

² "Other expenses" are based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.

The Index is designed to measure the performance of the top 80 dividend-paying securities listed on the S&P 500® Index, based on dividend yield. The S&P 500 Index focuses on the large capitalization U.S. equity market, including common stock and real estate investment trusts ("REITs"). To determine dividend yield: (i) an indicated dividend is measured by taking the latest dividend paid (excluding special payments) multiplied by the annual frequency of the payment; and (ii) the indicated dividend is then divided by the company's share price at the date of rebalancing. Index constituents are equally weighted and the Index is rebalanced semi-annually, in January and July. As of September 30, 2015, a significant portion of the Index comprised companies in the utilities and financial sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 80 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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

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

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

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

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

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

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

REIT Risk: In addition to the risks associated with investing in the securities of real property companies, real estate investment trusts ("REITs") are subject to certain additional risks. REITs are dependent upon specialized management skills, and are also subject to heavy cash flow dependency which makes REITs particularly reliant on the proper functioning of capital markets. Investments in REITs are also subject to the risks affecting equity markets generally. A variety of economic and other factors may adversely affect a lessee's ability to meet its obligations to a REIT. In the event of a default by a lessee, the REIT may experience delays in enforcing its rights as a lessor and may incur substantial costs associated in protecting its investments. A REIT could fail to qualify for favorable regulatory treatment.

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

Utilities Sector Risk: Utility companies are affected by supply and demand, operating costs, government regulation, environmental factors, liabilities for environmental damage and general civil liabilities, and rate caps or rate changes. Although rate changes of a utility usually fluctuate in approximate correlation with financing costs, due to political and regulatory factors rate changes ordinarily occur only following a delay after the changes in financing costs. This factor will tend to favorably affect a regulated utility company's earnings and dividends in times of decreasing costs, but conversely, will tend to adversely affect earnings and dividends when costs are rising. The value of regulated utility debt securities (and, to a lesser extent, equity securities) may tend to have an inverse relationship to the movement of interest rates. Certain utility companies have experienced full or partial deregulation in recent years. These utility companies are frequently more similar to industrial companies in that they are subject to greater competition and have been permitted by regulators to diversify outside of their original geographic regions and their traditional lines of business. These opportunities may permit certain utility companies to earn more than their traditional regulated rates of return. Some companies, however, may be forced to defend their core business and may be less profitable. In addition, natural disasters, terrorist attacks, government intervention or other factors may render a utility company's equipment unusable or obsolete and negatively impact profitability.

Among the risks that may affect utility companies are the following: risks of increases in fuel and other operating costs; the high cost of borrowing to finance capital construction during inflationary periods; restrictions on operations and increased costs and delays associated with compliance with environmental and nuclear safety regulations; and the difficulties involved in obtaining natural gas for resale or fuel for generating electricity at

reasonable prices. Other risks include those related to the construction and operation of nuclear power plants, the effects of energy conservation and the effects of regulatory changes.

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

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PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P 500 Growth ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees ¹ | 0.15% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ² | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses ¹ | 0.15% |

¹ The Fund's "Management fees" and "Total annual Fund operating expenses" have been restated to reflect a reduction in the Fund's "Management fees."

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 22% of the average value of its portfolio.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

² The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

The Index measures the performance of the large-capitalization growth segment of the U.S. equity market. The Index consists of those stocks in the S&P 500 Index exhibiting the strongest growth characteristics based on: (i) sales growth; (ii) earnings change to price; and (iii) momentum. The selection universe for the S&P 500 Index includes all U.S.-domiciled, as determined by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, common equities listed on the NYSE, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market and NASDAQ Capital Market with market capitalizations generally of \$5.3 billion or more at the time of inclusion. Capitalization ranges may be revised by the Index Provider (as defined below) at any time. To be included in the Index, a security (or issuer of a security, as applicable) should (i) have an annual dollar value traded to float-adjusted market capitalization ratio of 1 or greater; (ii) trade a minimum of 250,000 shares in each of the six months leading up to the evaluation date; (iii) have a public float of at least 50%; and (iv) have positive asreported earnings over the most recent four consecutive quarters (measured using the sum of earnings over those quarters) and for the most recent guarter. Meeting these criteria does not guarantee automatic inclusion into the Index. Given the limited number of companies that the Index can have and that it must reflect sector representation, some eligible companies may not be added to the Index at a particular time. S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC's Index Committee makes the final determination and approval of all Index constituents. The Index is market capitalization weighted and rebalanced annually on the third Friday of December. As of September 30, 2015, a significant portion of the Index comprised companies in the technology, health care and consumer discretionary sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 330 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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

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

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

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

Health Care Sector Risk: Companies in the health care sector are subject to extensive government regulation and their profitability can be significantly affected by restrictions on government reimbursement for medical expenses, rising costs of medical products and services, pricing pressure (including price discounting), limited product lines and an increased emphasis on the delivery of healthcare through outpatient services. Companies in the health care sector are heavily dependent on obtaining and defending patents, which may be time consuming and costly, and the expiration of patents may also adversely affect the profitability of these companies. Health care companies are also subject to extensive litigation based on product liability and similar claims. In addition, their products can become obsolete due to industry innovation, changes in technologies or other market

developments. Many new products in the health care sector require significant research and development and may be subject to regulatory approvals, all of which may be time consuming and costly with no guarantee that any product will come to market.

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

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

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

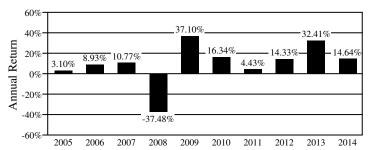
Technology Sector Risk: Market or economic factors impacting technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund's investments. The value of stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly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

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

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 16.35% (Q2, 2009) Lowest Quarterly Return: -23.11% (Q4, 2008)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -2.23%.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Prior to December 17, 2010, the Fund's investment strategy sought to track the total return performance of an index different from the S&P 500 Growth Index. Performance of the Fund prior to December 17, 2010 is therefore based on the Fund's investment strategy to track the prior index.

| | One Year | Five Years | Ten Years |
|--|----------|------------|-----------|
| Return Before Taxes | 14.64% | 16.09% | 8.44% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 14.25% | 15.77% | 8.21% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 8.58% | 13.00% | 6.89% |
| S&P 500 Growth Index | | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 14.89% | 16.05% | 8.24% |

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

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

TAX INFORMATION

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PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P 500 Value ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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| Management fees ¹ | 0.15% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ² | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses ¹ | 0.15% |

¹ The Fund's "Management fees" and "Total annual Fund operating expenses" have been restated to reflect a reduction in the Fund's "Management fees."

EXAMPLE:

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

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THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

² The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

The Index measures the performance of the large-capitalization value segment of the U.S. equity market. The Index consists of those stocks in the S&P 500 Index exhibiting the strongest value characteristics based on: (i) book value to price ratio; (ii) earnings to price ratio; and (iii) sales to price ratio. The selection universe for the S&P 500 Index includes all U.S-domiciled, as determined by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, common equities listed on the NYSE, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market and NASDAQ Capital Market with market capitalizations generally of \$5.3 billion or more at the time of inclusion. Capitalization ranges may be revised by the Index Provider (as defined below) at any time. To be included in the Index, a security (or issuer of a security, as applicable) should (i) have an annual dollar value traded to float-adjusted market capitalization ratio of 1 or greater; (ii) trade a minimum of 250,000 shares in each of the six months leading up to the evaluation date; (iii) have a public float of at least 50%; and (iv) have positive as-reported earnings over the most recent four consecutive quarters (measured using the sum of earnings over those quarters) and for the most recent quarter. Meeting these criteria does not quarantee automatic inclusion into the Index. Given the limited number of companies that the Index can have and that it must reflect sector representation, some eligible companies may not be added to the Index at a particular time. S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC's Index Committee makes the final determination and approval of all Index constituents. The Index is market capitalization weighted and rebalanced annually on the third Friday of December. As of September 30, 2015, a significant portion of the Index comprised companies in the financial sector, although this may change from time to time. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 362 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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

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

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out

of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

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

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

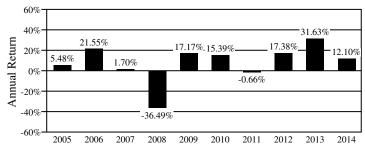
Unconstrained Sector Risk: The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets within one or more economic sectors or industries, which may change from time to time. Greater investment focus on one or more sectors or industries increases the potential for volatility and the risk that events negatively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

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

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 15.22% (Q3, 2009) Lowest Quarterly Return: -21.13% (Q4, 2008)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -8.67%.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

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

capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Prior to December 17, 2010, the Fund's investment strategy sought to track the total return performance of an index different from the S&P 500 Value Index. Performance of the Fund prior to December 17, 2010 is therefore based on the Fund's investment strategy to track the prior index.

| | One Year | Five Years | Ten Years |
|--|----------|------------|-----------|
| Return Before Taxes | 12.10% | 14.70% | 6.78% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 11.48% | 14.17% | 6.28% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 7.28% | 11.79% | 5.45% |
| S&P 500 Value Index | | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 12.36% | 14.86% | 7.03% |

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

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PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® Russell Small Cap Completeness® ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR Russell Small Cap Completeness ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of mid to small capitalization exchange traded U.S. equity securities.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.10% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.10% |

¹ The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

| Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 5 | Year 10 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$10 | \$32 | \$56 | \$128 |

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

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

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the Russell Small Cap Completeness Index (the "Index"), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. ("SSGA FM" or the "Adviser"), the investment adviser to the Fund, may invest the Fund's assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund's assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

The Index measures the performance of the Russell 3000® Index companies but excluding S&P 500® constituents. The Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer of the extended broad market beyond the S&P 500 exposure. The Index is completely reconstituted annually to ensure new and growing equities are reflected. As of September 30, 2015, a significant portion of the Index comprised companies in the financial, technology and consumer discretionary sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 2,481 securities.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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

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

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

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

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

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

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

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

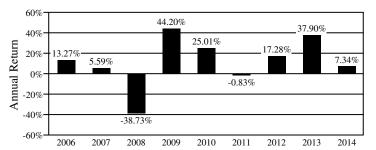
Unconstrained Sector Risk: The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets within one or more economic sectors or industries, which may change from time to time. Greater investment focus on one or more sectors or industries increases the potential for volatility and the risk that events negatively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

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

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 22.89% (Q3, 2009) Lowest Quarterly Return: -25.80% (Q4, 2008)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -6.22%.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Prior to July 9, 2013, the Fund's investment strategy sought to track the total return performance of an index different from the Russell Small Cap Completeness Index. Performance of the Fund prior to July 9, 2013 is therefore based on the Fund's investment strategy to track the prior index.

| | | | Since Inception |
|--|----------|------------|-----------------|
| | One Year | Five Years | (11/8/05) |
| Return Before Taxes | 7.34% | 16.57% | 9.91% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 5.28% | 15.20% | 8.90% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 4.65% | 13.05% | 7.83% |
| Russell Small Cap Completeness Index | | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 7.40% | 16.40% | 9.21% |
| Dow Jones U.S. Mid-Cap Total Stock Market Index | | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 10.22% | 17.11% | 10.22% |

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

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

SPDR® S&P 400 Mid Cap Growth ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees ¹ | 0.15% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ² | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses ¹ | 0.15% |

¹ The Fund's "Management fees" and "Total annual Fund operating expenses" have been restated to reflect a reduction in the Fund's "Management fees."

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 53% of the average value of its portfolio.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P MidCap 400 Growth Index (the "Index"), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. ("SSGA FM" or the "Adviser"), the investment adviser to the Fund, may invest the Fund's assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund's assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index.

² The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

The Index measures the performance of the mid-capitalization growth segment of the U.S. equity market. The Index consists of those stocks in the S&P MidCap 400 Index exhibiting the strongest growth characteristics based on: (i) sales growth; (ii) earnings change to price; and (iii) momentum. The selection universe for the S&P MidCap 400 Index includes all U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market and NASDAQ Capital Market with market capitalizations generally between \$1.4 billion and \$5.9 billion at the time of inclusion. Capitalization ranges may be revised by the Index Provider (as defined below) at any time. To be included in the Index, a security (or issuer of a security, as applicable) should (i) have an annual dollar value traded to float adjusted market capitalization ratio of 1 or greater; (ii) trade a minimum of 250,000 shares in each of the six months leading up to the evaluation date; (iii) have a public float of at least 50%; and (iv) have positive as-reported earnings over the most recent four consecutive quarters (measured using the sum of earnings over those quarters) and for the most recent quarter. The Index is market capitalization weighted and rebalanced annually on the third Friday of December. As of September 30, 2015, a significant portion of the Index comprised companies in the financial, technology and consumer discretionary sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 229 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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

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

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

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

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

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

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

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

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

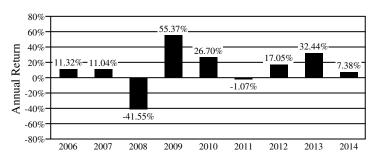
Valuation Risk: Some portfolio holdings, potentially a large portion of the Fund's investment portfolio, may be valued on the basis of factors other than market quotations. This may occur more often in times of market turmoil or reduced liquidity. There are multiple methods that can be used to value a portfolio holding when market quotations are not readily available. The value established for any portfolio holding at a point in time might differ

from what would be produced using a different methodology or if it had been priced using market quotations. Portfolio holdings that are valued using techniques other than market quotations, including "fair valued" securities, may be subject to greater fluctuation in their valuations from one day to the next than if market quotations were used. In addition, there is no assurance that the Fund could sell or close out a portfolio position for the value established for it at any time, and it is possible that the Fund would incur a loss because a portfolio position is sold or closed out at a discount to the valuation established by the Fund at that time. Investors who purchase or redeem Fund Shares on days when the Fund is holding fair-valued investments may receive fewer or more shares or lower or higher redemption proceeds than they would have received if the Fund had not fair-valued the holding(s) or had used a different valuation methodology.

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 22.24% (Q3, 2009) Lowest Quarterly Return: -27.02% (Q4, 2008)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -0.89%.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Prior to December 17, 2010, the Fund's investment strategy sought to track the total return performance of an index different from the S&P MidCap 400 Growth Index . Performance of the Fund prior to December 17, 2010 is therefore based on the Fund's investment strategy to track the prior index.

| | | | Since Inception |
|--|----------|------------|-----------------|
| | One Year | Five Years | (11/8/05) |
| Return Before Taxes | 7.38% | 15.85% | 10.26% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 6.84% | 15.58% | 9.97% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 4.38% | 12.75% | 8.36% |
| S&P MidCap 400 Growth Index | | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 7.57% | 16.72% | 9.91% |

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

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PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

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

SPDR® S&P 400 Mid Cap Value ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees ¹ | 0.15% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ² | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses ¹ | 0.15% |

¹ The Fund's "Management fees" and "Total annual Fund operating expenses" have been restated to reflect a reduction in the Fund's "Management fees."

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 44% of the average value of its portfolio.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P MidCap 400 Value Index (the "Index"), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. ("SSGA FM" or the "Adviser"), the investment adviser to the Fund, may invest the Fund's assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund's assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index.

² The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

The Index measures the performance of the mid-capitalization value segment of the U.S. equity market. The Index consists of those stocks in the S&P MidCap 400 Index exhibiting the strongest value characteristics based on: (i) book value to price ratio; (ii) earnings to price ratio; and (iii) sales to price ratio. The selection universe for the S&P MidCap 400 Index includes all U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market and NASDAQ Capital Market with market capitalizations generally between \$1.4 billion and \$5.9 billion at the time of inclusion. Capitalization ranges may be revised by the Index Provider (as defined below) at any time. To be included in the Index, a security (or issuer of a security, as applicable) should (i) have an annual dollar value traded to float adjusted market capitalization ratio of 1 or greater; (ii) trade a minimum of 250,000 shares in each of the six months leading up to the evaluation date; (iii) have a public float of at least 50%; and (iv) have positive as-reported earnings over the most recent four consecutive quarters (measured using the sum of earnings over those quarters) and for the most recent quarter. The Index is market capitalization weighted and rebalanced annually on the third Friday of December. As of September 30, 2015, a significant portion of the Index comprised companies in the financial and industrial sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 296 stocks.

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PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

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

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

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

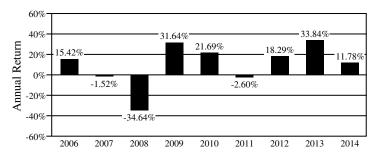
Valuation Risk: Some portfolio holdings, potentially a large portion of the Fund's investment portfolio, may be valued on the basis of factors other than market quotations. This may occur more often in times of market turmoil or reduced liquidity. There are multiple methods that can be used to value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

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

FUND PERFORMANCE

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ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 23.46% (Q3, 2009) Lowest Quarterly Return: -24.41% (Q4, 2008)

As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -8.71%.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Prior to December 17, 2010, the Fund's investment strategy sought to track the total return performance of an index different from the S&P MidCap 400 Value Index. Performance of the Fund prior to December 17, 2010 is therefore based on the Fund's investment strategy to track the prior index.

| | | | Since Inception |
|--|----------|------------|-----------------|
| | One Year | Five Years | (11/8/05) |
| Return Before Taxes | 11.78% | 15.97% | 8.68% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 10.10% | 15.20% | 7.97% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 6.90% | 12.64% | 6.81% |
| S&P MidCap 400 Value Index | | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 12.10% | 16.40% | 9.31% |

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

TAX INFORMATION

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SPDR® S&P 600 Small Cap ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees ¹ | 0.15% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ² | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses ¹ | 0.15% |

¹ The Fund's "Management fees" and "Total annual Fund operating expenses" have been restated to reflect a reduction in the Fund's "Management fees."

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

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

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P SmallCap 600 Index (the "Index"), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. ("SSGA FM" or the "Adviser"), the investment adviser to the Fund, may invest the Fund's assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund's assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index.

² The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

The Index measures the performance of the small-capitalization segment of the U.S. equity market. The selection universe for the Index includes all U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market and NASDAQ Capital Market with market capitalizations generally between \$400 million and \$1.8 billion at the time of inclusion. Capitalization ranges may be revised by the Index Provider (as defined below) at any time. To be included in the Index, a security (or issuer of a security, as applicable) should (i) have an annual dollar value traded to float adjusted market capitalization ratio of 1 or greater; (ii) trade a minimum of 250,000 shares in each of the six months leading up to the evaluation date; (iii) have a public float of at least 50%; and (iv) have positive as-reported earnings over the most recent four consecutive quarters (measured using the sum of earnings over those quarters) and for the most recent quarter. The Index is float-adjusted and market capitalization weighted. Index constituents are added and removed on an as-needed basis. Share counts are updated on a quarterly basis. As of September 30, 2015, a significant portion of the Index comprised companies in the financial, industrial and technology sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 601 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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

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

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

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

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

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

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

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

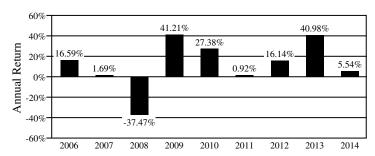
Valuation Risk: Some portfolio holdings, potentially a large portion of the Fund's investment portfolio, may be valued on the basis of factors other than market quotations. This may occur more often in times of market turmoil or reduced liquidity. There are multiple methods that can be used to value a portfolio holding when market quotations are not readily available. The value established for any portfolio holding at a point in time might differ from what would be produced using a different methodology or if it had been priced using market quotations. Portfolio holdings that are valued using techniques other than market quotations, including "fair valued" securities,

may be subject to greater fluctuation in their valuations from one day to the next than if market quotations were used. In addition, there is no assurance that the Fund could sell or close out a portfolio position for the value established for it at any time, and it is possible that the Fund would incur a loss because a portfolio position is sold or closed out at a discount to the valuation established by the Fund at that time. Investors who purchase or redeem Fund Shares on days when the Fund is holding fair-valued investments may receive fewer or more shares or lower or higher redemption proceeds than they would have received if the Fund had not fair-valued the holding(s) or had used a different valuation methodology.

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 26.04% (Q2, 2009) Lowest Quarterly Return: -26.84% (Q4, 2008)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -5.50%.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Prior to December 17, 2010, the Fund's investment strategy sought to track the total return performance of an index different from the S&P SmallCap 600 Index. Performance of the Fund prior to December 17, 2010 is therefore based on the Fund's investment strategy to track the prior index.

| | | | Since Inception |
|--|----------|------------|-----------------|
| | One Year | Five Years | (11/8/05) |
| Return Before Taxes | 5.54% | 17.31% | 10.09% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 4.42% | 16.61% | 9.53% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 3.61% | 13.86% | 8.11% |
| S&P SmallCap 600 Index | | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 5.76% | 17.28% | 9.19% |

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

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PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Vice President of the Adviser. He joined the Adviser in 1996.

PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

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

SPDR® S&P 600 Small Cap Growth ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees ¹ | 0.15% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ² | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses ¹ | 0.15% |

¹ The Fund's "Management fees" and "Total annual Fund operating expenses" have been restated to reflect a reduction in the Fund's "Management fees."

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 49% of the average value of its portfolio.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P SmallCap 600 Growth Index (the "Index"), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. ("SSGA FM" or the "Adviser"), the investment adviser to the Fund, may invest the Fund's assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund's assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index.

² The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

The Index measures the performance of the small-capitalization growth segment of the U.S. equity market. The Index consists of those stocks in the S&P SmallCap 600 Index exhibiting the strongest growth characteristics based on: (i) sales growth; (ii) earnings change to price; and (iii) momentum. The selection universe for the S&P SmallCap 600 Index includes all U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market and NASDAQ Capital Market with market capitalizations generally between \$400 million and \$1.8 billion at the time of inclusion. Capitalization ranges may be revised by the Index Provider (as defined below) at any time. To be included in the Index, a security (or issuer of a security, as applicable) should (i) have an annual dollar value traded to float adjusted market capitalization ratio of 1 or greater; (ii) trade a minimum of 250,000 shares in each of the six months leading up to the evaluation date; (iii) have a public float of at least 50%; and (iv) have positive as-reported earnings over the most recent four consecutive quarters (measured using the sum of earnings over those quarters) and for the most recent quarter. The Index is market capitalization weighted and rebalanced annually on the third Friday of December. As of September 30, 2015, a significant portion of the Index comprised companies in the financial, consumer discretionary, health care and technology sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 352 stocks.

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PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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

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

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

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

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

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

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

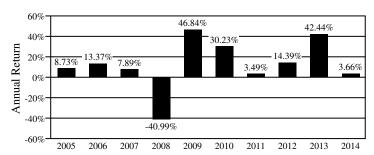
Unconstrained Sector Risk: The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets within one or more economic sectors or industries, which may change from time to time. Greater investment focus on one or more sectors or industries increases the potential for volatility and the risk that events negatively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

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

FUND PERFORMANCE

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ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 28.61% (Q2, 2009) Lowest Quarterly Return: -28.41% (Q4, 2008)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -0.98%.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Prior to December 17, 2010, the Fund's investment strategy sought to track the total return performance of an index different from the S&P SmallCap 600 Growth Index. Performance of the Fund prior to December 17, 2010 is therefore based on the Fund's investment strategy to track the prior index.

| | One Year | Five Years | Ten Years |
|--|----------|------------|-----------|
| Return Before Taxes | 3.66% | 17.88% | 10.12% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 2.31% | 17.41% | 9.83% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 2.64% | 14.44% | 8.31% |
| S&P SmallCap 600 Growth Index | | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 3.87% | 17.63% | 9.25% |

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

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Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Vice President of the Adviser. He joined the Adviser in 1996.

PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

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

SPDR® S&P 600 Small Cap Value ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees ¹ | 0.15% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ² | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses ¹ | 0.15% |

¹ The Fund's "Management fees" and "Total annual Fund operating expenses" have been restated to reflect a reduction in the Fund's "Management fees."

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

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

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P SmallCap 600 Value Index (the "Index"), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. ("SSGA FM" or the "Adviser"), the investment adviser to the Fund, may invest the Fund's assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund's assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index.

² The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

The Index measures the performance of the small-capitalization value segment of the U.S. equity market. The Index consists of those stocks in the S&P SmallCap 600 Index exhibiting the strongest value characteristics based on: (i) book value to price ratio; (ii) earnings to price ratio; and (iii) sales to price ratio. The selection universe for the S&P SmallCap 600 Index includes all U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market and NASDAQ Capital Market with market capitalizations generally between \$400 million and \$1.8 billion at the time of inclusion. Capitalization ranges may be revised by the Index Provider (as defined below) at any time. To be included in the Index, a security (or issuer of a security, as applicable) should (i) have an annual dollar value traded to float adjusted market capitalization ratio of 1 or greater; (ii) trade a minimum of 250,000 shares in each of the six months leading up to the evaluation date; (iii) have a public float of at least 50%; and (iv) have positive as-reported earnings over the most recent four consecutive quarters (measured using the sum of earnings over those quarters) and for the most recent quarter. The Index is market capitalization weighted and rebalanced annually on the third Friday of December. As of September 30, 2015, a significant portion of the Index comprised companies in the financial, industrial and technology sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 465 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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

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

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

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

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

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

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

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

Valuation Risk: Some portfolio holdings, potentially a large portion of the Fund's investment portfolio, may be valued on the basis of factors other than market quotations. This may occur more often in times of market turmoil or reduced liquidity. There are multiple methods that can be used to value a portfolio holding when market quotations are not readily available. The value established for any portfolio holding at a point in time might differ from what would be produced using a different methodology or if it had been priced using market quotations. Portfolio holdings that are valued using techniques other than market quotations, including "fair valued" securities,

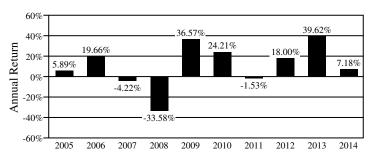
may be subject to greater fluctuation in their valuations from one day to the next than if market quotations were used. In addition, there is no assurance that the Fund could sell or close out a portfolio position for the value established for it at any time, and it is possible that the Fund would incur a loss because a portfolio position is sold or closed out at a discount to the valuation established by the Fund at that time. Investors who purchase or redeem Fund Shares on days when the Fund is holding fair-valued investments may receive fewer or more shares or lower or higher redemption proceeds than they would have received if the Fund had not fair-valued the holding(s) or had used a different valuation methodology.

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

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 25.67% (Q3, 2009) Lowest Quarterly Return: -25.28% (Q4, 2008)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -10.01%.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Prior to December 17, 2010, the Fund's investment strategy sought to track the total return performance of an index different from the S&P SmallCap 600 Value Index . Performance of the Fund prior to December 17, 2010 is therefore based on the Fund's investment strategy to track the prior index.

| | One Year | Five Years | Ten Years |
|--|----------|------------|-----------|
| Return Before Taxes | 7.18% | 16.65% | 9.05% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 4.66% | 15.70% | 8.21% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 4.81% | 13.20% | 7.14% |
| S&P SmallCap 600 Value Index | | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 7.54% | 16.96% | 8.78% |

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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

Mike Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser. He joined the Adviser in 2010.

John Tucker, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser. He joined the Adviser in 1988.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Vice President of the Adviser. He joined the Adviser in 1996.

PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

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SPDR® Global Dow ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.50% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.50% |

The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 13% of the average value of its portfolio.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of The Global Dow (the "Index"), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. ("SSGA FM" or the "Adviser"), the investment adviser to the Fund, may invest the Fund's assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund's assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

The Index is made up of 150 constituents from around the world. The 150 companies are selected not just based on size and reputation, but also on their promise of future growth. The Index has been designed to cover both developed and emerging countries. The Index is equal weighted and will be reset to equal weights annually each September. As of September 30, 2015, a significant portion of the Index comprised companies in the financial sector, although this may change from time to time. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 151 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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

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

Depositary Receipts Risk: Investments in depositary receipts may be less liquid and more volatile than the underlying securities in their primary trading market. If a depositary receipt is denominated in a different currency than its underlying securities, the Fund will be subject to the currency risk of both the investment in the depositary receipt and the underlying security. Holders of depositary receipts may have limited or no rights to take action with respect to the underlying securities or to compel the issuer of the receipts to take action.

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

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

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

major effect on the value of real estate securities (which include real estate investment trusts ("REITs")). Declining real estate values could adversely affect financial institutions engaged in mortgage finance or other lending or investing activities directly or indirectly connected to the value of real estate.

Geographic Focus Risk: To the extent the Fund invests a relatively large percentage of its assets in issuers located in a single country, a small number of countries, or a particular geographic region, the Fund's performance will be closely tied to market, currency, economic, political, environmental, or regulatory conditions and developments in those countries or that region, and may be more volatile than the performance of a more geographically-diversified fund.

Europe: Developed and emerging market countries in Europe will be significantly affected by the fiscal and monetary controls of the European Monetary Union. Changes in regulations on trade, decreasing imports or exports, changes in the exchange rate of the euro and recessions among European countries may have a significant adverse effect on the economies of other European countries including those of Eastern Europe. The markets in Eastern Europe remain relatively undeveloped and can be particularly sensitive to political and economic developments.

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

Non-U.S. Securities Risk: Non-U.S. securities are subject to political, regulatory, and economic risks not present in domestic investments. There may be less information publicly available about a non-U.S. entity than about a U.S. entity, and many non-U.S. entities are not subject to accounting, auditing, legal, and financial report standards comparable to those in the Unites States. Further, such entities and/or their securities may be subject to risks associated with currency controls; expropriation; changes in tax policy; greater market volatility; differing securities market structures; higher transaction costs; and various administrative difficulties, such as delays in clearing and settling portfolio transactions or in receiving payment of dividends. Securities traded on foreign markets may be less liquid (harder to sell) than securities traded domestically. Foreign governments may impose restrictions on the repatriation of capital to the U.S. In addition, when the Fund buys securities denominated in a foreign currency, there are special risks such as changes in currency exchange rates and the risk that a foreign government could regulate foreign exchange transactions. In addition, to the extent investments are made in a limited number of countries, events in those countries will have a more significant impact on the Fund.

Russian Sanctions Risk: Recent sanctions imposed by the United States, the European Union and Canada, and other intergovernmental actions that may be undertaken in the future, against Russia, Russian entities or Russian individuals, may result in the devaluation of Russian currency, a downgrade in the country's credit rating, and/or a decline in the value and liquidity of Russian securities, property or interests. The scope and scale of these sanctions may be expanded. These sanctions could impair the ability of the Fund to buy, sell, hold, receive, deliver or otherwise transact in certain investment instruments. Sanctions could also result in Russia taking counter measures or other actions, which may further impair the value and liquidity of Russian securities. These sanctions, and the continued disruption of the Russian economy, could have a negative effect on the performance of the Fund. Compliance with each of these sanctions may impair the ability of the Fund to buy, sell, hold, receive, deliver or otherwise transact in the affected securities or other securities of such issuers. If it becomes impracticable or unlawful for the Fund to hold securities subject to, or otherwise

affected by, sanctions, or if deemed appropriate by the Fund's investment adviser, the Fund may prohibit inkind deposits of the affected securities in connection with creation transactions and instead require a cash deposit, which may also increase the Fund's transaction costs.

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

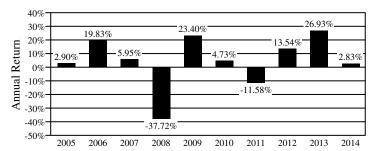
Unconstrained Sector Risk: The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets within one or more economic sectors or industries, which may change from time to time. Greater investment focus on one or more sectors or industries increases the potential for volatility and the risk that events negatively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

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

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 15.94% (Q2, 2009) Lowest Quarterly Return: -19.80% (Q4, 2008)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -8.38%.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

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

| | One Year | Five Years | Ten Years |
|--|----------|------------|-----------|
| Return Before Taxes | 2.83% | 6.53% | 3.26% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 2.18% | 6.04% | 2.82% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 2.12% | 5.15% | 2.63% |
| The Global Dow¹ (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 2.86% | 7.04% | N/A |
| MSCI World Index ² (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 4.94% | 10.21% | 6.03% |

The Global Dow inception date is November 9, 2008.

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

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PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

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

The Fund's index prior to May 2, 2011, was the Dow Jones Global Titans 50 Index U.S. Close. The Fund's use of the Dow Jones Global Titans 50 Index U.S. Close was discontinued in July 2012 and the MSCI World Index returns are shown instead for each time period. The Fund has never sought to track the performance of the MSCI World Index.

SPDR® Dow Jones REIT ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.25% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.25% |

The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 5% of the average value of its portfolio.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the Dow Jones U.S. Select REIT Index (the "Index"), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. ("SSGA FM" or the "Adviser"), the investment adviser to the Fund, may invest the Fund's assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund's assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

The Index is designed to provide a measure of real estate securities that serve as proxies for direct real estate investing, in part by excluding securities whose value is not always closely tied to the value of the underlying real estate. The reason for the exclusions is that factors other than real estate supply and demand, such as interest rates, influence the market value of these companies. The Index is a market capitalization weighted index of publicly traded real estate investment trusts ("REITs") and is comprised of companies whose charters are the equity ownership and operation of commercial real estate and which operate under the REIT Act of 1960. To be included in the Index, a company must be both an equity owner and operator of commercial and/or residential real estate. Businesses excluded from the Index include: mortgage REITs, net-lease REITs, real estate finance companies, mortgage brokers and bankers, commercial and residential real estate brokers and real estate agents, home builders, large landowners and subdividers of unimproved land, hybrid REITs, and timber REITs, as well as companies that have more than 25% of their assets in direct mortgage investments. A company must have a minimum total market capitalization of at least \$200 million at the time of its inclusion, and at least 75% of the company's total revenue must be derived from the ownership and operation of real estate assets. The liquidity of the company's stock must be commensurate with that of other institutionally held real estate securities. The Index is generally rebalanced quarterly, and returns are calculated on a buy and hold basis except as necessary to reflect the occasional occurrence of Index changes in the middle of the month. Each REIT in the Index is weighted by its float-adjusted market capitalization. That is, each security is weighted to reflect the attainable market performance of the security which reflects that portion of securities shares that are accessible to investors. The Index is priced daily and is a total return (price and income) benchmark. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 96 REITs.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

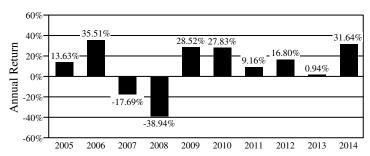
Real Estate Securities Risk: The Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in the real estate sector, which means the Fund will be more affected by the performance of the real estate sector than a fund that is more diversified. An investment in a real property company may be subject to risks similar to those associated with direct ownership of real estate, including, by way of example, the possibility of declines in the value of real estate, losses from casualty or condemnation, and changes in local and general economic conditions, supply and demand, interest rates, environmental liability, zoning laws, regulatory limitations on rents, property taxes, and operating expenses. Some real property companies have limited diversification because they invest in a limited number of properties, a narrow geographic area, or a single type of property.

REIT Risk: In addition to the risks associated with investing in the securities of real property companies, real estate investment trusts ("REITs") are subject to certain additional risks. REITs are dependent upon specialized management skills, and are also subject to heavy cash flow dependency which makes REITs particularly reliant on the proper functioning of capital markets. Investments in REITs are also subject to the risks affecting equity markets generally. A variety of economic and other factors may adversely affect a lessee's ability to meet its obligations to a REIT. In the event of a default by a lessee, the REIT may experience delays in enforcing its rights as a lessor and may incur substantial costs associated in protecting its investments. A REIT could fail to qualify for favorable regulatory treatment.

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 35.38% (Q3, 2009) Lowest Quarterly Return: -39.70% (Q4, 2008)

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

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

| | One Year | Five Years | Ten Years |
|--|----------|------------|-----------|
| Return Before Taxes | 31.64% | 16.71% | 7.97% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 29.78% | 15.29% | 6.58% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 17.82% | 12.78% | 5.82% |
| Dow Jones U.S. Select REIT Index | | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 32.00% | 17.00% | 8.13% |

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

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PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P Bank ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Bank ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of publicly traded national money centers and leading regional banks.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.35% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.35% |

¹ The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 18% of the average value of its portfolio.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

The Index represents the banks industry group of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The Index is one of twenty-five (25) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standards ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&PTMI constituents belonging to the particular GICS sub-industry or group of sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$2 billion with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) above 100%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. If there are fewer than 35 stocks, stocks from a supplementary list of highly correlated sub-industries that meet the market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are included in order of their floatadjusted market capitalization. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the guarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$1 billion or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&P TMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE MKT, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, and NASDAQ Capital Market. The Index is a modified equal weighted index. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 63 stocks.

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PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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

Banking Sector Risk: The Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in the banking sector, which means the Fund will be more affected by the performance of the banking sector versus a fund that is more diversified. The performance of bank stocks may be affected by extensive governmental regulation which may limit both the amounts and types of loans and other financial commitments they can make, and the interest rates and fees they can charge and the amount of capital they must maintain. Profitability is largely dependent on the availability and cost of capital funds, and can fluctuate significantly when interest rates change. Credit losses resulting from financial difficulties of borrowers can negatively impact the sector. Banks may also be subject to severe price competition. The regional banking industry is highly competitive and failure to maintain or increase market share may result in lost market share.

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

Financial Institution Risk: Changes in the creditworthiness of financial institutions (such as banks and broker-dealers) may adversely affect the values of instruments of issuers in financial industries. Adverse developments in banking and other financial industries may cause the Fund to underperform relative to other funds that invest more broadly across different industries or have a smaller exposure to financial institutions. Changes in governmental regulation and oversight of financial institutions may have an adverse effect on the financial condition of a financial institution.

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

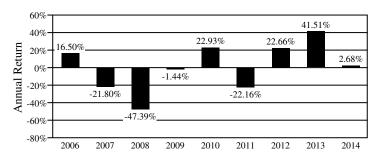
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Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

FUND PERFORMANCE

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ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 30.43% (Q2, 2009) Lowest Quarterly Return: -35.84% (Q1, 2009)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was 0.29%.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Prior to October 24, 2011, the Fund's investment strategy sought to track the total return performance of an index different from the S&P Banks Select Industry Index. Performance of the Fund prior to October 24, 2011 is therefore based on the Fund's investment strategy to track the prior index.

| | One Year | Five Years | Since Inception (11/8/05) |
|---|----------|------------|------------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes | 2.68% | 11.27% | -1.94% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 2.29% | 10.94% | -2.44% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 1.83% | 8.98% | -1.40% |
| S&P Banks Select Industry Index* (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 3.03% | N/A | N/A |
| KBW Bank Index (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 9.37% | 13.75% | -0.76% |

^{*} The S&P Banks Select Industry Index inception date is September 12, 2011.

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PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P Capital Markets ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Capital Markets ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of publicly traded companies that do business as broker-dealers, asset managers, trust and custody banks or exchanges.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.35% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.35% |

The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

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

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

The Index represents the capital markets industry group of the S&PTotal Market Index ("S&PTMI"). The Index is one of twenty-five (25) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standards ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&PTMI constituents belonging to the particular GICS sub-industry or group of sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) above 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) above 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. If there are fewer than 35 stocks, stocks from a supplementary list of highly correlated sub-industries that meet the market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are included in order of their float-adjusted market capitalization. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the guarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The Index is float-adjusted and market capitalization weighted. Index constituents are added and removed on an as-needed basis. Share counts are updated on a quarterly basis. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 44 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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

Capital Markets Sector Risk: The Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in the capital markets sector, which means the Fund will be more affected by the performance of the capital markets sector versus a fund that is more diversified. Companies within the Index can be significantly affected by stock and bank trading activity, changes in governmental regulation, continuing increases in price competition, decreases in fees or fee-related business, including investment banking, brokerage, asset management and other servicing fees, fluctuation in interest rates and other factors which could adversely affect financial markets.

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

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

Declining real estate values could adversely affect financial institutions engaged in mortgage finance or other lending or investing activities directly or indirectly connected to the value of real estate.

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

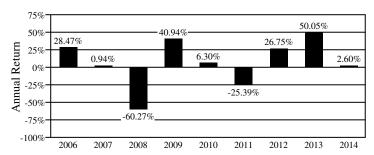
Non-Diversification Risk: As a "non-diversified" fund, the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value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

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 29.06% (Q2, 2009) Lowest Quarterly Return: -33.43% (Q4, 2008)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -16 67%

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Prior to October 24, 2011, the Fund's investment strategy sought to track the total return performance of an index different from the S&P Capital Markets Select Industry Index . Performance of the Fund prior to October 24, 2011 is therefore based on the Fund's investment strategy to track the prior index.

| | One Year | Five Years | Since Inception (11/8/05) |
|--|----------|------------|------------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes | 2.60% | 9.13% | 1.60% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 2.15% | 8.54% | 1.16% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 1.74% | 7.09% | 1.22% |
| S&P Capital Markets Select Industry Index* | | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 2.83% | N/A | N/A |
| KBW Capital Markets Index (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 13.14% | 10.82% | 2.59% |

^{*} The S&P Capital Markets Select Industry Index inception date is September 12, 2011.

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

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PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P Insurance ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Insurance ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of publicly traded companies in the insurance industry.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.35% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.35% |

¹ The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

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THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

The Index represents the insurance industry group of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The Index is one of twenty-five (25) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standards ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&PTMI constituents belonging to the particular GICS sub-industry or group of sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$2 billion with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) above 90%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. If there are fewer than 35 stocks, stocks from a supplementary list of highly correlated sub-industries that meet the market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are included in order of their floatadjusted market capitalization. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$1 billion or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the guarter ending month. The Index is float-adjusted market capitalization weighted. Index constituents are added and removed on an as-needed basis. Share counts are updated on a quarterly basis. The Index is a modified equal weighted index. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 50 stocks.

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PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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

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

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the

Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

Insurance Sector Risk: The Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in the insurance sector, which means the Fund will be more affected by the performance of the insurance sector versus a fund that is more diversified. Insurance companies' profits are affected by many factors, including interest rate movements, the imposition of premium rate caps, competition and pressure to compete globally. Certain types of insurance companies may also be affected by weather catastrophes and other disasters and mortality rates. In addition, although the industry is currently subject to extensive regulation, companies in this industry may be adversely affected by increased governmental regulations or tax law changes in the future.

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

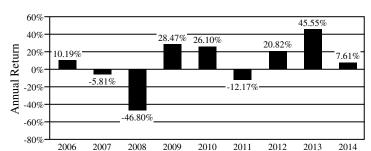
Non-Diversification Risk: As a "non-diversified" fund, the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value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

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 36.67% (Q3, 2009) Lowest Quarterly Return: -28.64% (Q4, 2008)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was 2.38%.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Prior to October 24, 2011, the Fund's investment strategy sought to track the total return performance of an index different from the S&P Insurance Select Industry Index . Performance of the Fund prior to October 24, 2011 is therefore based on the Fund's investment strategy to track the prior index.

| | One Year | Five Years | Since Inception (11/8/05) |
|--|----------|------------|------------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes | 7.61% | 15.95% | 4.53% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 7.12% | 15.54% | 4.18% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 4.65% | 12.85% | 3.55% |
| S&P Insurance Select Industry Index* | | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 8.01% | N/A | N/A |
| KBW Insurance Index | | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 7.96% | 16.92% | 5.16% |

^{*} The S&P Insurance Select Industry Index inception date is September 12, 2011.

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TAX INFORMATION

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PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P Regional Banking ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Regional Banking ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the regional banking segment of the U.S. banking industry.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.35% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.35% |

¹ The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 27% of the average value of its portfolio.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

The Index represents the regional banks industry group of the S&PTotal Market Index ("S&PTMI"). The Index is one of twenty-five (25) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standards ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&PTMI constituents belonging to the particular GICS sub-industry or group of sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) float-adjusted market capitalization above \$500 million with a floatadjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) above 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) above 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. If there are fewer than 35 stocks, stocks from a supplementary list of highly correlated sub-industries that meet the market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are included in order of their float-adjusted market capitalization. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&PTMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE MKT, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market and NASDAQ Capital Market. The Index is a modified egual weighted index. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 91 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING INTHE FUND

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

Banking Sector Risk: The Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in the banking sector, which means the Fund will be more affected by the performance of the banking sector versus a fund that is more diversified. The performance of bank stocks may be affected by extensive governmental regulation which may limit both the amounts and types of loans and other financial commitments they can make, and the interest rates and fees they can charge and the amount of capital they must maintain. Profitability is largely dependent on the availability and cost of capital funds, and can fluctuate significantly when interest rates change. Credit losses resulting from financial difficulties of borrowers can negatively impact the sector. Banks may also be subject to severe price competition. The regional banking industry is highly competitive and failure to maintain or increase market share may result in lost market share.

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

Financial Institution Risk: Changes in the creditworthiness of financial institutions (such as banks and broker-dealers) may adversely affect the values of instruments of issuers in financial industries. Adverse developments in banking and other financial industries may cause the Fund to underperform relative to other funds that invest more broadly across different industries or have a smaller exposure to financial institutions. Changes in governmental regulation and oversight of financial institutions may have an adverse effect on the financial condition of a financial institution.

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the

Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

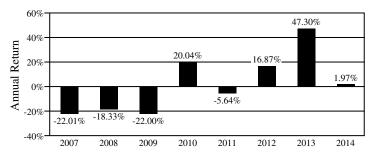
Non-Diversification Risk: As a "non-diversified" fund, the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value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

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 34.92% (Q3, 2008) Lowest Quarterly Return: -33.24% (Q1, 2009)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was 2.41%.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The returns after taxes can exceed the returns before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit for a shareholder from realizing a capital loss on a sale of Fund Shares. Prior to October 24, 2011, the Fund's investment strategy sought to track the total return performance of an index different from the S&P Regional Banks Select Industry Index . Performance of the Fund prior to October 24, 2011 is therefore based on the Fund's investment strategy to track the prior index.

| | One Year | Five Years | (6/19/06) |
|--|----------|------------|-----------|
| Return Before Taxes | 1.97% | 14.74% | 0.53% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 1.57% | 14.33% | -0.06% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 1.42% | 11.82% | 0.28% |
| S&P Regional Banks Select Industry Index* (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 2.35% | N/A | N/A |
| KBW Regional Banking Index (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 2.42% | 14.24% | 0.34% |

The S&P Regional Banks Select Industry Index inception date is September 12, 2011.

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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

Mike Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser. He joined the Adviser in 2010.

John Tucker, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser. He joined the Adviser in 1988.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Vice President of the Adviser. He joined the Adviser in 1996.

PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® Morgan Stanley Technology ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR Morgan Stanley Technology ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of publicly traded electronics-based technology companies.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees ¹ | 0.35% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ² | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses ¹ | 0.35% |

¹ The Fund's "Management fees" and "Total annual Fund operating expenses" have been restated to reflect a reduction in the Fund's "Management fees."

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 9% of the average value of its portfolio.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the Morgan Stanley Technology Index (the "Index"), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. ("SSGA FM" or the "Adviser"), the investment adviser to the Fund, may invest the Fund's assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund's assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index.

² The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

The Index is composed of 35 leading US Technology related companies. The Index was the first listed broad-market technology barometer dedicated exclusively to the electronics-based technology industry. The Index comprises companies drawn from the Information Technology, or Consumer Discretionary GICS Sectors as defined and published by MSCI INC (http://www.msci.com/products/indexes/sector/gics/). The Morgan Stanley Technology Index is calculated and maintained by NYSE ARCA INC., a wholly-owned subsidiary of NYSE GROUP INC ("NYSE"). Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC ("Morgan Stanley") acts as consultant to the NYSE in connection with NYSE's maintenance of the Index. The Index is equal-dollar-weighted to ensure that each of its component securities is represented in approximate equal dollar value. To ensure that each component stock continues to represent approximate equal market value in the Index, adjustments, if necessary, are made annually after the close of trading on the third Friday of December. As of September 30, 2015, the Index was comprised of 36 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING INTHE FUND

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

Electronics Industry Risk: The electronics industry can be significantly affected by competitive pressures, aggressive pricing, technological developments, changing domestic demand, the ability to attract and retain skilled employees and availability and price of components. The market for products is characterized by rapidly changing technology, rapid product obsolescence, cyclical market patterns, evolving industry standards and frequent new product introductions. The success of industry participants depends in substantial part on the timely and successful introduction of new products. An unexpected change in one or more of the technologies affecting an issuer's products or in the market for products based on a particular technology could have a material adverse effect on a participant's operating results. Companies in the electronics industry may rely on a combination of patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secret laws to establish and protect their proprietary rights in their products and technologies. There can be no assurance that the steps taken by such companies to protect their proprietary rights will be adequate to prevent misappropriation of their technology or that competitors will not independently develop technologies that are substantially equivalent or superior to such companies' technology.

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

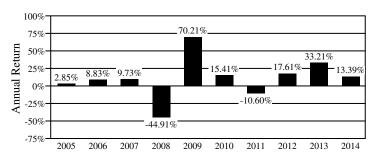
Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

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

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 24.81% (Q2, 2009) Lowest Quarterly Return: -28.11% (Q4, 2008)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -1.02%.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

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

| | One Year | Five Years | Ten Years |
|--|----------|------------|-----------|
| Return Before Taxes | 13.39% | 12.88% | 7.76% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 13.14% | 12.69% | 7.65% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 7.77% | 10.32% | 6.32% |
| Morgan Stanley Technology Index | | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 13.92% | 13.41% | 8.26% |

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P Dividend ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Dividend ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of publicly traded issuers that have historically followed a policy of making dividend payments.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.35% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.35% |

The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

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

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

The Index is designed to measure the performance of the highest dividend yielding S&P Composite 1500® Index constituents that have followed a managed-dividends policy of consistently increasing dividends every year for at least 20 consecutive years. Stocks included in the Index have both capital growth and dividend income characteristics, as opposed to stocks that are pure yield, or pure capital oriented, and must meet minimum float-adjusted market capitalization and liquidity requirements. Stocks within the Index are weighted by indicated yield (annualized gross dividend payment per share divided by price per share) and weight-adjusted each quarter. The Index components are reviewed annually in January for continued inclusion in the Index and re-weighted quarterly after the closing of the last business day of January, April, July and October. A component stock may be removed from the Index if, among other factors, 1) during the January rebalancing, the company's calendar year dividends did not increase from the previous calendar year, 2) during the January rebalancing, the company no longer has a float-adjusted market capitalization of at least US\$ 1.5 billion as of the rebalancing reference date, 3) during the January rebalancing, the company no longer has an average daily value traded of at least US\$ 4 million for the three-months prior to the rebalancing reference date, 4) between rebalancings, the stock is removed from the S&P Composite 1500 Index, or 5) during a quarterly rebalancing, the Index Provider (as defined below) determines that a company has reduced its calendar year dividend amount and will no longer qualify for the Index at the subsequent annual rebalancing. As of September 30, 2015, a significant portion of the Index comprised companies in the financial and consumer staples sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 100 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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

Consumer Staples Sector Risk: Consumer staples companies are subject to government regulation affecting their products which may negatively impact such companies' performance. For instance, government regulations may affect the permissibility of using various food additives and production methods of companies that make food products, which could affect company profitability. Tobacco companies may be adversely affected by the adoption of proposed legislation and/or by litigation. Also, the success of food, beverage, household and personal product companies may be strongly affected by consumer interest, marketing campaigns and other factors affecting supply and demand, including performance of the overall domestic and global economy, interest rates, competition and consumer confidence and spending.

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

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

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

major effect on the value of real estate securities (which include real estate investment trusts ("REITs")). Declining real estate values could adversely affect financial institutions engaged in mortgage finance or other lending or investing activities directly or indirectly connected to the value of real estate.

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

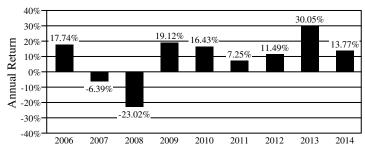
Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

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

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 17.28% (Q3, 2009) Lowest Quarterly Return: -16.22% (Q4, 2008)

 As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -6.64%.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

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

| | One Year | Five Years | Since Inception (11/8/05) |
|--|----------|------------|------------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes | 13.77% | 15.55% | 8.54% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 12.22% | 14.50% | 7.63% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 8.51% | 12.31% | 6.73% |
| S&P High Yield Dividend Aristocrats Index | | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 14.27% | 15.98% | 8.79% |

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

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PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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

Mike Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser. He joined the Adviser in 2010.

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PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P Aerospace & Defense ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Aerospace & Defense ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the aerospace and defense segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.35% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.35% |

The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

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

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

The Index represents the aerospace and defense industry group of the S&PTotal Market Index ("S&PTMI"). The Index is one of twenty-five (25) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standards ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&PTMI constituents belonging to the particular GICS subindustry or group of sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) above 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) above 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. If there are fewer than 35 stocks, stocks from a supplementary list of highly correlated sub-industries that meet the market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are included in order of their float-adjusted market capitalization. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&PTMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE MKT, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, and NASDAQ Capital Market. The Index is an equal weighted market cap index. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 33 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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

Aerospace and Defense Sector Risk: The Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in the aerospace and defense industry, which means the Fund will be more affected by the performance of the aerospace and defense industry versus a fund that is more diversified. The aerospace and defense industry can be significantly affected by government aerospace and defense regulation and spending policies because companies involved in this industry rely to a significant extent on U.S. (and other) government demand for their products and services. Thus, the financial condition of, and investor interest in, aerospace and defense companies are heavily influenced by governmental defense spending policies which are typically under pressure from efforts to control the U.S. (and other) government budgets.

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

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

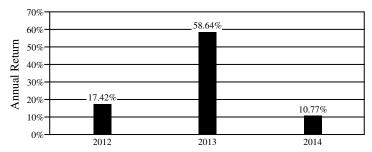
Non-Diversification Risk: As a "non-diversified" fund, the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value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

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 17.76% (Q4, 2013) Lowest Quarterly Return: -3.79% (Q2, 2012)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -7.26%.

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AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

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| | | Since inception |
|--|----------|-----------------|
| | One Year | (9/28/11) |
| Return Before Taxes | 10.77% | 29.12% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 10.46% | 28.49% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 6.31% | 23.30% |
| S&P Aerospace & Defense Select Industry Index | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 11.12% | 29.63% |
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PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

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PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P Biotech ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Biotech ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the biotechnology segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.35% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.35% |

The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 78% of the average value of its portfolio.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

The Index represents the biotechnology industry group of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The Index is one of twenty-five (25) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standards ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&PTMI constituents belonging to the particular GICS sub-industry or group of sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) above 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) above 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. If there are fewer than 35 stocks, stocks from a supplementary list of highly correlated sub-industries that meet the market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are included in order of their float-adjusted market capitalization. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&PTMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE MKT, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, and NASDAQ Capital Market. The Index is an equal weighted market cap index. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 101 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING INTHE FUND

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

Biotechnology Sector Risk: The Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in the biotechnology industry, which means the Fund will be more affected by the performance of the biotechnology industry versus a fund that is more diversified. Companies within the biotech industry invest heavily in research and development which may not necessarily lead to commercially successful products. This industry is also subject to increased governmental regulation which may delay or inhibit the release of new products. Many biotech companies are dependent upon their ability to use and enforce intellectual property rights and patents. Any impairment of such rights may have adverse financial consequences. Biotech stocks, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Biotech companies can be significantly affected by technological change and obsolescence, product liability lawsuits and consequential high insurance costs.

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

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

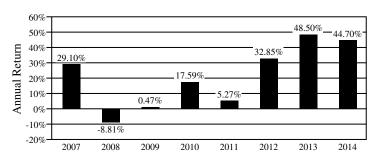
Non-Diversification Risk: As a "non-diversified" fund, the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value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

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 23.81% (Q3, 2013) Lowest Quarterly Return: -18.48% (Q3, 2011)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was 0.55%.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

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

| | | | Since Inception |
|--|----------|------------|-----------------|
| | One Year | Five Years | (1/31/06) |
| Return Before Taxes | 44.70% | 28.72% | 16.43% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 43.98% | 28.56% | 16.30% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 25.30% | 23.90% | 13.84% |
| S&P Biotechnology Select Industry Index | | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 43.24% | 28.56% | 16.52% |

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PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P Building & Construction ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Building & Construction ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the building and construction segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.35% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses ² | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.35% |

The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

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

| Year 1 | Year 3 |
|--------|--------|
| \$36 | \$113 |

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

² "Other expenses" are based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.

The Index represents the building and construction industry group of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The Index is one of twenty-five (25) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standards ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&PTMI constituents belonging to the particular GICS subindustry or group of sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) above 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) above 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. If there are fewer than 35 stocks, stocks from a supplementary list of highly correlated sub-industries that meet the market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are included in order of their float-adjusted market capitalization. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&PTMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE MKT, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, and NASDAQ Capital Market. The Index is an equal weighted market cap index. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 132 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING INTHE FUND

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

Building and Construction Sector Risk: The Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in the building and construction industry, which means the Fund will be more affected by the performance of the building and construction industry versus a fund that is more diversified. Companies within the Index can be significantly affected by the national, regional and local residential and commercial real estate markets. This industry is also sensitive to interest rate fluctuations which can cause changes in the availability of mortgage capital and directly affect the purchasing power of potential homebuyers. The building industry can be significantly affected by changes in government spending, zoning laws, taxation, consumer confidence, real estate values, demographic patterns, building inventories, and the level of new and existing home sales. Natural disasters and environmental issues can also affect the building industry.

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

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

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

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

FUND PERFORMANCE

The Fund had not yet commenced operations as of the date of this Prospectus. Once the Fund has completed a full calendar year of operations, a bar chart and table will be included that will provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing the variability of the Fund's returns based on net assets and comparing the Fund's performance to the Index.

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TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P Computer Hardware ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Computer Hardware ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the computer hardware segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.35% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses ² | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.35% |

The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE.

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

| Year 1 | Year 3 |
|--------|--------|
| \$36 | \$113 |

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

² "Other expenses" are based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.

The Index represents the computer hardware industry group of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The Index is one of twenty-five (25) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standards ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&PTMI constituents belonging to the particular GICS sub-industry or group of sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) above 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) above 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. If there are fewer than 35 stocks, stocks from a supplementary list of highly correlated sub-industries that meet the market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are included in order of their float-adjusted market capitalization. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&PTMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE MKT, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, and NASDAQ Capital Market. The Index is an equal weighted market cap index. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 35 stocks.

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PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING INTHE FUND

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Computer Hardware Sector Risk: The Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in the computer hardware industry, which means the Fund will be more affected by the performance of the computer hardware industry versus a fund that is more diversified. The Fund will concentrate in segments of the computer industry. The computer industry can be significantly affected by competitive pressures, aggressive pricing, technological developments, changing domestic demand, the ability to attract and retain skilled employees and availability and price of components. The market for products produced by computer companies is characterized by rapidly changing technology, rapid product obsolescence, cyclical market patterns, evolving industry standards and frequent new product introductions. The success of industry participants depends in substantial part on the timely and successful introduction of new products. An unexpected change in one or more of the technologies affecting an issuer's products or in the market for products based on a particular technology could have a material adverse effect on a participant's operating results.

Many computer companies rely on a combination of patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secret laws to establish and protect their proprietary rights in their products and technologies. There can be no assurance that the steps taken by computer companies to protect their proprietary rights will be adequate to prevent misappropriation of their technology or that competitors will not independently develop technologies that are substantially equivalent or superior to such companies' technology.

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the

Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

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

FUND PERFORMANCE

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TAX INFORMATION

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PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P Food & Beverage ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Food & Beverage ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the food and beverage segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.35% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses ² | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.35% |

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EXAMPLE.

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| Year 1 | Year 3 |
|--------|--------|
| \$36 | \$113 |

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THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

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Consumer Staples Sector Risk: Consumer staples companies are subject to government regulation affecting their products which may negatively impact such companies' performance. For instance, government regulations may affect the permissibility of using various food additives and production methods of companies that make food products, which could affect company profitability. Tobacco companies may be adversely affected by the adoption of proposed legislation and/or by litigation. Also, the success of food, beverage, household and personal product companies may be strongly affected by consumer interest, marketing campaigns and other factors affecting supply and demand, including performance of the overall domestic and global economy, interest rates, competition and consumer confidence and spending.

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

Food and Beverage Sector Risk: The Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in the food and beverage industry, which means the Fund will be more affected by the performance of the food and beverage industry versus a fund that is more diversified. The food and beverage industry is highly competitive and can be significantly affected by demographic and product trends, competitive pricing, food fads, marketing campaigns, environmental factors, government regulation, consumer preferences, nutritional and health concerns, federal, state and local food inspection and processing controls, consumer product liability claims, possible product tampering and the availability/expense of liability insurance. There are also risks associated with changing market prices as a result of, among other things, change in government support and trading policies, and agricultural conditions influencing the growth and harvest seasons.

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out

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

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

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

Retail Sector Risk: Retail and related industries can be significantly affected by the performance of the domestic and international economy, consumer confidence and spending, intense competition, changes in demographics, and changing consumer tastes and preferences.

FUND PERFORMANCE

The Fund had not yet commenced operations as of the date of this Prospectus. Once the Fund has completed a full calendar year of operations, a bar chart and table will be included that will provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing the variability of the Fund's returns based on net assets and comparing the Fund's performance to the Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P Health Care Equipment ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Health Care Equipment ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the health care equipment and supplies segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.35% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.35% |

¹ The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 40% of the average value of its portfolio.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

The Index represents the health care equipment industry group of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The Index is one of twenty-five (25) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standards ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&PTMI constituents belonging to the particular GICS subindustry or group of sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) above 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) above 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. If there are fewer than 35 stocks, stocks from a supplementary list of highly correlated sub-industries that meet the market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are included in order of their float-adjusted market capitalization. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&PTMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE MKT, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, and NASDAQ Capital Market. The Index is an equal weighted market cap index. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 71 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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

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

Health Care Equipment Sector Risk: The Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in the health care equipment and supplies industry, which means the Fund will be more affected by the performance of the health care equipment and supplies industry versus a fund that is more diversified. Companies in the health care industry are affected by rising costs of medical products, devices and services and the increased emphasis on the delivery of health care through outpatient services. The health care industry is highly competitive and can be significantly affected by extensive government regulation or government reimbursement for medical expenses. The equipment may be subject to extensive litigation based on malpractice claims, product liability claims or other litigation. Medical equipment manufacturers are heavily dependent on patent protection and the expiration of patents may adversely affect their profitability. Many new health care products are subject to the approval of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"). The process of obtaining FDA approval is often long and expensive.

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

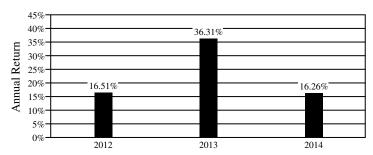
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Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 18.26% (Q4, 2014) Lowest Quarterly Return: -4.64% (Q4, 2012)

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

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

| | One Year | Since Inception (1/26/11) |
|--|----------|------------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes | 16.26% | 16.28% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 15.56% | 15.93% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 9.41% | 12.90% |
| S&P Health Care Equipment Select Industry Index | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 16.36% | 16.65% |

^{*} As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -0.41%.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P Health Care Services ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Health Care Services ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the health care providers and services segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

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

| Management fees | 0.35% |
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| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.35% |

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

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THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

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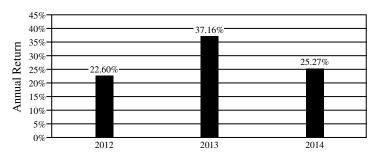
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FUND PERFORMANCE

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ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 14.35% (Q1, 2013) Lowest Quarterly Return: -0.99% (Q2, 2012)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was 1.76%.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

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| | One Year | Since Inception (9/28/11) |
|--|----------|------------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes | 25.27% | 30.36% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 24.77% | 29.66% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 14.44% | 24.26% |
| S&P Health Care Services Select Industry Index | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 25.71% | 30.88% |

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P Homebuilders ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Homebuilders ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the homebuilding segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.35% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.35% |

¹ The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 25% of the average value of its portfolio.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

The Index represents the homebuilders industry group of the S&PTotal Market Index ("S&PTMI"). The Index is one of twenty-five (25) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standards ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&PTMI constituents belonging to the particular GICS sub-industry or group of sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) above 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) above 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. If there are fewer than 35 stocks, stocks from a supplementary list of highly correlated sub-industries that meet the market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are included in order of their float-adjusted market capitalization. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&PTMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE MKT, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, and NASDAQ Capital Market. The Index is an equal weighted market cap index. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 35 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING INTHE FUND

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

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

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

Homebuilding Sector Risk: The Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in the homebuilding industry, which means the Fund will be more affected by the performance of the homebuilding industry versus a fund that is more diversified. Companies within the Index can be significantly affected by the national, regional and local real estate markets. This industry is also sensitive to interest rate fluctuations which can cause changes in the availability of mortgage capital and directly affect the purchasing power of potential homebuyers. The building industry can be significantly affected by changes in government spending, consumer confidence, demographic patterns and the level of new and existing home sales.

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

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

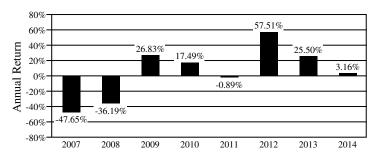
Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

Retail Sector Risk: Retail and related industries can be significantly affected by the performance of the domestic and international economy, consumer confidence and spending, intense competition, changes in demographics, and changing consumer tastes and preferences.

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 28.86% (Q4, 2011) Lowest Quarterly Return: -37.91% (Q4, 2008)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was 0.63%.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

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

| | One Year | Five Years | Since Inception (1/31/06) |
|--|----------|------------|------------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes | 3.16% | 18.88% | -2.40% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 3.01% | 18.63% | -2.64% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 1.89% | 15.34% | -1.85% |
| S&P Homebuilders Select Industry Index (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 3.42% | 19.25% | -2.31% |

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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

Mike Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser. He joined the Adviser in 2010.

John Tucker, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser. He joined the Adviser in 1988.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Vice President of the Adviser. He joined the Adviser in 1996.

PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P LeisureTime ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P LeisureTime ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the leisure industry segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.35% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses ² | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.35% |

The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE.

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

| Year 1 | Year 3 |
|--------|--------|
| \$36 | \$113 |

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

² "Other expenses" are based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.

The Index represents the leisure industry group of the S&PTotal Market Index ("S&PTMI"). The Index is one of twenty-five (25) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standards ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&PTMI constituents belonging to the particular GICS sub-industry or group of sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) above 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) above 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. If there are fewer than 35 stocks, stocks from a supplementary list of highly correlated sub-industries that meet the market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are included in order of their float-adjusted market capitalization. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the guarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&PTMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE MKT, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, and NASDAQ Capital Market. The Index is an equal weighted market cap index. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 74 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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

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

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

Leisure Sector Risk: The Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in the leisure industry, which means the Fund will be more affected by the performance of the leisure industry versus a fund that is more diversified. The leisure industry can be significantly affected by the performance of the overall economy, changing consumer tastes, intense competition, technological developments, and government regulation.

Market Risk: The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, and general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic

growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets.

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

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

Retail Sector Risk: Retail and related industries can be significantly affected by the performance of the domestic and international economy, consumer confidence and spending, intense competition, changes in demographics, and changing consumer tastes and preferences.

FUND PERFORMANCE

The Fund had not yet commenced operations as of the date of this Prospectus. Once the Fund has completed a full calendar year of operations, a bar chart and table will be included that will provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing the variability of the Fund's returns based on net assets and comparing the Fund's performance to the Index.

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

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PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P Metals & Mining ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Metals & Mining ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the metals and mining segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.35% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.35% |

¹ The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 38% of the average value of its portfolio.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

The Index represents the metals and mining industry group of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The Index is one of twenty-five (25) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standards ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&PTMI constituents belonging to the particular GICS sub-industry or group of sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) above 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) above 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. If there are fewer than 35 stocks, stocks from a supplementary list of highly correlated sub-industries that meet the market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are included in order of their float-adjusted market capitalization. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&PTMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE MKT, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, and NASDAQ Capital Market. The Index is an equal weighted market cap index. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 28 stocks.

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PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING INTHE FUND

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

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

Materials Sector Risk: Many materials companies are significantly affected by the level and volatility of commodity prices, exchange rates, import controls, worldwide competition, environmental policies and consumer demand. At times, worldwide production of industrial materials has exceeded demand as a result of over-building or economic downturns, leading to poor investment returns or losses. Other risks may include liabilities for environmental damage and general civil liabilities, depletion of resources, and mandated expenditures for safety and pollution control. The materials sector may also be affected by economic cycles, technical progress, labor relations, and government regulations.

Metals and Mining Sector Risk: The Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in the metals and mining industry, which means the Fund will be more affected by the performance of the metals and mining industry versus a fund that is more diversified. The metals and mining sector can be significantly affected by events relating to international political and economic developments, energy conservation, the success of exploration projects, commodity prices, and tax and other government regulations. Investments in metals and mining industry companies may be speculative and may be subject to greater price volatility than investments in other types of companies. Risks of metals and mining investments include: changes in international monetary policies or economic and political conditions that can affect the supply of precious metals and consequently the value of metals and mining company investments; the United States or foreign governments may pass laws or regulations limiting metals investments for strategic or other policy reasons; and increased environmental or labor costs may depress the value of metals and mining investments.

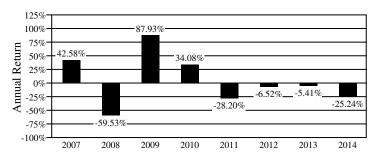
Non-Diversification Risk: As a "non-diversified" fund, the Fund may hold a smaller number of portfolio securities than many other funds. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value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

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 47.81% (Q2, 2009) Lowest Quarterly Return: -49.76% (Q3, 2008)

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

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

| | | | Since Inception |
|--|----------|------------|-----------------|
| | One Year | Five Years | (6/19/06) |
| Return Before Taxes | -25.24% | -8.64% | -2.78% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | -25.69% | -8.91% | -3.02% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | -14.06% | -6.21% | -1.97% |
| S&P Metals & Mining Select Industry Index | | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | -25.63% | -8.60% | -2.67% |

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

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^{*} As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -45.10%.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P Oil & Gas Equipment & Services ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Equipment & Services ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the oil and gas equipment and services segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.35% |
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| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.35% |

The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 36% of the average value of its portfolio.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Oil & Gas Equipment & Services Select Industry Index (the "Index"), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. ("SSGA FM" or the "Adviser"), the investment adviser to the Fund, may invest the Fund's assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund's assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index.

The Index represents the oil and gas equipment and services industry group of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The Index is one of twenty-five (25) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standards ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&PTMI constituents belonging to the particular GICS subindustry or group of sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) above 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) above 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. If there are fewer than 35 stocks, stocks from a supplementary list of highly correlated sub-industries that meet the market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are included in order of their float-adjusted market capitalization. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&PTMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE MKT, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, and NASDAQ Capital Market. The Index is an equal weighted market cap index. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 41 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING INTHE FUND

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

Energy Sector Risk: Issuers in energy-related industries can be significantly affected by fluctuations in energy prices and supply and demand of energy fuels. Markets for various energy-related commodities can have significant volatility, and are subject to control or manipulation by large producers or purchasers. Companies in the energy sector may need to make substantial expenditures, and to incur significant amounts of debt, in order to maintain or expand their reserves.

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

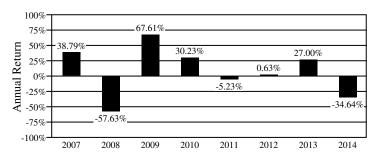
Oil and Gas Sector Risk: The Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in the oil and gas equipment and services industry, which means the Fund will be more affected by the performance of the oil and gas equipment and services industry versus a fund that is more diversified. Companies in the oil and gas sector develop and produce crude oil and natural gas and provide drilling and other energy resources production and distribution related services. Stock prices for these types of companies are affected by supply and demand both for their specific product or service and for energy products in general. The price of oil and gas, exploration and production spending, government regulation, world events and economic conditions will likewise affect the performance of these companies. Correspondingly, securities of companies in the energy field are subject to swift price and supply fluctuations caused by events relating to international politics, energy conservation, the success of exploration projects, and tax and other governmental regulatory policies. Weak demand for the companies' products or services or for energy products and services in general, as well as negative developments in these other areas, would adversely impact the Fund's performance. Oil and gas equipment and services can be significantly affected by natural disasters as well as changes in exchange rates, interest rates, government regulation, world events and economic conditions. These companies may be at risk for environmental damage claims.

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

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ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 30.39% (Q2, 2009) Lowest Quarterly Return: -47.62% (Q4, 2008)

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

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| | | | Since Inception |
|--|----------|------------|-----------------|
| | One Year | Five Years | (6/19/06) |
| Return Before Taxes | -34.64% | 0.61% | 0.77% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | -34.85% | 0.44% | 0.63% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | -19.40% | 0.53% | 0.64% |
| S&P Oil & Gas Equipment & Services Select Industry Index | | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | -34.57% | 0.82% | 1.00% |

^{*} As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -36.05%.

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

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TAX INFORMATION

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PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P® Oil & Gas Exploration & Production ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Exploration & Production ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the oil and gas exploration and production segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.35% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.35% |

¹ The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

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THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P Oil & Gas Exploration & Production Select Industry Index (the "Index"), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. ("SSGA FM" or the "Adviser"), the investment adviser to the Fund, may invest the Fund's assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund's assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index.

The Index represents the oil and gas exploration and production industry group of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The Index is one of twenty-five (25) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standards ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&PTMI constituents belonging to the particular GICS subindustry or group of sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) above 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) above 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. If there are fewer than 35 stocks, stocks from a supplementary list of highly correlated sub-industries that meet the market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are included in order of their float-adjusted market capitalization. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&PTMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE MKT, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, and NASDAQ Capital Market. The Index is an equal weighted market cap index. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 63 stocks.

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PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING INTHE FUND

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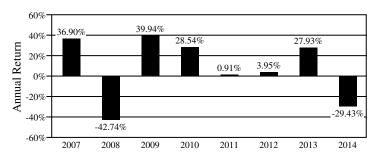
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ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 30.52% (Q2, 2008) Lowest Quarterly Return: -35.77% (Q3, 2008)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -30.49%.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

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

| | One Year | Five Years | (6/19/06) |
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| Return Before Taxes | -29.43% | 4.01% | 4.93% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | -29.67% | 3.76% | 4.75% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | -16.51% | 3.12% | 3.92% |
| S&P Oil & Gas Exploration & Production Select Industry Index | | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | -29.42% | 4.18% | 5.14% |

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

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PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P Outsourcing & IT Consulting ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Outsourcing & IT Consulting ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the outsourcing and information technology consulting segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.35% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses ² | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.35% |

The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

| Year 1 | Year 3 |
|--------|--------|
| \$36 | \$113 |

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

² "Other expenses" are based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.

The Index represents the outsourcing and information technology consulting industry group of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&PTMI"). The Index is one of twenty-five (25) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standards ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&PTMI constituents belonging to the particular GICS sub-industry or group of sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) above 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) above 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. If there are fewer than 35 stocks, stocks from a supplementary list of highly correlated sub-industries that meet the market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are included in order of their float-adjusted market capitalization. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&PTMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE MKT, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, and NASDAQ Capital Market. The Index is an equal weighted market cap index. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 53 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING INTHE FUND

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

Computer Sector Risk: The computer industry can be significantly affected by competitive pressures, aggressive pricing, technological developments, changing domestic demand, the ability to attract and retain skilled employees and availability and price of components. The market for products produced by computer companies is characterized by rapidly changing technology, rapid product obsolescence, cyclical market patterns, evolving industry standards and frequent new product introductions. The success of industry participants depends in substantial part on the timely and successful introduction of new products. An unexpected change in one or more of the technologies affecting an issuer's products or in the market for products based on a particular technology could have a material adverse effect on a participant's operating results.

Many computer companies rely on a combination of patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secret laws to establish and protect their proprietary rights in their products and technologies. There can be no assurance that the steps taken by computer companies to protect their proprietary rights will be adequate to prevent misappropriation of their technology or that competitors will not independently develop technologies that are substantially equivalent or superior to such companies' technology.

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

Outsourcing and Consulting Sector Risk: The Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in the outsourcing and information technology consulting industry, which means the Fund will be more affected by the performance of the outsourcing and information technology consulting industry versus a fund that is more diversified. The information technology consulting services and outsourcing industry can be significantly affected by competitive pressures, such as technological developments, fixed-rate pricing, and the ability to attract and retain skilled employees. The success of companies in this industry is subject to continued demand for business services.

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

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

FUND PERFORMANCE

The Fund had not yet commenced operations as of the date of this Prospectus. Once the Fund has completed a full calendar year of operations, a bar chart and table will be included that will provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing the variability of the Fund's returns based on net assets and comparing the Fund's performance to the Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P® Pharmaceuticals ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Pharmaceuticals ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the pharmaceuticals segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.35% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.35% |

The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

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

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

The Index represents the pharmaceuticals industry group of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The Index is one of twenty-five (25) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standards ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&PTMI constituents belonging to the particular GICS sub-industry or group of sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) above 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) above 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. If there are fewer than 35 stocks, stocks from a supplementary list of highly correlated sub-industries that meet the market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are included in order of their float-adjusted market capitalization. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&PTMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE MKT, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, and NASDAQ Capital Market. The Index is an equal weighted market cap index. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 41 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

Market Risk: The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, and general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic

growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets.

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

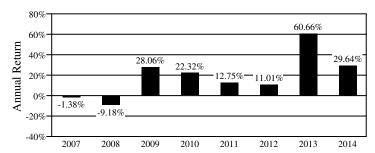
Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

Pharmaceuticals Sector Risk: The Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in the pharmaceuticals industry, which means the Fund will be more affected by the performance of the pharmaceuticals industry versus a fund that is more diversified. Companies in the pharmaceutical industry are heavily dependent on patent protection. The expiration of patents may adversely affect the profitability of the companies. Pharmaceutical companies are also subject to extensive litigation based on product liability and other similar claims. Many new products are subject to approval of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"). The process of obtaining FDA approval can be long and costly and approved products are susceptible to obsolescence. Pharmaceutical companies are also subject to heavy competitive forces that may make it difficult to raise prices and, in fact, may result in price discounting.

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 17.74% (Q3, 2009) Lowest Quarterly Return: -10.04% (Q1, 2009)

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

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

| | | | Since Inception |
|--|----------|------------|-----------------|
| | One Year | Five Years | (6/19/06) |
| Return Before Taxes | 29.64% | 26.07% | 17.77% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 27.35% | 25.30% | 17.24% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 17.46% | 21.40% | 14.87% |
| S&P Pharmaceuticals Select Industry Index | | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 29.73% | 26.38% | 18.02% |

^{*} As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -12.63%.

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PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P Retail ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Retail ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the retail segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.35% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.35% |

The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

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

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

The Index represents the retail industry group of the S&PTotal Market Index ("S&PTMI"). The Index is one of twentyfive (25) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standards ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&PTMI constituents belonging to the particular GICS sub-industry or group of sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) above 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) above 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. If there are fewer than 35 stocks, stocks from a supplementary list of highly correlated sub-industries that meet the market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are included in order of their float-adjusted market capitalization. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&PTMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE MKT, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, and NASDAQ Capital Market. The Index is an equal weighted market cap index. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 102 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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

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

Consumer Staples Sector Risk: Consumer staples companies are subject to government regulation affecting their products which may negatively impact such companies' performance. For instance, government regulations may affect the permissibility of using various food additives and production methods of companies that make food products, which could affect company profitability. Tobacco companies may be adversely affected by the adoption of proposed legislation and/or by litigation. Also, the success of food, beverage, household and personal product companies may be strongly affected by consumer interest, marketing campaigns and other factors affecting supply and demand, including performance of the overall domestic and global economy, interest rates, competition and consumer confidence and spending.

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

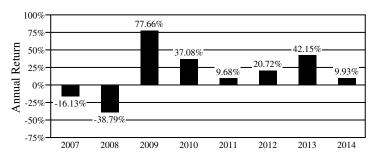
Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

Retail Sector Risk: The Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in the retail industry, which means the Fund will be more affected by the performance of the retail industry versus a fund that is more diversified. Retail and related industries can be significantly affected by the performance of the domestic and international economy, consumer confidence and spending, intense competition, changes in demographics, and changing consumer tastes and preferences.

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 23.68% (Q3, 2009) Lowest Quarterly Return: -32.30% (Q4, 2008)

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

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

| | | | Since Inception |
|--|----------|------------|-----------------|
| | One Year | Five Years | (6/19/06) |
| Return Before Taxes | 9.93% | 23.18% | 13.15% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 9.68% | 22.83% | 12.82% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 5.73% | 18.98% | 10.76% |
| S&P Retail Select Industry Index | | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 10.22% | 23.47% | 13.49% |

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

^{*} As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -6.89%.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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

Mike Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser. He joined the Adviser in 2010.

John Tucker, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser. He joined the Adviser in 1988.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Vice President of the Adviser. He joined the Adviser in 1996.

PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P Semiconductor ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Semiconductor ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the semiconductor segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.35% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.35% |

The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

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

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

The Index represents the semiconductors industry group of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The Index is one of twenty-five (25) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standards ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&PTMI constituents belonging to the particular GICS sub-industry or group of sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) above 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) above 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. If there are fewer than 35 stocks, stocks from a supplementary list of highly correlated sub-industries that meet the market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are included in order of their float-adjusted market capitalization. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&PTMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE MKT, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, and NASDAQ Capital Market. The Index is an equal weighted market cap index. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 46 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING INTHE FUND

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

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

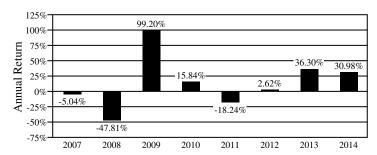
Semiconductor Sector Risk: The Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in the semiconductor industry, which means the Fund will be more affected by the performance of the semiconductor industry versus a fund that is more diversified. The Fund is subject to the risk that market or economic factors impacting companies in the semiconductor industry and companies that rely heavily on technology advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund's investments. The value of stocks of companies in the semiconductor industry and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly vulnerable to rapid changes in product cycles, rapid product obsolescence, government regulation and competition, both domestically and internationally, including competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Companies in the semiconductor industry and companies that rely heavily on technology, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Additionally, companies in the semiconductor industry may face dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel.

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

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 23.93% (Q2, 2009) Lowest Quarterly Return: -31.08% (Q4, 2008)

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

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

| | | | Since Inception |
|--|----------|------------|-----------------|
| | One Year | Five Years | (1/31/06) |
| Return Before Taxes | 30.98% | 11.65% | 5.29% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 30.82% | 11.50% | 5.16% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 17.64% | 9.27% | 4.19% |
| S&P Semiconductor Select Industry Index | | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 31.45% | 11.89% | 5.33% |

^{*} As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -4.93%.

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

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PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P Software & Services ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Software & Services ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the computer software segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.35% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.35% |

¹ The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 36% of the average value of its portfolio.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

The Index represents the software and services industry group of the S&P Total Stock Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The Index is one of twenty-five (25) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standards ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&PTMI constituents belonging to the particular GICS subindustry or group of sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) above 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) above 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. If there are fewer than 35 stocks, stocks from a supplementary list of highly correlated sub-industries that meet the market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are included in order of their float-adjusted market capitalization. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&PTMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE MKT, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, and NASDAQ Capital Market. The index is an equal weighted market cap index. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 180 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING INTHE FUND

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

Computer Software/Services Sector Risk: The Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in the computer industry, which means the Fund will be more affected by the performance of the computer industry versus a fund that is more diversified. The computer industry, including companies servicing the computer industry, can be significantly affected by competitive pressures, aggressive pricing, technological developments, changing domestic demand, the ability to attract and retain skilled employees and availability and price of components. The market for products produced by computer companies is characterized by rapidly changing technology, rapid product obsolescence, cyclical market patterns, evolving industry standards and frequent new product introductions. The success of industry participants depends in substantial part on the timely and successful introduction of new products and the ability to service such products. An unexpected change in one or more of the technologies affecting an issuer's products or in the market for products based on a particular technology could have a material adverse effect on a participant's operating results.

Many computer companies rely on a combination of patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secret laws to establish and protect their proprietary rights in their products and technologies. There can be no assurance that the steps taken by computer companies to protect their proprietary rights will be adequate to prevent misappropriation of their technology or that competitors will not independently develop technologies that are substantially equivalent or superior to such companies' technology.

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the

Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

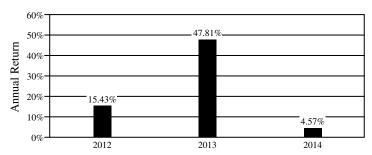
Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

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

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 16.57% (Q3, 2013) Lowest Quarterly Return: -4.09% (Q2, 2012)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -0.06%.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

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

| | One Year | Since Inception (9/28/11) |
|--|----------|------------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes | 4.57% | 23.73% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 4.40% | 23.00% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 2.66% | 18.72% |
| S&P Software & Services Select Industry Index | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 4.74% | 24.13% |

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

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PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P Telecom ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Telecom ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the telecommunications segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.35% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.35% |

The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 47% of the average value of its portfolio.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

The Index represents the telecommunications industry group of the S&PTotal Market Index ("S&PTMI"). The Index is one of twenty-five (25) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standards ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&PTMI constituents belonging to the particular GICS sub-industry or group of sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) above 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) above 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. If there are fewer than 35 stocks, stocks from a supplementary list of highly correlated sub-industries that meet the market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are included in order of their float-adjusted market capitalization. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the guarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&PTMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE MKT, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, and NASDAQ Capital Market. The Index is an equal weighted market cap index. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 56 stocks.

Should the Index not contain the required minimum of 35 qualifying companies, it may contain members of the Communications Equipment sub-industry.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

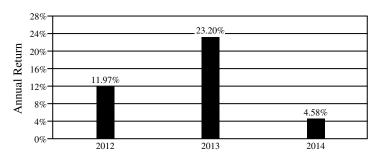
Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

Telecommunications Sector Risk: The Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in the telecommunications industry, which means the Fund will be more affected by the performance of the telecommunications industry versus a fund that is more diversified. The telecommunications industry is subject to extensive government regulation. The costs of complying with governmental regulations, delays or failure to receive required regulatory approvals or the enactment of new adverse regulatory requirements may adversely affect the business of the telecommunications companies. The telecommunications industry can also be significantly affected by intense competition, including competition with alternative technologies such as wireless communications, product compatibility, consumer preferences, rapid product obsolescence and research and development of new products. Technological innovations may make the products and services of telecommunications companies obsolete. Other risks include uncertainties resulting from such companies' diversification into new domestic and international businesses, as well as agreements by any such companies linking future rate increases to inflation or other factors not directly related to the actual operating profits of the enterprise.

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 11.65% (Q1, 2012) Lowest Quarterly Return: -11.54% (Q2, 2012)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -7.33%.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

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

| | | Since Inception | |
|--|----------|-----------------|--|
| | One Year | (1/26/11) | |
| Return Before Taxes | 4.58% | 4.59% | |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 4.28% | 4.25% | |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 2.76% | 3.50% | |
| S&P Telecom Select Industry Index | | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 4.83% | 4.94% | |

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

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PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P Transportation ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P Transportation ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index derived from the transportation segment of a U.S. total market composite index.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.35% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.35% |

The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 26% of the average value of its portfolio.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

The Index represents the transportation industry group of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The Index is one of twenty-five (25) of the S&P Select Industry Indices (the "Select Industry Indices"), each designed to measure the performance of a narrow sub-industry or group of sub-industries determined based on the Global Industry Classification Standards ("GICS"). Membership in the Select Industry Indices is based on the GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market cap requirements. Companies in the Select Industry Indices are classified according to GICS which determines classifications primarily based on revenues; however, earnings and market perception are also considered. The Index consists of the S&PTMI constituents belonging to the particular GICS sub-industry or group of sub-industries that satisfy the following criteria: (i) have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$500 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (defined by dollar value traded over the previous 12 months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the index rebalancing reference date) above 90% or have a float-adjusted market capitalization above \$400 million with a float-adjusted liquidity ratio (as defined above) above 150%; and (ii) are U.S. based companies. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for initial public offerings or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history. If there are fewer than 35 stocks, stocks from a supplementary list of highly correlated sub-industries that meet the market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are included in order of their float-adjusted market capitalization. The market capitalization threshold may be relaxed to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in the Index as of the rebalancing effective date. Existing Index constituents are removed at the quarterly rebalancing effective date if either their float-adjusted market capitalization falls below \$300 million or their float-adjusted liquidity ratio falls below 50%. The market capitalization threshold and the liquidity threshold are each reviewed from time to time based on market conditions. Rebalancing occurs on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The S&PTMI tracks all eligible U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE MKT, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, and NASDAQ Capital Market. The Index is an equal weighted market cap index. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 48 stocks.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING INTHE FUND

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

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

Market Risk: The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, and general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic

growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets.

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

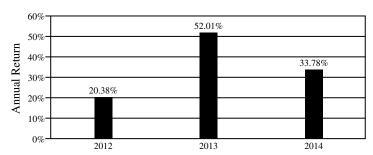
Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

Transportation Sector Risk: The Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in the transportation industry, which means the Fund will be more affected by the performance of the transportation industry versus a fund that is more diversified. The transportation industry can be significantly affected by changes in the economy, fuel prices, labor relations, technology developments, exchange rates, insurance costs, industry competition and government regulation.

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 21.72% (Q1, 2013) Lowest Quarterly Return: -3.26% (Q3, 2012)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -18.96%.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

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

| | | Since Inception |
|--|----------|-----------------|
| | One Year | (1/26/11) |
| Return Before Taxes | 33.78% | 21.91% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 33.64% | 21.78% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 19.21% | 17.69% |
| S&P Transportation Select Industry Index | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 34.22% | 22.38% |

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

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PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P 1500 Value Tilt ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees ¹ | 0.12% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ² | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses ¹ | 0.12% |

¹ The Fund's "Management fees" and "Total annual Fund operating expenses" have been restated to reflect a reduction in the Fund's "Management fees."

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

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

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

² The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

The Index applies an alternative weighting methodology to the S&P Composite 1500 Index so that stocks with relatively low valuations (*i.e.*, relatively "cheap") are overweight relative to the S&P Composite 1500 Index and stocks with relatively high valuations (*i.e.*, relatively "rich") are underweight. The S&P Composite 1500 Index, one of the leading indices of the U.S. equity market, is a capitalization-weighted combination of the large-cap S&P 500 Index, the S&P MidCap 400 Index, and the S&P SmallCap 600 Index. In constructing the Index, S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC ("Index Provider") estimates the valuation of each stock in the S&P Composite 1500 Index based on the ratio of its price to its level of earnings, cash flow, sales, book value, and dividends. S&P weights this data from the last five calendar years to create a composite valuation measure, and ranks all 1,500 index constituents in order of composite valuation. S&P then forms 20 sub-portfolios of approximately equal market capitalization, grouped by composite valuations. S&P derives a sub-portfolio allocation factor using each sub-portfolio's composite valuation, so that a sub-portfolio with relatively low valuation will have a higher allocation factor than a sub-portfolio with relatively high valuation. The weight of each stock in the Index is proportionate to its market capitalization and to its sub-portfolio allocation factor. The Index is rebalanced annually after the close of business on the third Friday of April. As of September 30, 2015, a significant portion of the Index comprised companies in the financial sector, although this may change from time to time. As of September 30, 2015, there were approximately 1,475 securities in the Index.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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

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

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the

Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

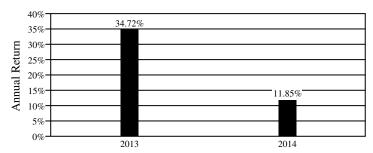
Unconstrained Sector Risk: The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets within one or more economic sectors or industries, which may change from time to time. Greater investment focus on one or more sectors or industries increases the potential for volatility and the risk that events negatively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

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

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 11.71% (Q1, 2013) Lowest Quarterly Return: -0.14% (Q3, 2014)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -7.94%.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

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

| | One Year | Since Inception (10/24/12) |
|--|----------|-------------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes | 11.85% | 21.84% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 9.85% | 20.08% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 7.26% | 16.46% |
| S&P 1500 Low Valuation Tilt Index | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 12.32% | 22.47% |

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P 1500 Momentum Tilt ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees ¹ | 0.12% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ² | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses ¹ | 0.12% |

¹ The Fund's "Management fees" and "Total annual Fund operating expenses" have been restated to reflect a reduction in the Fund's "Management fees."

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 70% of the average value of its portfolio.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

² The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

The Index applies an alternative weighting methodology to the S&P Composite 1500 Index so that stocks with relatively high momentum are overweight relative to the S&P Composite 1500 Index and stocks with relatively low momentum are underweight. The S&P Composite 1500 Index, one of the leading indices of the U.S. equity market, is a capitalization-weighted combination of the large-cap S&P 500 Index, the S&P MidCap 400 Index, and the S&P SmallCap 600 Index. A "momentum" style of investing emphasizes investing in securities that have had higher recent price performance compared to other securities. In constructing the Index, S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC ("Index Provider") estimates the momentum of each stock in the S&P Composite 1500 Index based on its price performance over the 11 months ending one month before the index rebalancing date, and ranks all 1,500 Index constituents in order of momentum. S&P then forms 20 sub-portfolios of approximately equal market capitalization, grouped by momentum. S&P defines a sub-portfolio allocation factor so that a sub-portfolio with relatively high momentum will have a higher allocation factor than a sub-portfolio with relatively low momentum. The weight of each stock in the Index is proportionate to its market capitalization and to its sub-portfolio allocation factor. The Index is rebalanced quarterly on or about the end of January, April, July, and October. As of September 30, 2015, a significant portion of the Index comprised companies in the technology, health care, financial and consumer discretionary sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of September 30, 2015, there were approximately 1,488 securities in the Index.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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

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

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

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

Declining real estate values could adversely affect financial institutions engaged in mortgage finance or other lending or investing activities directly or indirectly connected to the value of real estate.

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

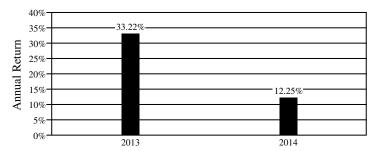
Technology Sector Risk: Market or economic factors impacting technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund's investments. The value of stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly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

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

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ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 10.75% (Q4, 2013) Lowest Quarterly Return: 0.33% (Q3, 2014)

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| | One Year | Since Inception (10/24/12) |
|---|----------|-------------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes | 12.25% | 20.74% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 11.47% | 19.95% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 6.92% | 15.86% |
| S&P 1500 Positive Momentum Tilt Index (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 12.66% | 21.28% |

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PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® S&P 1500 Volatility Tilt ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR S&P 1500 Volatility Tilt ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of U.S. equity securities based on low price volatility.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.35% |
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| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses ² | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.35% |

The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

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

| Year 1 | Year 3 |
|--------|--------|
| \$36 | \$113 |

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

² "Other expenses" are based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.

The Index applies an alternative weighting methodology to the S&P Composite 1500 Index so that stocks with relatively low volatility are overweight relative to the S&P Composite 1500 Index and stocks with relatively high volatility are underweight. The S&P 1500 Index, one of the leading indices of the U.S. equity market, is a capitalization-weighted combination of the large-cap S&P 500 Index, the S&P MidCap 400 Index, and the S&P SmallCap 600 Index. In constructing the Index, S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC estimates the volatility of each stock in the S&P Composite 1500 Index based on its monthly price return variance over the past five years, and ranks all 1,500 index constituents in order of volatility. S&P then forms 20 sub-portfolios of approximately equal market capitalization, grouped by volatility. S&P derives a sub-portfolio allocation factor using the inverse of each sub-portfolio's volatility, so that a sub-portfolio with relatively low volatility will have a higher allocation factor than a sub-portfolio with relatively high volatility. The weight of each stock in the Index is proportionate to its market capitalization and to its sub-portfolio allocation factor. The Index is rebalanced annually after the close of business on the third Friday of April. As of September 30, 2015, a significant portion of the Index comprised companies in the technology, financial and health care sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of September 30, 2015, there were approximately 1,475 securities in the Index.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING INTHE FUND

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

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

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

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

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

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

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

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

FUND PERFORMANCE

The Fund had not yet commenced operations as of the date of this Prospectus. Once the Fund has completed a full calendar year of operations, a bar chart and table will be included that will provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing the variability of the Fund's returns based on net assets and comparing the Fund's performance to the Index.

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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

Mike Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser. He joined the Adviser in 2010.

John Tucker, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser. He joined the Adviser in 1988.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Vice President of the Adviser. He joined the Adviser in 1996.

PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® Russell 1000® Low Volatility ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR Russell 1000 Low Volatility ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of a large cap, low volatility index.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees ¹ | 0.12% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ² | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses ¹ | 0.12% |

- The Fund's "Management fees" and "Total annual Fund operating expenses" have been restated to reflect a reduction in the Fund's "Management fees."
- ² The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 75% of the average value of its portfolio.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the Russell 1000® Low Volatility Index (the "Index"), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. ("SSGA FM" or the "Adviser"), the investment adviser to the Fund, may invest the Fund's assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund's assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

The Index includes large cap U.S. equity securities and is designed to capture stocks with low volatility. Volatility is a measure of a security's variability in total returns based on its historic behavior. A low volatility index is considered to have a lower return variability than the overall market and can be used by investors to adjust volatility exposure in a portfolio. To construct the Index, the Index starts with the Russell 1000® Index, which measures the performance of the large cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. The Index captures securities with focused exposure to low volatility, while minimizing exposure to non-target factors. The Index contains no more than 200 securities and is reconstituted monthly to maintain its focus on low volatility. Unlike more traditional equity market indexes which seek to track the performance of a specific segment of the equity market, the Index is intended to provide a specific factor exposure. As of September 30, 2015, a significant portion of the Index comprised companies in the financial sector, although this may change from time to time. As of September 30, 2015, there were approximately 75 securities in the Index.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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

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

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

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

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

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

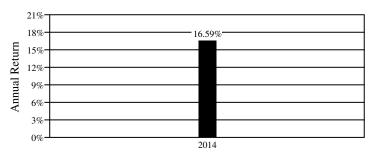
Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

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

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 7.77% (Q4, 2014) Lowest Quarterly Return: 0.35% (Q3, 2014)

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

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

| | One Year | Since Inception (2/20/13) |
|--|----------|---------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes | 16.59% | 18.43% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 13.71% | 16.20% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 9.94% | 13.46% |
| Russell 1000 Low Volatility Index (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 16.94% | 18.80% |

^{*} As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -5.40%.

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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

Mike Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser. He joined the Adviser in 2010.

John Tucker, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser. He joined the Adviser in 1988.

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PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® Russell 2000® Low Volatility ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR Russell 2000 Low Volatility ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of a small cap, low volatility index.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees ¹ | 0.12% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ² | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses ¹ | 0.12% |

- The Fund's "Management fees" and "Total annual Fund operating expenses" have been restated to reflect a reduction in the Fund's "Management fees."
- ² The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 38% of the average value of its portfolio.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the Russell 2000® Low Volatility Index (the "Index"), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. ("SSGA FM" or the "Adviser"), the investment adviser to the Fund, may invest the Fund's assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund's assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

The Index includes small cap U.S. equity securities and is designed to capture stocks with low volatility. Volatility is a measure of a security's variability in total returns based on its historic behavior. A low volatility index is considered to have a lower return variability than the overall market and can be used by investors to adjust volatility exposure in a portfolio. To construct the Index, the Index starts with the Russell 2000® Index, which measures the performance of the small cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. The Index captures securities with focused exposure to low volatility, while minimizing exposure to non-target factors. The Index contains no more than 400 securities and is reconstituted monthly to maintain its focus on low volatility. Unlike more traditional equity market indexes which seek to track the performance of a specific segment of the equity market, the Index is intended to provide a specific factor exposure. As of September 30, 2015, a significant portion of the Index comprised companies in the financial sector, although this may change from time to time. As of September 30, 2015, there were approximately 359 securities in the Index.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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

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

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

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

Market Risk: The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, and general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic

growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets.

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

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

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

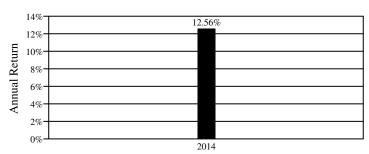
Unconstrained Sector Risk: The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets within one or more economic sectors or industries, which may change from time to time. Greater investment focus on one or more sectors or industries increases the potential for volatility and the risk that events negatively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

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

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 12.53% (Q4, 2014) Lowest Quarterly Return: -5.14% (Q3, 2014)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was -5.54%.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

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

| | | Since Inception |
|--|----------|-----------------|
| | One Year | 2/20/13 |
| Return Before Taxes | 12.56% | 18.82% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 11.18% | 17.18% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 7.08% | 13.85% |
| Russell 2000 Low Volatility Index | | |
| (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 12.75% | 19.03% |

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

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PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index.

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® Wells Fargo® Preferred Stock ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR Wells Fargo Preferred Stock ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index based upon Preferred Securities (as defined below).

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.45% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.45% |

The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE:

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

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

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 48% of the average value of its portfolio.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of Wells Fargo Hybrid and Preferred Securities Aggregate Index (the "Index"), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. ("SSGA FM" or the "Adviser") may invest the Fund's assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund's assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

The Index is a modified market capitalization weighted index designed to measure the performance of non-convertible preferred stock and securities that are functionally equivalent to preferred stock, including, but not limited to, depositary preferred securities, perpetual subordinated debt and certain securities issued by banks and other financial institutions that are eligible for capital treatment with respect to such instruments akin to that received for issuance of straight preferred stock (collectively, "Preferred Securities"). Preferred Securities generally pay fixed rate distributions and typically have "preference" over common stock in the payment of distributions and the liquidation of a company's assets — preference means that a company must pay distributions on its Preferred Securities before paying dividends on its common stock, and the claims of Preferred Securities holders are ahead of common stockholders' claims on assets in a corporate liquidation. The Index includes Preferred Securities that meet the following criteria: (i) are nonconvertible; (ii) have a par amount of \$25; (iii) are listed on the New York Stock Exchange or NYSE Arca, Inc. ("NYSE Arca"); (iv) maintain a minimum par value of \$250 million; (v) are U.S. dollar denominated; (vi) are rated investment grade by one of Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or Standard & Poor's Financial Services, LLC ratings services; (vii) are publicly registered or exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933; and (viii) have a minimum monthly trading volume during each of the last six months of at least 250,000 trading units. The Index does not include auction rate preferred securities, convertible preferred shares, securities subject to sinking fund provisions, shares in closedend funds, municipal securities, or repackaged securities linked to a security, a basket of securities or an index. The Index is rebalanced monthly, on the final NYSE Arca trading day of each month. Issuers of Preferred Securities may be either U.S. based or foreign. As of September 30, 2015, a significant portion of the Index comprised companies in the financial sector, although this may change from time to time. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 140 Preferred Securities.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

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Depositary Receipts Risk: Investments in depositary receipts may be less liquid and more volatile than the underlying securities in their primary trading market. If a depositary receipt is denominated in a different currency than its underlying securities, the Fund will be subject to the currency risk of both the investment in the depositary receipt and the underlying security. Holders of depositary receipts may have limited or no rights to take action with respect to the underlying securities or to compel the issuer of the receipts to take action.

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

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

Interest Rate Risk – Preferred Securities: Because many Preferred Securities pay dividends at a fixed rate, their market price can be sensitive to changes in interest rates in a manner similar to bonds — that is, as interest rates rise, the value of the Preferred Securities held by the Fund are likely to decline. To the extent that the Fund invests a substantial portion of its assets in fixed rate Preferred Securities, rising interest rates may cause the value of the Fund's investments to decline significantly.

Issuer Risk – Preferred Securities: Because many Preferred Securities allow holders to convert the Preferred Securities into common stock of the issuer, their market price can be sensitive to changes in the value of the issuer's common stock and, therefore, declining common stock values may also cause the value of the Fund's investments to decline.

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

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

Non-U.S. Securities Risk: Non-U.S. securities are subject to political, regulatory, and economic risks not present in domestic investments. There may be less information publicly available about a non-U.S. entity than about a U.S. entity, and many non-U.S. entities are not subject to accounting, auditing, legal, and financial report standards comparable to those in the Unites States. Further, such entities and/or their securities may be subject to risks associated with currency controls; expropriation; changes in tax policy; greater market volatility; differing securities market structures; higher transaction costs; and various administrative difficulties, such as delays in clearing and settling portfolio transactions or in receiving payment of dividends. Securities traded on foreign markets may be less liquid (harder to sell) than securities traded domestically. Foreign governments may impose restrictions on the repatriation of capital to the U.S. In addition, when the Fund buys securities denominated in a foreign currency, there are special risks such as changes in currency exchange rates and the risk that a foreign government could regulate foreign exchange transactions. In addition, to the extent investments are made in a limited number of countries, events in those countries will have a more significant impact on the Fund.

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

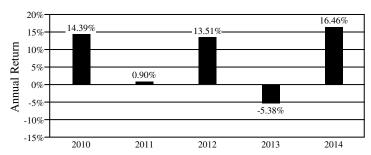
Preferred Securities Risk: Generally, Preferred Security holders have limited voting rights. In addition, Preferred Securities are subordinated to bonds and other debt instruments in a company's capital structure and therefore will be subject to greater credit risk than those debt instruments. Unlike debt securities, dividend payments on a Preferred Security typically must be declared by the issuer's board of directors. An issuer's board of directors is generally not under any obligation to pay a dividend (even if such dividends have accrued). In the event an issuer of Preferred Securities experiences economic difficulties, the issuer's Preferred Securities may lose substantial value due to the reduced likelihood that the issuer's board of directors will declare a dividend and the fact that the Preferred Security may be subordinated to other securities of the same issuer.

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

FUND PERFORMANCE

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ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (years ended 12/31)*



Highest Quarterly Return: 10.56% (Q3, 2010) Lowest Quarterly Return: -5.52% (Q3, 2011)

* As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's Calendar Year-To-Date return was 3,83%

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for periods ended 12/31/14)

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

| | One Year | Five Years | Since Inception (9/16/09) |
|--|----------|------------|------------------------------|
| Return Before Taxes | 16.46% | 7.62% | 8.35% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | 14.13% | 5.40% | 6.11% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | 9.76% | 5.21% | 5.79% |
| Wells Fargo Hybrid and Preferred Securities Aggregate Index (Index returns reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 16.77% | 7.80% | 8.57% |

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

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TAX INFORMATION

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PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SPDR® MSCI USA Quality Mix ETF

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The SPDR MSCI USA Quality Mix ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index based upon the U.S. equity market.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ("Fund Shares"). This table and the Example below reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not reflect brokerage commissions you may pay on purchases and sales of Fund Shares.

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

| Management fees | 0.15% |
|--|-------|
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees ¹ | 0.00% |
| Other expenses ² | 0.00% |
| Total annual Fund operating expenses | 0.15% |

The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Service (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets may be made; however, the SPDR® Series Trust's Board of Trustees has determined that no such payments will be made through at least October 31, 2016.

EXAMPLE.

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

| Year 1 | Year 3 |
|--------|--------|
| \$15 | \$48 |

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. From the Fund's inception on April 15, 2015, to the most recent fiscal year end, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 10% of the average value of its portfolio.

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to track the performance of the MSCI USA Quality Mix A-Series Index (the "Index"), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. ("SSGA FM" or the "Adviser"), the investment adviser to the Fund, may invest the Fund's assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund's assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. The Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser).

² "Other expenses" are based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.

The Index is designed to measure the equity market performance of large-and mid-cap companies across the U.S. equity market. It aims to represent the performance of a combination of three factors: value, quality, and low volatility. The Index is an equal weighted combination of the following three MSCI Factor Indices in a single composite index: the MSCI USA Value Weighted Index, the MSCI USA Quality Index, and the MSCI USA Minimum Volatility Index (each, a "Component Index"). If the MSCI USA Minimum Volatility Index is not available due to the concentrated nature of its underlying parent index (for example, in the event of a low number of stocks or where a relatively few number of constituents constitutes a large proportion of index weight), the MSCI USA Minimum Volatility Index is replaced with the MSCI USA Risk Weighted Index (if used to replace the MSCI USA Minimum Volatility Index, also a "Component Index") and the Index is an equal weighted combination of the MSCI USA Value Weighted Index, the MSCI USA Quality Index and the MSCI USA Risk Weighted Index. The Index Provider (defined below) determines if such replacement is necessary and reviews the MSCI USA Minimum Volatility Index for viability on a regular basis. The MSCI USA Value Weighted Index includes publicly-traded companies domiciled in the U.S., weighted to emphasize stocks with lower valuations, by giving higher index weight to stocks with higher values of fundamental variables such as sales, earnings, cash earnings and book value. The MSCI USA Quality Index includes publicly-traded companies domiciled in the U.S., weighted to emphasize stocks with historically high return on equity, stable year-over-year earnings growth, and low financial leverage. The MSCI USA Minimum Volatility Index aims to reflect the performance characteristics of a minimum variance strategy applied to publicly-traded companies domiciled in the U.S. and is weighted to provide the lowest absolute risk within a given set of constraints. The MSCI USA Risk Weighted Index includes publicly-traded companies domiciled in the U.S., and reweights the constituents so that stocks with lower volatility, measured as the weekly return variance over the prior three years, are given higher index weight. Each Component Index is attributed equal weight (1/3) at each rebalancing. All constituents of each Component Index are included in the Index. The weight of each security in the Index is determined based on 1) the security's weight in each underlying Component Index; and 2) the weight of each underlying Component Index in the Index. The Index is then subject to the MSCI A-Series Index Methodology. The MSCI A-Series Index Methodology first seeks to ensure the Index includes at least 25 constituents. In the event the Index does not contain at least 25 constituents, the Index is supplemented by including constituents of the MSCI USA Small Cap Index, selected in decreasing order based on full market capitalization, until the target of 25 constituents is reached. The MSCI A-Series Index Methodology then applies the MSCI 25/50 Index Methodology, which aims to reflect 5/25/50 weight constraints (i.e., no issuer has a weight above 25%, and the sum of weights of all issuers with weights above 5% does not exceed 50%). The Index is rebalanced semi-annually, usually as of the close of the last business day of May and November, coinciding with the semi-annual index reviews of the MSCI Global Investable Market Indices and of each Component Index. As of September 30, 2015, a significant portion of the Index comprised companies in the technology sector, although this may change from time to time. As of September 30, 2015, the Index comprised 637 securities.

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

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING INTHE FUND

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

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

Index Tracking Risk: While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, achieve a high correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

Large-Capitalization Securities Risk: Returns on investments in securities of large companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of smaller and mid-sized companies. Larger companies may be unable to respond as quickly as smaller and mid-sized companies to competitive challenges or to changes in business,

product, financial, or other market conditions. Larger companies may not be able to maintain growth at the high rates that may be achieved by well-managed smaller and mid-sized companies.

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

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

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

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

Passive Strategy/Index Risk: The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index.

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

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

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

Valuation Risk: Some portfolio holdings, potentially a large portion of the Fund's investment portfolio, may be valued on the basis of factors other than market quotations. This may occur more often in times of market turmoil or reduced liquidity. There are multiple methods that can be used to value a portfolio holding when market quotations are not readily available. The value established for any portfolio holding at a point in time might differ from what would be produced using a different methodology or if it had been priced using market quotations. Portfolio holdings that are valued using techniques other than market quotations, including "fair valued" securities, may be subject to greater fluctuation in their valuations from one day to the next than if market quotations were

used. In addition, there is no assurance that the Fund could sell or close out a portfolio position for the value established for it at any time, and it is possible that the Fund would incur a loss because a portfolio position is sold or closed out at a discount to the valuation established by the Fund at that time. Investors who purchase or redeem Fund Shares on days when the Fund is holding fair-valued investments may receive fewer or more shares or lower or higher redemption proceeds than they would have received if the Fund had not fair-valued the holding(s) or had used a different valuation methodology.

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

FUND PERFORMANCE

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

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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

Mike Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser. He joined the Adviser in 2010.

John Tucker, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of the Adviser. He joined the Adviser in 1988.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Vice President of the Adviser. He joined the Adviser in 1996.

PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

The Fund will issue (or redeem) Fund Shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of 50,000 Fund Shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a designated portfolio of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Fund's benchmark Index

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

TAX INFORMATION

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

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES INFORMATION

PRINCIPAL STRATEGIES

General. Please see each Fund's "The Fund's Principal Investment Strategy" section under "Fund Summaries" above for a complete discussion of each Fund's principal investment strategies. A Fund may invest in various types of securities and engage in various investment techniques which are not the principal focus of the Funds and therefore are not described in this Prospectus. These securities, techniques and practices, together with their risks, are described in the Statement of Additional Information (the "SAI"), which you may obtain free of charge by contacting shareholder services (see the back cover of this Prospectus for the address and phone number).

SSGA Funds Management, Inc. ("SSGA FM" or the "Adviser") seeks to track the performance of a Fund's Index as closely as possible (*i.e.*, obtain a high degree of correlation with the Index). A number of factors may affect a Fund's ability to achieve a high degree of correlation with its Index, and there can be no guarantee that a Fund will achieve a high degree of correlation.

The Adviser will utilize a sampling strategy in managing the Funds. Sampling means that the Adviser uses quantitative analysis to select securities, including securities in the Index, outside of the Index and derivatives that have a similar investment profile as the relevant Index in terms of key risk factors. performance attributes and other economic characteristics. These include industry weightings, market capitalization, and other financial characteristics of securities. The quantity of holdings in a Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. In addition, from time to time, securities are added to or removed from each Index. The Adviser may sell securities that are represented in an Index, or purchase securities that are not yet represented in an Index, in anticipation of their removal from or addition to an Index. Further, the Adviser may choose to overweight securities in an Index, purchase or sell securities not in an Index, or utilize various combinations of other available techniques, in seeking to track an Index.

Certain of the Funds, as described in the SAI, have adopted a non-fundamental investment policy to invest at least 80% of their respective net assets in investments suggested by their respective names, measured at the time of investment. A Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in this 80% investment policy. For purposes of this policy, the term "assets" means net assets plus the amount of borrowings for investment purposes. The Board of Trustees of the Trust (the "Board") may change a Fund's investment strategy, Index and other policies without shareholder approval,

except as otherwise indicated in this Prospectus or in the SAI. Each Fund will provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to changing its Index. The Board may also change a Fund's investment objective without shareholder approval.

NON-PRINCIPAL STRATEGIES

Certain Other Investments. Each Fund may invest in convertible securities, variable rate demand notes ("VRDNs"), commercial paper, structured notes (notes on which the amount of principal repayment and interest payments are based on the movement of one or more specified factors such as the movement of a particular security or index), swaps, options and futures contracts. Swaps, options and futures contracts, convertible securities and structured notes may be used by a Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to its Index and in managing cash flows.

Temporary Defensive Positions. In certain situations or market conditions, a Fund may temporarily depart from its normal investment policies and strategies, provided that the alternative is consistent with the Fund's investment objective and is in the best interest of the Fund. For example, a Fund may make larger than normal investments in derivatives to maintain exposure to its Index if it is unable to invest directly in a component security.

Borrowing Money. Each Fund may borrow money from a bank as permitted by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended ("1940 Act"), or other governing statute, by the Rules thereunder, or by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") or other regulatory agency with authority over the Fund, but only for temporary or emergency purposes. Certain Funds may also invest in reverse repurchase agreements, which are considered borrowings under the 1940 Act. Although the 1940 Act presently allows a Fund to borrow from any bank (including pledging, mortgaging or hypothecating assets) in an amount up to 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of its total assets (not including temporary borrowings not in excess of 5% of its total assets), and there is no limit on the percentage of Fund assets that can be used in connection with reverse repurchase agreements, under normal circumstances any borrowings by a Fund will not exceed 10% of the Fund's total assets.

Lending of Securities. Each Fund may lend its portfolio securities in an amount not to exceed one-quarter (25%) of the value of its total assets via a securities lending program through its securities lending agent, State Street Bank and Trust Company ("State Street" or the "Lending Agent"), to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions desiring to borrow securities to complete transactions and for other purposes. A securities lending program allows a Fund to receive a portion of the income generated by lending its securities and investing the respective collateral. A Fund will receive collateral for each loaned security which is at least equal to 102% of

the market value of that security, marked to market each trading day. In the securities lending program, the borrower generally has the right to vote the loaned securities; however, a Fund may call loans to vote proxies if a material issue affecting the Fund's economic interest in the investment is to be voted upon. Security loans may be terminated at any time by a Fund.

ADDITIONAL RISK INFORMATION

The following section provides additional information regarding certain of the principal risks identified under "Principal Risks of Investing in the Fund" in each Fund Summary along with additional risk information. Risk information is applicable to all Funds unless otherwise noted.

PRINCIPAL RISKS

The table below identifies the principal risks of investing in each Fund.

| | SPDR Russell 3000 ETF | SPDR Russell 1000 ETF | SPDR Russell 2000 ETF | SPDR S&P 500 Buyback FTF | SPDR S&P 500 High Diss. | SPDR S&P 500 Growth FTF | SPDR S&P 500 Value ETE | SPDR Russell Small Cap Comple |
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| Fund Name | SPL | SPL | SPL | SPL | SPL | SPL | SPL | 3AS |
| Aerospace and Defense Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Banking Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Biotechnology Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Building and Construction Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Buyback Risk | | | | Х | | | | |
| Call Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Markets Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Computer Hardware Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Computer Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Computer Software/Services Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk | | | | Х | | Х | | Х |
| Consumer Staples Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Currency Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Depositary Receipts Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Depositary Receipts may be Unregistered and Unlisted | | | | | | | | |
| Dividend Paying Securities Risk | | | | | Х | | | |
| Electronics Industry Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Emerging Markets Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Energy Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Equity Investing Risk | × | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х |
| Financial Institution Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Financial Sector Risk | × | Х | Х | Х | Х | | Х | Х |
| Food and Beverage Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Geographic Focus Risk | | | | | | | | |
| European Economic Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Growth Stock Risk | | | | | | Х | | |
| Health Care Equipment Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Health Care Sector Risk | | | Х | | | Х | | |
| Health Care Services Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Homebuilding Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Index Tracking Risk | × | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х |
| Industrial Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
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| | PDR A | PDRA | PDR A | PDR S | PDR S | PDR S | PDRS | PDR R |
| Fund Name | S | <u></u> σ | <u>σ</u> | <u></u> σ | S | S | S | - v |
| Insurance Sector Risk Interest Rate Risk – Preferred Securities | | | | | | | | |
| Issuer Risk – Preferred Securities | | | | | | | | |
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| Large-Capitalization Securities Risk Leisure Sector Risk | | X | | Х | Х | Х | Х | |
| Low Volatility Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Market Risk | | | | | | V | | |
| Materials Sector Risk | X | X | Х | Х | Х | X | Х | X |
| Metals and Mining Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
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| Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk Momentum Risk | | | | | | | | X |
| Non-Diversification Risk | | Х | V | Х | Х | V | Х | |
| Non-U.S. Securities Risk | X | ^ | Х | ^ | ^ | X | ^ | X |
| Russian Sanctions Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Oil and Gas Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
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| Outsourcing and Consulting Sector Risk Passive Strategy/Index Risk | V | V | V | V | V | V | V | |
| Pharmaceuticals Sector Risk | X | X | Х | Х | Х | X | Х | X |
| Preferred Securities Risk | | | | | | | | |
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| Quality Risk Real Estate Securities Risk | | | | | | | | |
| REIT Risk | | | | | X | | | |
| Retail Sector Risk | | | | | Х | | | |
| Semiconductor Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Settlement Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Small-Capitalization Securities Risk | | | V | | | | | |
| Technology Sector Risk | X | Х | X | Х | | v | | X |
| Telecommunications Sector Risk | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | | X | | X |
| Transportation Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Unconstrained Sector Risk | | | | | | V | | |
| Utilities Sector Risk | X | X | Х | Х | X | X | Х | X |
| Valuation Risk | | | | | Х | | | |
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| Value Stock Risk | | | | | | | Х | |

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| Aerospace and Defense Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Banking Sector Risk | | | | | | | | X |
| Biotechnology Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Building and Construction Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Buyback Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Call Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Markets Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Computer Hardware Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Computer Sector Risk Computer Software/Services Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Staples Sector Risk | X | | | Х | | | | |
| Currency Risk | | | | | | X | | |
| Depositary Receipts Risk | | | | | | X | | |
| Depositary Receipts may be Unregistered and | | | | | | ^ | | |
| Unlisted | | | | | | Х | | |
| Dividend Paying Securities Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Electronics Industry Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Emerging Markets Risk | | | | | | X | | |
| Energy Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Equity Investing Risk | X | X | Х | Х | X | Х | X | X |
| Financial Institution Risk | | | | | | | | X |
| Financial Sector Risk | X | Х | Х | Х | X | X | | |
| Food and Beverage Sector Risk | | | | | | ., | | |
| Geographic Focus Risk | | | | | | X | | |
| European Economic Risk Growth Stock Risk | | | | | | X | | |
| | X | | | Х | | | | |
| Health Care Equipment Sector Risk Health Care Sector Risk | | | | V | | | | |
| Health Care Services Sector Risk | | | | Х | | | | |
| Homebuilding Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Index Tracking Risk | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Industrial Sector Risk | ^ | X | X | ^ | X | ^ | ^ | |
| Insurance Sector Risk | | ^ | ^ | | | | | |
| Interest Rate Risk – Preferred Securities | | | | | | | | |
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| | SPDR S&P 400 Mid Can C | SPDR S&P 400 Mid Gan V. | SPDR S&P 600 Small C. | SPDR S&P 600 Small C. | SPDR S&P 600 Small Com | SPDR Global Dow ETF | SPDR Dow Jones REIT FTF | SPDR S&P Bank ETF |
| Fund Name | SPL | SPL | SPL | SPL | SPL | SPL | SPL | SPL |
| Issuer Risk – Preferred Securities | | | | | | | | |
| Large-Capitalization Securities Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Leisure Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Low Volatility Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Market Risk | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | х | Х | Х |
| Materials Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Metals and Mining Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk | Х | Х | | | | | | |
| Momentum Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Non-Diversification Risk | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | × |
| Non-U.S. Securities Risk | | | | | | Х | | |
| Russian Sanctions Risk | | | | | | Х | | |
| Oil and Gas Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Outsourcing and Consulting Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Passive Strategy/Index Risk | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | X |
| Pharmaceuticals Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Preferred Securities Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Quality Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Real Estate Securities Risk | | | | | | | Х | |
| REIT Risk | | | | | | | Х | |
| Retail Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Semiconductor Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Settlement Risk | | | | | | Х | | |
| Small-Capitalization Securities Risk | | | Х | Х | Х | | | |
| Technology Sector Risk | Х | | Х | Х | Х | | | |
| Telecommunications Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Transportation Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Unconstrained Sector Risk | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | | |
| Utilities Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Valuation Risk | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | | |
| Value Stock Risk | | Х | | | Х | | | |

| | SPDR S&P Capital Markot. | SPDR S&P Insurance ETF | SPDR S&P Regional Bants | SPDR Morgan Stanley T.c. | SPDR S&P Dividend ETE | SPDR S&P Aerospace & P. | SPDR S&P Biotech ETF | SPDR S&P Building & Construction F |
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| Fund Name | SPDF | SPDF | SPDF | SPDF | SPDF | SPDF | SPDF | SPDF |
| Aerospace and Defense Sector Risk | | | | | | Х | | |
| Banking Sector Risk | | | Х | | | | | |
| Biotechnology Sector Risk | | | | | | | Х | |
| Building and Construction Risk | | | | | | | | X |
| Buyback Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Call Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Markets Sector Risk | х | | | | | | | |
| Computer Hardware Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Computer Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Computer Software/Services Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Staples Sector Risk | | | | | Х | | | |
| Currency Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Depositary Receipts Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Depositary Receipts may be Unregistered and Unlisted | | | | | | | | |
| Dividend Paying Securities Risk | | | | | Х | | | |
| Electronics Industry Risk | | | | Х | | | | |
| Emerging Markets Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Energy Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Equity Investing Risk | × | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х |
| Financial Institution Risk | | | Х | | | | | |
| Financial Sector Risk | Х | Х | | | X | | | |
| Food and Beverage Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Geographic Focus Risk | | | | | | | | |
| European Economic Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Growth Stock Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Health Care Equipment Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Health Care Sector Risk | | | | | | | Х | |
| Health Care Services Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Homebuilding Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Index Tracking Risk | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х |
| Industrial Sector Risk | | | | | | Х | | Х |
| Insurance Sector Risk | | Х | | | | | | |
| Interest Rate Risk – Preferred Securities | | | | | | | | |

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| | SPDR S&P Capital Markets Front | SPDR S&P Insurance ETF | SPDR S&P Regional Banking | PDR Morgan Stanl | SPDR S&P Dividend ETF | SPDR S&P Aerospace & n. | SPDR S&P Biotech ETF | PDR S&P Building |
| Fund Name | <i>∽</i> | S | S | Ø | S | S | Ø | <i>ज</i> |
| Issuer Risk – Preferred Securities | | | | | | | | |
| Large-Capitalization Securities Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Leisure Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Low Volatility Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Market Risk | x | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х |
| Materials Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Metals and Mining Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Momentum Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Non-Diversification Risk | × | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х |
| Non-U.S. Securities Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Russian Sanctions Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Oil and Gas Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Outsourcing and Consulting Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Passive Strategy/Index Risk | X | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х |
| Pharmaceuticals Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Preferred Securities Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Quality Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Real Estate Securities Risk | | | | | | | | |
| REIT Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Retail Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Semiconductor Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Settlement Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Small-Capitalization Securities Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Technology Sector Risk | | | | Х | | | | |
| Telecommunications Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Transportation Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Unconstrained Sector Risk | | | | | Х | | | |
| Utilities Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Valuation Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Value Stock Risk | | | | | | | | |
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|--|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Fund Name | SPDR S&P Computer Harry | SPDR S&P Food & Bevo | SPDR S&P Health Care E. | SPDR S&P Health Care co. | SPDR S&P Homebuilder | SPDR S&P LeisureTime FTF | SPDR S&P Metals & Min.: | SPDR S&P Oil & Gas |
| Aerospace and Defense Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Banking Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Biotechnology Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Building and Construction Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Buyback Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Call Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Markets Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Computer Hardware Sector Risk | X | | | | | | | |
| Computer Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Computer Software/Services Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk | | | | | X | Х | | |
| Consumer Staples Sector Risk | | Х | | | | | | |
| Currency Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Depositary Receipts Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Depositary Receipts may be Unregistered and Unlisted | | | | | | | | |
| Dividend Paying Securities Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Electronics Industry Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Emerging Markets Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Energy Sector Risk | | | | | | | | Х |
| Equity Investing Risk | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х |
| Financial Institution Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Financial Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Food and Beverage Sector Risk | | Х | | | | | | |
| Geographic Focus Risk | | | | | | | | |
| European Economic Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Growth Stock Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Health Care Equipment Sector Risk | | | Х | | | | | |
| Health Care Sector Risk | | | Х | Х | | | | |
| Health Care Services Sector Risk | | | | Х | | | | |
| Homebuilding Sector Risk | | | | | Х | | | |
| Index Tracking Risk | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | х | Х | Х |
| Industrial Sector Risk | | | | | Х | | | |

| Insurance Sector Risk | | · | ardware ETF | orage ETF | -quipment ETF | Services ETF | 98 ETF 8 ETF | | quipment & c |
|---|--|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Insurance Sector Risk | Fund Name | SPDR S&P Computer | SPDR S&P Food & Be | SPDR S&P Health Car | SPDR S&P Health Car | SPDR S&P Homebuile | SPDR S&P LeisureTin | SPDR S&P Metals & _I | SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Equipment s |
| Interest Rate Risk - Preferred Securities | | | | | | | | | |
| Large-Capitalization Securities Risk | | | | | | | | | |
| Large-Capitalization Securities Risk | | | | | | | | | |
| Leisure Sector Risk | | | | | | | | | |
| Market Risk X <td< th=""><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>х</td><td></td><td></td></td<> | | | | | | | х | | |
| Market Risk X <td< th=""><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></td<> | | | | | | | | | |
| Metals and Mining Sector Risk X Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk X Momentum Risk X | - | х | х | Х | Х | Х | х | Х | Х |
| Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk | Materials Sector Risk | | | | | | | Х | |
| Momentum Risk | Metals and Mining Sector Risk | | | | | | | Х | |
| Non-Diversification Risk | Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Non-U.S. Securities Risk Russian Sanctions Risk Oil and Gas Sector Risk Outsourcing and Consulting Sector Risk Passive Strategy/Index Risk Preferred Securities Risk Quality Risk Real Estate Securities Risk Retail Sector Risk Retail Sector Risk Semiconductor Sector Risk Settlement Risk Small-Capitalization Securities Risk Technology Sector Risk Transportation Sector Risk Unconstrained Sector Risk Unconstrained Sector Risk | Momentum Risk | | | | | | | | |
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| Passive Strategy/Index Risk | Oil and Gas Sector Risk | | | | | | | | Х |
| Pharmaceuticals Sector Risk Preferred Securities Risk Quality Risk Real Estate Securities Risk REIT Risk Retail Sector Risk Semiconductor Sector Risk Settlement Risk Small-Capitalization Securities Risk Technology Sector Risk Transportation Sector Risk Unconstrained Sector Risk | Outsourcing and Consulting Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Preferred Securities Risk Quality Risk Real Estate Securities Risk REIT Risk Retail Sector Risk Semiconductor Sector Risk Settlement Risk Small-Capitalization Securities Risk Technology Sector Risk Transportation Sector Risk Unconstrained Sector Risk | Passive Strategy/Index Risk | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х |
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| Real Estate Securities Risk REIT Risk Retail Sector Risk Semiconductor Sector Risk Settlement Risk Small-Capitalization Securities Risk Technology Sector Risk Telecommunications Sector Risk Transportation Sector Risk Unconstrained Sector Risk | Preferred Securities Risk | | | | | | | | |
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| Retail Sector Risk | Real Estate Securities Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Semiconductor Sector Risk Settlement Risk Small-Capitalization Securities Risk Technology Sector Risk Telecommunications Sector Risk Transportation Sector Risk Unconstrained Sector Risk | REIT Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Settlement Risk Small-Capitalization Securities Risk Technology Sector Risk Telecommunications Sector Risk Transportation Sector Risk Unconstrained Sector Risk | Retail Sector Risk | | Х | | | Х | Х | | |
| Small-Capitalization Securities Risk Technology Sector Risk X Telecommunications Sector Risk Transportation Sector Risk Unconstrained Sector Risk | Semiconductor Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Technology Sector Risk × Telecommunications Sector Risk Transportation Sector Risk Unconstrained Sector Risk | Settlement Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Telecommunications Sector Risk Transportation Sector Risk Unconstrained Sector Risk | Small-Capitalization Securities Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Transportation Sector Risk Unconstrained Sector Risk | Technology Sector Risk | Х | | | | | | | |
| Unconstrained Sector Risk | Telecommunications Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| | Transportation Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Utilities Sector Risk | Unconstrained Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| | Utilities Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Valuation Risk | Valuation Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Value Stock Risk | Value Stock Risk | | | | | | | | |

| | SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Exploration & Production ETF SPDR S&P Outsourcing & IT Consulting ETF SPDR S&P Pharmaceuticals ETF SPDR S&P Retail ETF SPDR S&P Semiconductor ETF SPDR S&P Software & Services ETF SPDR S&P Telecom ETF | | | | | | | | |
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| Fund Name | SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Fy | SPDR S&P Outsourcing | SPDR S&P Pharmaceutical | SPDR S&P Retail ETF | SPDR S&P Semicondures | SPDR S&P Software & c. | SPDR S&PTelecom ETF | SPDR S&P Transportation ETF | |
| Aerospace and Defense Sector Risk | | | | •, | • | | | | |
| Banking Sector Risk | | | | | | | | | |
| Biotechnology Sector Risk | | | | | | | | | |
| Building and Construction Risk | | | | | | | | | |
| Buyback Risk | | | | | | | | | |
| Call Risk | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Markets Sector Risk | | | | | | | | | |
| Computer Hardware Sector Risk | | | | | | | | | |
| Computer Sector Risk | | Х | | | | | | | |
| Computer Software/Services Sector Risk | | ^ | | | | X | | | |
| Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk | | | | X | | | | | |
| Consumer Staples Sector Risk | | | | X | | | | | |
| Currency Risk | | | | | | | | | |
| Depositary Receipts Risk | | | | | | | | | |
| Depositary Receipts may be Unregistered and Unlisted | | | | | | | | | |
| Dividend Paying Securities Risk | | | | | | | | | |
| Electronics Industry Risk | | | | | | | | | |
| Emerging Markets Risk | | | | | | | | | |
| Energy Sector Risk | Х | | | | | | | | |
| Equity Investing Risk | х | Х | х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | |
| Financial Institution Risk | | | | | | | | | |
| Financial Sector Risk | | | | | | | | | |
| Food and Beverage Sector Risk | | | | | | | | | |
| Geographic Focus Risk | | | | | | | | | |
| European Economic Risk | | | | | | | | | |
| Growth Stock Risk | | | | | | | | | |
| Health Care Equipment Sector Risk | | | | | | | | | |
| Health Care Sector Risk | | | Х | | | | | | |
| Health Care Services Sector Risk | | | | | | | | | |
| Homebuilding Sector Risk | | | | | | | | | |
| Index Tracking Risk | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | |
| Industrial Sector Risk | | | | | | | | Х | |

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| Fund Name | SPDR S. | SPDR S. | SPDR S. | SPDR S. | SPDR S. | SPDR S. | SPDR S. | SPDR S. |
| Insurance Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Interest Rate Risk – Preferred Securities | | | | | | | | |
| Issuer Risk – Preferred Securities | | | | | | | | |
| Large-Capitalization Securities Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Leisure Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Low Volatility Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Market Risk | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | X | Х | × |
| Materials Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Metals and Mining Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Momentum Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Non-Diversification Risk | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | × |
| Non-U.S. Securities Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Russian Sanctions Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Oil and Gas Sector Risk | Х | | | | | | | |
| Outsourcing and Consulting Sector Risk | | Х | | | | | | |
| Passive Strategy/Index Risk | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х |
| Pharmaceuticals Sector Risk | | | Х | | | | | |
| Preferred Securities Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Quality Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Real Estate Securities Risk | | | | | | | | |
| REIT Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Retail Sector Risk | | | | Х | | | | |
| Semiconductor Sector Risk | | | | | Х | | | |
| Settlement Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Small-Capitalization Securities Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Technology Sector Risk | | Х | | | Х | Х | | |
| Telecommunications Sector Risk | | | | | | | Х | |
| Transportation Sector Risk | | | | | | | | X |
| Unconstrained Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Utilities Sector Risk | | | | | | | | |
| Valuation Risk | | | | | | | | |

| Fund Name | SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Fv., | Aplor | SPDR S&P Pharmaceurs: | SPDR S&P Retail ETF | 1 | SPDR S&P Software & | SPDR S&P Telecom ETE | SPDR S&P Transportation ETF |
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| Value Stock Risk | | | | | | | | |

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| | SPDR S&P 1500 Value Tile | SPDR S&P 1500 Moment. | SPDR S&P 1500 Volatilis. | SPDR Russell 1000 Louise | SPDR Russell 2000 Low. V. | SPDR Wells Fargo Preference | SPDR MSCI USA Quality, no. |
| Fund Name | <i>\</i> | \& | 8 | \ \tag{8} | 8 | 8 | <u> </u> |
| Aerospace and Defense Sector Risk | | | | | | | |
| Banking Sector Risk | | | | | | | |
| Biotechnology Sector Risk | | | | | | | |
| Building and Construction Risk | | | | | | | |
| Buyback Risk | | | | | | | |
| Call Risk | | | | | | Х | |
| Capital Markets Sector Risk | | | | | | | |
| Computer Hardware Sector Risk | | | | | | | |
| Computer Sector Risk | | | | | | | |
| Computer Software/Services Sector Risk | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk | | X | | | | | |
| Consumer Staples Sector Risk | | | | | | | |
| Currency Risk | | | | | | | |
| Depositary Receipts Risk | | | | | | Х | |
| Depositary Receipts may be Unregistered and Unlisted | | | | | | Х | |
| Dividend Paying Securities Risk | | | | | | | |
| Electronics Industry Risk | | | | | | | |
| Emerging Markets Risk | | | | | | | |
| Energy Sector Risk | | | | | | | |
| Equity Investing Risk | X | Х | X | X | X | Х | Х |
| Financial Institution Risk | | | | | | | |
| Financial Sector Risk | X | Х | X | X | X | Х | |
| Food and Beverage Sector Risk | | | | | | | |
| Geographic Focus Risk | | | | | | | |
| European Economic Risk | | | | | | | |
| Growth Stock Risk | | | | | | | |
| Health Care Equipment Sector Risk | | | | | | | |
| Health Care Sector Risk | | Х | X | | | | |
| Health Care Services Sector Risk | | | | | | | |
| Homebuilding Sector Risk | | | | | | | |
| Index Tracking Risk | X | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х |
| Industrial Sector Risk | | | | | | | |
| Insurance Sector Risk | | | | | | | |
| Interest Rate Risk – Preferred Securities Issuer Risk – Preferred Securities | | | | | | Х | |

| | SPDR S&P 1500 Value Tite == | SPDR S&P 1500 Moment | SPDR S&P 1500 Volatilis. | SPDR Russell 1000 Louise | SPDR Russell 2000 Lower | SPDR Wells Fargo Prefer | SPDR MSCI USA Quality Mix ETF |
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| Fund Name | POR | POR | POR | PDR I | PDR I | PDR | POR |
| Large-Capitalization Securities Risk | , | | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , | | | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , | |
| Leisure Sector Risk | | | | X | | | X |
| Low Volatility Risk | | | X | X | X | | X |
| Market Risk | X | X | X | × | X | X | X |
| Materials Sector Risk | ^ | ^ | ^ | | ^ | | ^ |
| Metals and Mining Sector Risk | | | | | | | |
| Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk | | | | | | | X |
| Momentum Risk | | X | | | | | |
| Non-Diversification Risk | X | X | X | X | X | X | × |
| Non-U.S. Securities Risk | | | | | | X | |
| Russian Sanctions Risk | | | | | | | |
| Oil and Gas Sector Risk | | | | | | | |
| Outsourcing and Consulting Sector Risk | | | | | | | |
| Passive Strategy/Index Risk | Х | X | Х | X | X | X | × |
| Pharmaceuticals Sector Risk | | | | | | | |
| Preferred Securities Risk | | | | | | Х | |
| Quality Risk | | | | | | | X |
| Real Estate Securities Risk | | | | | | | |
| REIT Risk | | | | | | | |
| Retail Sector Risk | | | | | | | |
| Semiconductor Sector Risk | | | | | | | |
| Settlement Risk | | | | | | | |
| Small-Capitalization Securities Risk | | | | | Х | | |
| Technology Sector Risk | | Х | х | | | | × |
| Telecommunications Sector Risk | | | | | | | |
| Transportation Sector Risk | | | | | | | |
| Unconstrained Sector Risk | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х |
| Utilities Sector Risk | | | | | | | |
| Valuation Risk | | | | | Х | | × |
| Value Stock Risk | Х | | | | | | Х |

Aerospace and Defense Sector Risk. The aerospace and defense industry can be significantly affected by government aerospace and defense regulation and spending policies because companies involved in this industry rely to a significant extent on U.S. (and other) government demand for their products and services. Thus, the financial condition of, and investor interest in, aerospace and defense companies are heavily influenced by governmental defense spending policies which are typically under pressure from efforts to control the U.S. (and other) government budgets.

Banking Sector Risk. The performance of bank stocks may be affected by extensive governmental regulation which may limit both the amounts and types of loans and other financial commitments they can make, and the interest rates and fees they can charge and the amount of capital they must maintain. Profitability is largely dependent on the availability and cost of capital funds, and can fluctuate significantly when interest rates change. Credit losses resulting from financial difficulties of borrowers can negatively impact the sector. Banks may also be subject to severe price competition. The regional banking industry is highly competitive and failure to maintain or increase market share may result in lost market share.

Biotechnology Sector Risk. Companies within the biotech industry invest heavily in research and development which may not necessarily lead to commercially successful products. This industry is also subject to increased governmental regulation which may delay or inhibit the release of new products. Many biotech companies are dependent upon their ability to use and enforce intellectual property rights and patents. Any impairment of such rights may have adverse financial consequences. Biotech stocks, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Biotech companies can be significantly affected by technological change and obsolescence, product liability lawsuits and consequential high insurance costs.

Building and Construction Sector Risk. Companies within the Index can be significantly affected by the national, regional and local residential and commercial real estate markets. This industry is also sensitive to interest rate fluctuations which can cause changes in the availability of mortgage capital and directly affect the purchasing power of potential homebuyers. The building industry can be significantly affected by changes in government spending, zoning laws, taxation, consumer confidence, real estate values, demographic patterns, building inventories, and the level of new and existing home sales. Natural disasters and environmental issues can also affect the building industry.

Buyback Risk. Stocks of companies that announce share buybacks are often anticipated to perform well because buybacks typically are a signal that a company's

management believes its shares are undervalued. This positive signal from management may cause the value of such shares to rise after the announcement. However, the announcement of a buyback may not be an accurate predictor of future share performance.

Call Risk. A Fund may invest in callable bonds, and such issuers may "call" or repay securities with higher coupon or interest rates before the security's maturity date. If interest rates are falling, a Fund may have to reinvest the unanticipated proceeds at lower interest rates, resulting in a decline in the Fund's income.

Capital Markets Sector Risk. Companies within an Index can be significantly affected by stock and bank trading activity, changes in governmental regulation, continuing increases in price competition, decreases in fees or feerelated business, including investment banking, brokerage, asset management and other servicing fees, fluctuation in interest rates and other factors which could adversely affect financial markets.

Computer Hardware Sector Risk. A Fund will concentrate in segments of the computer industry. The computer industry can be significantly affected by competitive pressures, aggressive pricing, technological developments, changing domestic demand, the ability to attract and retain skilled employees and availability and price of components. The market for products produced by computer companies is characterized by rapidly changing technology, rapid product obsolescence, cyclical market patterns, evolving industry standards and frequent new product introductions. The success of industry participants depends in substantial part on the timely and successful introduction of new products. An unexpected change in one or more of the technologies affecting an issuer's products or in the market for products based on a particular technology could have a material adverse effect on a participant's operating results.

Many computer companies rely on a combination of patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secret laws to establish and protect their proprietary rights in their products and technologies. There can be no assurance that the steps taken by computer companies to protect their proprietary rights will be adequate to prevent misappropriation of their technology or that competitors will not independently develop technologies that are substantially equivalent or superior to such companies' technology.

Computer Sector Risk. The computer industry can be significantly affected by competitive pressures, aggressive pricing, technological developments, changing domestic demand, the ability to attract and retain skilled employees and availability and price of components. The market for products produced by computer companies is characterized by rapidly changing technology, rapid product obsolescence, cyclical market patterns, evolving industry standards and frequent new

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Computer Software/Services Sector Risk. The computer industry, including companies servicing the computer industry, can be significantly affected by competitive pressures, aggressive pricing, technological developments, changing domestic demand, the ability to attract and retain skilled employees and availability and price of components. The market for products produced by computer companies is characterized by rapidly changing technology, rapid product obsolescence, cyclical market patterns, evolving industry standards and frequent new product introductions. The success of industry participants depends in substantial part on the timely and successful introduction of new products and the ability to service such products. An unexpected change in one or more of the technologies affecting an issuer's products or in the market for products based on a particular technology could have a material adverse effect on a participant's operating results.

Many computer companies rely on a combination of patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secret laws to establish and protect their proprietary rights in their products and technologies. There can be no assurance that the steps taken by computer companies to protect their proprietary rights will be adequate to prevent misappropriation of their technology or that competitors will not independently develop technologies that are substantially equivalent or superior to such companies' technology.

Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk. The success of consumer product manufacturers and retailers is tied closely to the performance of the overall global economy, interest rates, competition and consumer confidence. Success depends heavily on disposable household income and consumer spending. Also, companies in the consumer discretionary sector may be subject to severe competition, which may have an

adverse impact on their respective profitability. Changes in demographics and consumer tastes can also affect the demand for, and success of, consumer products and services in the marketplace.

Consumer Staples Sector Risk. Consumer staples companies are subject to government regulation affecting their products which may negatively impact such companies' performance. For instance, government regulations may affect the permissibility of using various food additives and production methods of companies that make food products, which could affect company profitability. Tobacco companies may be adversely affected by the adoption of proposed legislation and/or by litigation. Also, the success of food, beverage, household and personal products companies may be strongly affected by consumer interest, marketing campaigns and other factors affecting supply and demand, including performance of the overall domestic and international economy, interest rates, competition and consumer confidence and spending.

Currency Risk. Investments in issuers in different countries are often denominated in currencies different from a Fund's base currency. Changes in the values of those currencies relative to a Fund's base currency may have a positive or negative effect on the values of a Fund's investments denominated in those currencies. The values of other currencies relative to a Fund's base currency may fluctuate in response to, among other factors, interest rate changes, intervention (or failure to intervene) by national governments, central banks, or supranational entities such as the International Monetary Fund, the imposition of currency controls, and other political or regulatory developments. Currency values can decrease significantly both in the short term and over the long term in response to these and other developments. Continuing uncertainty as to the status of the Euro and the European Monetary Union (the "EMU") has created significant volatility in currency and financial markets generally. Any partial or complete dissolution of the EMU, or any continued uncertainty as to its status, could have significant adverse effects on currency and financial markets, and on the values of a Fund's portfolio investments.

Depositary Receipts Risk. American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs") are typically trust receipts issued by a U.S. bank or trust company that evidence an indirect interest in underlying securities issued by a foreign entity. Global Depositary Receipts ("GDRs"), European Depositary Receipts ("EDRs"), and other types of depositary receipts are typically issued by non-U.S. banks or financial institutions to evidence an interest in underlying securities issued by either a U.S. or a non-U.S. entity. Investments in non-U.S. issuers through ADRs, GDRs, EDRs, and other types of depositary receipts generally involve risks applicable to other types of investments in non-U.S. issuers. Investments in depositary receipts may be less liquid and more volatile than the underlying

securities in their primary trading market. If a depositary receipt is denominated in a different currency than its underlying securities, a Fund will be subject to the currency risk of both the investment in the depositary receipt and the underlying security. There may be less publicly available information regarding the issuer of the securities underlying a depositary receipt than if those securities were traded directly in U.S. securities markets. Depositary receipts may or may not be sponsored by the issuers of the underlying securities, and information regarding issuers of securities underlying unsponsored depositary receipts may be more limited than for sponsored depositary receipts. The values of depositary receipts may decline for a number of reasons relating to the issuers or sponsors of the depositary receipts, including, but not limited to, insolvency of the issuer or sponsor. Holders of depositary receipts may have limited or no rights to take action with respect to the underlying securities or to compel the issuer of the receipts to take action.

Depositary Receipts may be Unregistered and Unlisted. A Fund's investments may also include ADRs and GDRs that are not purchased in the public markets and are restricted securities that can be offered and sold only to "qualified institutional buyers" under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("Securities Act"). The Adviser will determine the liquidity of such investments where applicable pursuant to guidelines established by the Board. If a particular investment in such ADRs or GDRs is deemed illiquid, that investment will be included within a Fund's limitation on investment in illiquid securities. Moreover, if adverse market conditions were to develop during the period between a Fund's decision to sell these types of ADRs or GDRs and the point at which a Fund is permitted or able to sell such security, a Fund might obtain a price less favorable than the price that prevailed when it decided to sell.

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

Electronics Industry Risk. The electronics industry can be significantly affected by competitive pressures, aggressive pricing, technological developments, changing domestic demand, the ability to attract and retain skilled employees and availability and price of components. The market for products is characterized by rapidly changing technology, rapid product obsolescence, cyclical market patterns, evolving industry standards and frequent new product introductions. The success of industry participants depends in substantial

part on the timely and successful introduction of new products. An unexpected change in one or more of the technologies affecting an issuer's products or in the market for products based on a particular technology could have a material adverse effect on a participant's operating results. Companies in the electronics industry may rely on a combination of patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secret laws to establish and protect their proprietary rights in their products and technologies. There can be no assurance that the steps taken by such companies to protect their proprietary rights will be adequate to prevent misappropriation of their technology or that competitors will not independently develop technologies that are substantially equivalent or superior to such companies' technology.

Emerging Markets Risk. Investments in emerging markets are generally subject to a greater risk of loss than investments in developed markets. This may be due to, among other things, the possibility of greater market volatility, lower trading volume and liquidity, greater risk of expropriation, nationalization, and social, political and economic instability, greater reliance on a few industries, international trade or revenue from particular commodities, less developed accounting, legal and regulatory systems, higher levels of inflation, deflation or currency devaluation, greater risk of market shut down, and more significant governmental limitations on investment policy as compared to those typically found in a developed market. In addition, issuers (including governments) in emerging market countries may have less financial stability than in other countries. The securities of emerging market companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Market disruptions or substantial market corrections may limit very significantly the liquidity of securities of certain companies in a particular country or geographic region, or of all companies in the country or region. A Fund may be unable to liquidate its positions in such securities at any time, or at a favorable price, in order to meet the Fund's obligations. There is also the potential for unfavorable action such as expropriation, nationalization, embargo, and acts of war. As a result, there will tend to be an increased risk of price volatility in investments in emerging market countries, which may be magnified by currency fluctuations relative to the Fund's base currency. Settlement and asset custody practices for transactions in emerging markets may differ from those in developed markets. Such differences may include possible delays in settlement and certain settlement practices, such as delivery of securities prior to receipt of payment, which increase the likelihood of a "failed settlement." Failed settlements can result in losses. For these and other reasons, investments in emerging markets are often considered speculative.

Energy Sector Risk. Energy companies typically develop and produce crude oil and natural gas and provide drilling and other energy resources production and distribution related services. Securities prices for these types of companies are affected by supply and demand both for their specific product or service and for energy products in general. The price of oil and gas, exploration and production spending, government regulation, world events, exchange rates and economic conditions will likewise affect the performance of these companies. Correspondingly, securities of companies in the energy field are subject to swift price and supply fluctuations caused by events relating to international politics, energy conservation, the success of exploration projects, and tax and other governmental regulatory policies. Weak demand for energy companies' products or services or for energy products and services in general, as well as negative developments in these other areas, could adversely impact performance of energy sector companies. Oil and gas exploration and production can be significantly affected by natural disasters as well as changes in exchange rates, interest rates, government regulation, world events and economic conditions. These companies may be at risk for environmental damage claims.

Equity Investing Risk. The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage, non-compliance with regulatory requirements, and reduced demand for the issuer's goods or services. The values of equity securities also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the general outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates, or adverse investor sentiment generally. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time. The Fund may continue to accept purchases in the Fund and to make additional investments in equity securities even under general market conditions that the Adviser views as unfavorable for equity securities.

Financial Institution Risk. Some instruments are issued or guaranteed by financial institutions, such as banks and brokers, or are collateralized by securities issued or guaranteed by financial institutions. Changes in the creditworthiness of any of these institutions may adversely affect the values of instruments of issuers in financial industries. Financial institutions may be particularly sensitive to certain economic factors such as interest rate changes, adverse developments in the real estate market, fiscal and monetary policy and general economic cycles. Adverse developments in banking and

other financial industries may cause the Funds to underperform relative to other funds that invest more broadly across different industries or have a smaller exposure to financial institutions. Changes in governmental regulation and oversight of financial institutions may have an adverse effect on the financial condition or the earnings or operations of a financial institution and on the types and amounts of businesses in which a financial institution may engage. An investor may be delayed or prevented from exercising certain remedies against a financial institution. The amount of the Fund's assets that may be invested in any financial institution, or financial institutions generally, may be limited by applicable law.

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

Food and Beverage Sector Risk. The food and beverage industry is highly competitive and can be significantly affected by demographic and product trends, competitive pricing, food fads, marketing campaigns, environmental factors, government regulation, consumer preferences, nutritional and health concerns, federal, state and local food inspection and processing controls, consumer product liability claims, possible

product tampering and the availability/expense of liability insurance. There are also risks associated with changing market prices as a result of, among other things, change in government support and trading policies, and agricultural conditions influencing the growth and harvest seasons.

Geographic Focus Risk. To the extent the Fund invests a relatively large percentage of its assets in issuers located in a single country, a small number of countries, or a particular geographic region, the Fund' performance will be closely tied to market, currency, economic, political, environmental, or regulatory conditions and developments in those countries or that region, and may be more volatile than the performance of a more geographically-diversified portfolio, which could adversely impact the Fund's performance.

European Economic Risk. The Economic and Monetary Union of the EU requires compliance with restrictions on inflation rates, deficits, interest rates, debt levels and fiscal and monetary controls, each of which may significantly affect every country in Europe. Decreasing imports or exports, changes in governmental or EU regulations on trade, changes in the exchange rate of the euro (the common currency of certain EU countries), the default or threat of default by an EU member country on its sovereign debt, and/or an economic recession in an EU member country may have a significant adverse effect on the economies of EU member countries and their trading partners. The European financial markets have recently experienced volatility and adverse trends due to concerns about economic downturns or rising government debt levels in several European countries, including Greece, Ireland, Italy, Portugal and Spain. These events have adversely affected the exchange rate of the euro and may continue to significantly affect every country in Europe, including countries that do not use the euro.

Responses to the financial problems by European governments, central banks and others, including austerity measures and reforms, may not produce the desired results, may result in social unrest and may limit future growth and economic recovery or have other unintended consequences. Further defaults or restructurings by governments and other entities of their debt could have additional adverse effects on economies, financial markets and asset valuations around the world. In addition, one or more countries may abandon the euro and/or withdraw from the EU. The impact of these actions, especially if they occur in a disorderly fashion, is not clear but could be significant and far-reaching.

Growth Stock Risk. The prices of growth stocks may be based largely on expectations of future earnings, and their prices can decline rapidly and significantly in reaction to negative news about such factors as

earnings, revenues, the economy, political developments, or other news. Growth stocks may underperform value stocks and stocks in other broad style categories (and the stock market as a whole) over any period of time and may shift in and out of favor with investors generally, sometimes rapidly, depending on changes in market, economic, and other factors. As a result, at times when it holds substantial investments in growth stocks a Fund may underperform other investment funds that invest more broadly or that favor different investment styles. Because growth companies typically reinvest their earnings, growth stocks typically do not pay dividends at levels associated with other types of stocks, if at all.

Health Care Equipment Sector Risk: Companies in the health care industry are affected by rising costs of medical products, devices and services and the increased emphasis on the delivery of health care through outpatient services. The health care industry is highly competitive and can be significantly affected by extensive government regulation or government reimbursement for medical expenses. The equipment may be subject to extensive litigation based on malpractice claims, product liability claims or other litigation. Medical equipment manufacturers are heavily dependent on patent protection and the expiration of patents may adversely affect their profitability. Many new health care products are subject to the approval of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"). The process of obtaining FDA approval is often long and expensive.

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

Health Care Services Sector Risk. Companies in the health care industry are affected by rising costs of medical products, devices and services and the increased emphasis on the delivery of health care

through outpatient services. The health care industry is highly competitive and can be significantly affected by extensive government regulation or government reimbursement for medical expenses. The equipment may be subject to extensive litigation based on malpractice claims, product liability claims or other litigation. Medical equipment manufacturers are heavily dependent on patent protection and the expiration of patents may adversely affect their profitability. Many new health care products are subject to the approval of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"). The process of obtaining FDA approval is often long and expensive.

Homebuilding Sector Risk. Companies within the Index can be significantly affected by the national, regional and local real estate markets. This industry is also sensitive to interest rate fluctuations which can cause changes in the availability of mortgage capital and directly affect the purchasing power of potential homebuyers. The building industry can be significantly affected by changes in government spending, consumer confidence, demographic patterns and the level of new and existing home sales.

Index Tracking Risk. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (i.e., achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index for a number of reasons. For example, the return on the sample of securities purchased by the Fund (or the return on securities not included in the Index), or futures or other derivative positions taken by the Fund, to replicate the performance of the Index may not correlate precisely with the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, either as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. Changes in the composition of the Index and regulatory requirements also may impact the Fund's ability to match the return of the Index. The Adviser may apply one or more "screens" or investment techniques to refine or limit the number or types of issuers included in the Index in which the Fund may invest. Application of such screens or techniques may result in investment performance below that of the Index and may not produce results expected by the Adviser. Index tracking risk may be heightened during times of increased market volatility or other unusual market conditions.

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

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

Insurance Sector Risk. Insurance companies' profits are affected by many factors, including interest rate movements, the imposition of premium rate caps, competition and pressure to compete globally. Certain types of insurance companies may also be affected by weather catastrophes and other disasters and mortality rates. In addition, although the industry is currently subject to extensive regulation, companies in this industry may be adversely affected by increased governmental regulations or tax law changes in the future.

Interest Rate Risk – Preferred Securities. Because many Preferred Securities pay dividends at a fixed rate, their market price can be sensitive to changes in interest rates in a manner similar to bonds — that is, as interest rates rise, the value of the Preferred Securities held by the Fund are likely to decline. To the extent that the Fund invests a substantial portion of its assets in fixed rate Preferred Securities, rising interest rates may cause the value of the Fund's investments to decline significantly. Preferred Securities often have call features which allow the issuer to redeem the security at its discretion. The redemption of a Preferred Security having a higher than average yield may cause a decrease in the Fund's yield.

Issuer Risk – Preferred Securities. Because many Preferred Securities allow holders to convert the Preferred Securities into common stock of the issuer, their market price can be sensitive to changes in the value of the issuer's common stock and, therefore, declining common stock values may also cause the value of the Fund's investments to decline.

Large-Capitalization Securities Risk. Securities issued by large-capitalization companies may present risks not present in smaller companies. For example, larger companies may be unable to respond as quickly as smaller and mid-sized companies to competitive challenges or to changes in business, product, financial, or other market conditions. Larger companies may not be able to maintain growth at the high rates that may be achieved by well-managed smaller and mid-sized companies, especially during strong economic periods.

Returns on investments in securities of large companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of smaller and mid-sized companies.

Leisure Sector Risk. The leisure industry can be significantly affected by the performance of the overall economy, changing consumer tastes, intense competition, technological developments, and government regulation.

Low Volatility Risk. Although subject to the risks of common stocks, low volatility stocks are seen as having a lower risk profile than the overall markets. However, a portfolio comprised of low volatility stocks may not produce investment exposure that has lower variability to changes in such stocks' price levels.

Market Risk. Market prices of investments held by a Fund will go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. Each Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers and general market liquidity. Even if general economic conditions do not change, the value of an investment in a Fund could decline if the particular industries, sectors or companies in which a Fund invests do not perform well or are adversely affected by events. Further, legal, political, regulatory and tax changes also may cause fluctuations in markets and securities prices.

Materials Sector Risk. The Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in the materials sector, which means the Fund will be more affected by the performance of the materials sector than a fund that is more diversified. Many materials companies are significantly affected by the level and volatility of commodity prices, exchange rates, import controls, worldwide competition, environmental policies and consumer demand. At times, worldwide production of industrial materials has exceeded demand as a result of over-building or economic downturns, leading to poor investment returns or losses. Other risks may include liabilities for environmental damage and general civil liabilities, depletion of resources, and mandated expenditures for safety and pollution control. The materials sector may also be affected by economic cycles, technical progress, labor relations, and government regulations.

Metals and Mining Sector Risk. The metals and mining sector can be significantly affected by events relating to international political and economic developments, energy conservation, the success of exploration projects, commodity prices, and tax and other government regulations. Investments in metals and mining industry companies may be speculative and may be subject to greater price volatility than investments in

other types of companies. Risks of metals and mining investments include: changes in international monetary policies or economic and political conditions that can affect the supply of precious metals and consequently the value of metals and mining company investments; the United States or foreign governments may pass laws or regulations limiting metals investments for strategic or other policy reasons; and increased environmental or labor costs may depress the value of metals and mining investments.

Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk. The securities of midcapitalization companies may be more volatile and may involve more risk than the securities of larger companies. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger companies, and may depend on a few key employees. In addition, these companies may have been recently organized and may have little or no track record of success. The securities of mid-sized companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. The prices of these securities may fluctuate more sharply than those of other securities, and a Fund may experience some difficulty in establishing or closing out positions in these securities at prevailing market prices. There may be less publicly available information about the issuers of these securities or less market interest in these securities than in the case of larger companies, both of which can cause significant price volatility. Some securities of mid-sized issuers may be illiquid or may be restricted as to resale. Returns on investments in securities of mid-capitalization companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of larger or smaller companies.

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

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

Non-U.S. Securities Risk. Investments in securities of non-U.S. issuers (including depositary receipts) entail risks not typically associated with investing in securities of U.S. issuers. Similar risks may apply to securities traded on a U.S. securities exchange that are issued by entities with significant exposure to non-U.S. countries. In certain countries, legal remedies available to investors may be more limited than those available with regard to U.S. investments. Because non-U.S. securities are normally denominated and traded in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, the value of a Fund's assets may be affected favorably or unfavorably by currency exchange rates, exchange control regulations, and restrictions or prohibitions on the repatriation of non-U.S. currencies. Income and gains with respect to investments in certain countries may be subject to withholding and other taxes. There may be less information publicly available about a non-U.S. entity than about a U.S. entity, and many non-U.S. entities are not subject to accounting, auditing, and financial reporting standards, regulatory framework and practices comparable to those in the United States. The securities of some non-U.S. entities are less liquid and at times more volatile than securities of comparable U.S. entities, and could become subject to sanctions or embargoes that adversely affect a Fund's investment. Non-U.S. transaction costs, such as brokerage commissions and custody costs may be higher than in the U.S. In addition, there may be a possibility of nationalization or expropriation of assets, imposition of currency exchange controls, confiscatory taxation, and diplomatic developments that could adversely affect the values of a Fund's investments in certain non-U.S. countries. Investments in securities of non-U.S. issuers also are subject to foreign political and economic risk not associated with U.S. investments, meaning that political events (civil unrest, national elections, changes in political conditions and foreign relations, imposition of exchange controls and repatriation restrictions), social and economic events (labor strikes, rising inflation) and natural disasters occurring in a country where a Fund invests could cause the Fund's investments in that country to experience gains or losses.

Russian Sanctions Risk. Recent sanctions imposed by the United States, the European Union and Canada, and other intergovernmental actions that may be undertaken in the future, against Russia, Russian entities or Russian individuals, may result in the devaluation of Russian currency, a downgrade in the country's credit rating, and/or a decline in the value and liquidity of Russian securities, property or interests. The scope and scale of these sanctions may be expanded. These sanctions could impair the ability of a Fund to buy, sell, hold, receive, deliver or otherwise transact in certain investment instruments. Sanctions could also result in Russia taking counter measures or other actions, which may further impair the value and liquidity of Russian

securities. These sanctions, and the continued disruption of the Russian economy, could have a negative effect on the performance of a Fund. Compliance with each of these sanctions may impair the ability of a Fund to buy, sell, hold, receive, deliver or otherwise transact in the affected securities or other securities of such issuers. If it becomes impracticable or unlawful for a Fund to hold securities subject to, or otherwise affected by, sanctions, or if deemed appropriate by a Fund's investment adviser, the Fund may prohibit in-kind deposits of the affected securities in connection with creation transactions and instead require a cash deposit, which may also increase the Fund's transaction costs.

Oil and Gas Sector Risk. Companies in the oil and gas sector develop and produce crude oil and natural gas and provide drilling and other energy resources production and distribution related services. Stock prices for these types of companies are affected by supply and demand both for their specific product or service and for energy products in general. The price of oil and gas, exploration and production spending, government regulation, world events and economic conditions will likewise affect the performance of these companies. Correspondingly, securities of companies in the energy field are subject to swift price and supply fluctuations caused by events relating to international politics, energy conservation, the success of exploration projects, and tax and other governmental regulatory policies. Weak demand for the companies' products or services or for energy products and services in general, as well as negative developments in these other areas, would adversely impact the Fund's performance. Oil and gas equipment and services can be significantly affected by natural disasters as well as changes in exchange rates, interest rates, government regulation, world events and economic conditions. These companies may be at risk for environmental damage claims.

Outsourcing and Consulting Sector Risk. The information technology consulting services and outsourcing industry can be significantly affected by competitive pressures, such as technological developments, fixed-rate pricing, and the ability to attract and retain skilled employees. The success of companies in this industry is subject to continued demand for business services.

Passive Strategy/Index Risk. The Fund is managed with a passive investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities. The Fund will seek to replicate Index returns regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. The Fund generally will buy and will not sell a security included in the Index as long as the security is part of the Index regardless of any sudden or material decline in value or foreseeable material decline in value of the security, even though the Adviser may make a different

investment decision for other actively managed accounts or portfolios that hold the security. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index (in absolute terms and by comparison with other indices) and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. The Fund's performance may not match that of the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index.

Pharmaceuticals Sector Risk. Companies in the pharmaceutical industry are heavily dependent on patent protection. The expiration of patents may adversely affect the profitability of the companies. Pharmaceutical companies are also subject to extensive litigation based on product liability and other similar claims. Many new products are subject to approval of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"). The process of obtaining FDA approval can be long and costly and approved products are susceptible to obsolescence. Pharmaceutical companies are also subject to heavy competitive forces that may make it difficult to raise prices and, in fact, may result in price discounting.

Preferred Securities Risk. Generally, preferred security holders have no voting rights with respect to the issuing company unless certain events occur. In addition, preferred securities are subordinated to bonds and other debt instruments in a company's capital structure and therefore will be subject to greater credit risk than those debt instruments. Unlike debt securities, dividend payments on a preferred security typically must be declared by the issuer's board of directors. An issuer's board of directors is generally not under any obligation to pay a dividend (even if such dividends have accrued), and may suspend payment of dividends on preferred securities at any time. In the event an issuer of preferred securities experiences economic difficulties, the issuer's preferred securities may lose substantial value due to the reduced likelihood that the issuer's board of directors will declare a dividend and the fact that the preferred security may be subordinated to other securities of the same issuer.

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

Real Estate Securities Risk. There are special risks associated with investment in securities of companies engaged in real property markets, including without limitation real estate investment trusts ("REITs") and real estate operating companies. An investment in a real property company may be subject to risks similar to

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

REIT Risk. In addition to the risks associated with investing in the securities of real property companies, REITs are subject to certain additional risks. REITs may be affected by changes in the values of the underlying properties that they own or operate. Further, REITs are dependent upon specialized management skills, and their investments may be concentrated in relatively few properties, or in a small geographic area or a single property type. REITs are also subject to heavy cash flow dependency and, as a result, are particularly reliant on the proper functioning of capital markets. A variety of economic and other factors may adversely affect a lessee's ability to meet its obligations to a REIT. In the event of a default by a lessee, the REIT may experience delays in enforcing its rights as a lessor and may incur substantial costs associated in protecting its investments. In addition, a REIT could possibly fail to qualify for tax free pass-through of income under the Internal Revenue Code, or to maintain its exemptions from registration under the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, which could have adverse consequences for the Fund. REITs are also subject to heavy cash flow dependency and, as a result, are particularly reliant on capital markets. Investments in REITs are also subject to the risks affecting equity markets generally. There are special risks associated with investment in securities of companies engaged in real property markets, including without limitation REITs and real estate operating companies. An investment in a real property company may be subject to risks similar to those associated with direct ownership of real estate, as well as additional risks, such as poor performance by the manager of the real property company, adverse changes in tax laws, difficulties in valuing and disposing of real estate, and the effect of general declines in stock prices.

In addition to the risks associated with investing in the securities of real property companies, REITs are subject to certain additional risks. For example, REITs are dependent upon specialized management skills, and their investments may be concentrated in relatively few properties, or in a small geographic area or a single property type. REITs are also subject to heavy cash flow dependency, and, as a result, are particularly reliant on capital markets, as well as defaults by borrowers and self-liquidation.

Retail Sector Risk. Retail and related industries can be significantly affected by the performance of the domestic and international economy, consumer confidence and spending, intense competition, changes in demographics, and changing consumer tastes and preferences.

Semiconductor Sector Risk. A Fund is subject to the risk that market or economic factors impacting companies in the semiconductor industry and companies that rely heavily on technology advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund's investments. The value of stocks of companies in the semiconductor industry and companies that rely heavily on technology is particularly vulnerable to rapid changes in product cycles, rapid product obsolescence, government regulation and competition, both domestically and internationally, including competition from foreign competitors with lower production costs. Companies in the semiconductor industry and companies that rely heavily on technology, especially those of smaller, lessseasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Additionally, companies in the semiconductor industry may face dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel.

Settlement Risk. Markets in different countries have different clearance and settlement procedures and in certain markets there have been times when settlements have been unable to keep pace with the volume of transactions. Delays in settlement may increase credit risk to a Fund, limit the ability of a Fund to reinvest the proceeds of a sale of securities, hinder the ability of a Fund to lend its portfolio securities, and potentially subject a Fund to penalties for its failure to deliver to on-purchasers of securities whose delivery to a Fund was delayed. Delays in the settlement of securities purchased by a Fund may limit the ability of a Fund to sell those securities at times and prices it considers desirable, and may subject a Fund to losses and costs due to its own inability to settle with subsequent purchasers of the securities from it. A Fund may be required to borrow monies it had otherwise expected to receive in connection with the settlement of securities sold by it, in order to meet its obligations to others. Limits on the ability of a Fund to purchase or sell securities due to settlement delays could increase any variance between a Fund's performance and that of its benchmark index.

Small-Capitalization Securities Risk. The securities of small-capitalization companies may be more volatile and may involve more risk than the securities of larger companies. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger companies, and may depend on a few key employees. In addition, these companies may have been recently organized and may have little or no track record of success. The securities of

smaller companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. The prices of these securities may fluctuate more sharply than those of other securities, and a Fund may experience some difficulty in establishing or closing out positions in these securities at prevailing market prices. There may be less publicly available information about the issuers of these securities or less market interest in these securities than in the case of larger companies, both of which can cause significant price volatility. Some securities of smaller issuers may be illiquid or may be restricted as to resale. Returns on investments in securities of small-capitalization companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of larger companies.

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

Telecommunications Sector Risk. The telecommunications industry is subject to extensive government regulation. The costs of complying with governmental regulations, delays or failure to receive required regulatory approvals or the enactment of new adverse regulatory requirements may adversely affect the business of the telecommunications companies. The telecommunications industry can also be significantly affected by intense competition, including competition with alternative technologies such as wireless communications, product compatibility, consumer preferences, rapid product obsolescence and research and development of new products. Technological innovations may make the products and services of telecommunications companies obsolete. Other risks include uncertainties resulting from such companies' diversification into new domestic and international businesses, as well as agreements by any such companies linking future rate increases to inflation or other factors not directly related to the actual operating profits of the enterprise.

Transportation Sector Risk. The transportation industry can be significantly affected by changes in the economy, fuel prices, labor relations, technology developments, exchange rates, insurance costs, industry competition and government regulation.

Unconstrained Sector Risk. The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets within one or more economic sectors or industries, which may change from time to time. When a Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not focused its assets in that industry, market, or economic sector, which may increase the volatility of the Fund. Any such investment focus may also limit the liquidity of the Fund. In addition, investors may buy or sell substantial amounts of Fund Shares in response to factors affecting or expected to affect an industry, market, or economic sector in which the Fund focuses its investments, resulting in extreme inflows or outflows of cash into and out of the Fund. Such extreme cash inflows or outflows might affect management of a Fund adversely.

Utilities Sector Risk: Utility companies are affected by supply and demand, operating costs, government regulation, environmental factors, liabilities for environmental damage and general civil liabilities, and rate caps or rate changes. Although rate changes of a utility usually fluctuate in approximate correlation with financing costs, due to political and regulatory factors rate changes ordinarily occur only following a delay after the changes in financing costs. This factor will tend to favorably affect a regulated utility company's earnings and dividends in times of decreasing costs, but conversely, will tend to adversely affect earnings and dividends when costs are rising. The value of regulated utility debt securities (and, to a lesser extent, equity securities) may tend to have an inverse relationship to the movement of interest rates. Certain utility companies have experienced full or partial deregulation in recent years. These utility companies are frequently more similar to industrial companies in that they are subject to greater competition and have been permitted by regulators to diversify outside of their original geographic regions and their traditional lines of business. These opportunities may permit certain utility companies to earn more than their traditional regulated rates of return. Some companies, however, may be forced to defend their core business and may be less profitable. In addition, natural disasters, terrorist attacks, government intervention or other factors may render a utility company's equipment unusable or obsolete and negatively impact profitability.

Among the risks that may affect utility companies are the following: risks of increases in fuel and other operating costs; the high cost of borrowing to finance capital construction during inflationary periods; restrictions on operations and increased costs and delays associated with compliance with environmental and nuclear safety regulations; and the difficulties involved in obtaining natural gas for resale or fuel for generating electricity at reasonable prices. Other risks include those related to the construction and operation of nuclear power plants, the effects of energy conservation and the effects of regulatory changes.

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

Value Stock Risk. Value stocks present the risk that they may decline in price or never reach their expected full market value because the market fails to recognize the stock's intrinsic worth. Value stocks may underperform growth stocks and stocks in other broad style categories (and the stock market as a whole) over any period of time and may shift in and out of favor with investors generally, sometimes rapidly, depending on changes in market, economic, and other factors. As a result, at times when it holds substantial investments in value stocks the Fund may underperform other investment portfolios that invest more broadly or that favor different investment styles.

NON-PRINCIPAL RISKS

Authorized Participants, Market Makers and Liquidity Providers Concentration Risk. A Fund has a limited number of financial institutions that may act as Authorized Participants ("APs"). In addition, there may be a limited number of market makers and/or liquidity providers in the marketplace. To the extent either of the following events occur, Fund Shares may trade at a material discount to NAV and possibly face delisting: (i) APs exit the business or otherwise become unable to

process creation and/or redemption orders and no other APs step forward to perform these services, or (ii) market makers and/or liquidity providers exit the business or significantly reduce their business activities and no other entities step forward to perform their functions.

Concentration Risk. A Fund's assets will generally be concentrated in an industry or group of industries to the extent that the Fund's underlying Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. When a Fund focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry, market, or economic sector will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it had not focused its assets in that industry, market, or economic sector, which may increase the volatility of the Fund. Any such investment focus may also limit the liquidity of the Fund. In addition, investors may buy or sell substantial amounts of Fund Shares in response to factors affecting or expected to affect an industry, market, or economic sector in which the Fund focuses its investments, resulting in extreme inflows or outflows of cash into and out of the Fund.

Costs of Buying and Selling Shares. Investors buying or selling Fund Shares in the secondary market will pay brokerage commissions or other charges imposed by brokers, as determined by that broker. Brokerage commissions are often a fixed amount and may be a significant proportional cost for investors seeking to buy or sell relatively small amounts of Fund Shares. In addition, secondary market investors will also incur the cost of the difference between the price that an investor is willing to pay for Fund Shares (the "bid" price) and the price at which an investor is willing to sell Fund Shares (the "ask" price). This difference in bid and ask prices is often referred to as the "spread" or "bid/ask spread." The bid/ask spread varies over time for Fund Shares based on trading volume and market liquidity, and is generally lower if Fund Shares have more trading volume and market liquidity and higher if Fund Shares have little trading volume and market liquidity. Further, increased market volatility may cause increased bid/ask spreads. Due to the costs of buying or selling Fund Shares, including bid/ask spreads, frequent trading of Fund Shares may significantly reduce investment results and an investment in Fund Shares may not be advisable for investors who anticipate regularly making small investments.

Counterparty Risk. To the extent a Fund enters into derivatives contracts and other transactions such as repurchase agreements or reverse repurchase agreements, the Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties with which the Fund enters into such transactions. A Fund's ability to profit from these types of investments and transactions will depend on the willingness and ability of its counterparty to perform its obligations. If a counterparty fails to meet

its contractual obligations, a Fund may be unable to terminate or realize any gain on the investment or transaction, resulting in a loss to the Fund. A Fund may experience significant delays in obtaining any recovery in an insolvency, bankruptcy, or other reorganization proceeding involving its counterparty (including recovery of any collateral posted by it) and may obtain only a limited recovery or may obtain no recovery in such circumstances. If a Fund holds collateral posted by its counterparty, it may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the collateral in the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding relating to the counterparty. Contractual provisions and applicable law may prevent or delay a Fund from exercising its rights to terminate an investment or transaction with a financial institution experiencing financial difficulties, or to realize on collateral, and another institution may be substituted for that financial institution without the consent of the Fund. If the credit rating of a derivatives counterparty declines, a Fund may nonetheless choose or be required to keep existing transactions in place with the counterparty, in which event the Fund would be subject to any increased credit risk associated with those transactions.

Cybersecurity Risk. With the increased use of technologies such as the Internet and the dependence on computer systems to perform business and operational functions, investment companies (such as the Funds) and their service providers (including the Adviser) may be prone to operational and information security risks resulting from cyber-attacks and/or technological malfunctions. In general, cyber-attacks are deliberate, but unintentional events may have similar effects. Cyber-attacks include, among others, stealing or corrupting data maintained online or digitally, preventing legitimate users from accessing information or services on a website, releasing confidential information without authorization, and causing operational disruption. Successful cyber-attacks against, or security breakdowns of, a Fund, the Adviser, a sub-adviser, or a custodian, transfer agent, or other affiliated or third-party service provider may adversely affect a Fund or its shareholders. For instance, cyber-attacks may interfere with the processing of shareholder transactions, affect a Fund's ability to calculate its NAV, cause the release of private shareholder information or confidential Fund information, impede trading, cause reputational damage, and subject a Fund to regulatory fines, penalties or financial losses, reimbursement or other compensation costs, and additional compliance costs. Cyber-attacks may render records of Fund assets and transactions, shareholder ownership of Fund Shares, and other data integral to the functioning of the Fund inaccessible or inaccurate or incomplete. A Fund may also incur substantial costs for cyber security risk management in order to prevent cyber incidents in the future. A Fund and its shareholders could be negatively impacted as a result. While the Adviser has established business continuity plans and systems designed to minimize the

risk of cyber-attacks through the use of technology, processes and controls, there are inherent limitations in such plans and systems, including the possibility that certain risks have not been identified given the evolving nature of this threat. Each Fund relies on third-party service providers for many of its day-to-day operations, and will be subject to the risk that the protections and protocols implemented by those service providers will be ineffective to protect the Fund from cyber-attack. Similar types of cyber security risks also are present for issuers of securities in which each Fund invest, which could result in material adverse consequences for such issuers, and may cause a Fund's investment in such securities to lose value.

Derivatives Risk. A derivative is a financial contract the value of which depends on, or is derived from, the value of an underlying asset, interest rate, or index. Derivative transactions typically involve leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a derivative transaction will result in a loss greater than the principal amount invested, and a Fund may not be able to close out a derivative transaction at a favorable time or price. Risks associated with derivative instruments include potential changes in value in response to interest rate changes or other market developments or as a result of the counterparty's credit quality; the potential for the derivative transaction not to have the effect the Adviser anticipated or a different or less favorable effect than the Adviser anticipated; the failure of the counterparty to the derivative transaction to perform its obligations under the transaction or to settle a trade; possible mispricing or improper valuation of the derivative instrument; imperfect correlation in the value of a derivative with the asset, rate, or index underlying the derivative; the risk that a Fund may be required to post collateral or margin with its counterparty, and will not be able to recover the collateral or margin in the event of the counterparty's insolvency or bankruptcy; the risk that a Fund will experience losses on its derivatives investments and on its other portfolio investments, even when the derivatives investments may be intended in part or entirely to hedge those portfolio investments; the risks specific to the asset underlying the derivative instrument; lack of liquidity for the derivative instrument, including without limitation absence of a secondary trading market; the potential for reduced returns to a Fund due to losses on the transaction and an increase in volatility; the potential for the derivative transaction to have the effect of accelerating the recognition of gain; and legal risks arising from the documentation relating to the derivative transaction.

Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts. The net asset value of Fund Shares will generally fluctuate with changes in the market value of a Fund's securities holdings. The market prices of Fund Shares will generally fluctuate in accordance with changes in a Fund's net asset value and supply and

demand of Fund Shares on the Exchange. It cannot be predicted whether Fund Shares will trade below, at or above their net asset value. Price differences may be due, in large part, to the fact that supply and demand forces at work in the secondary trading market for Fund Shares will be closely related to, but not identical to, the same forces influencing the prices of the securities of an Index trading individually or in the aggregate at any point in time. The market prices of Fund Shares may deviate significantly from the net asset value of the Fund Shares during periods of market volatility. However, given that Fund Shares can be created and redeemed in Creation Units (unlike shares of many closed-end funds, which frequently trade at appreciable discounts from, and sometimes at premiums to, their net asset value), the Adviser believes that large discounts or premiums to the net asset value of Fund Shares should not be sustained over long periods. While the creation/redemption feature is designed to make it likely that Fund Shares normally will trade close to a Fund's net asset value, disruptions to creations and redemptions or market volatility may result in trading prices that differ significantly from such Fund's net asset value. If an investor purchases Fund Shares at a time when the market price is at a premium to the net asset value of the Fund Shares or sells at a time when the market price is at a discount to the net asset value of the Fund Shares, then the investor may sustain losses.

Index Construction Risk. A security included in an Index may not exhibit the characteristic or provide the specific exposure for which it was selected and consequently a Fund's holdings may not exhibit returns consistent with that characteristic or exposure.

Liquidity Risk. Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund may not be able to dispose of securities or close out derivatives transactions readily at a favorable time or prices (or at all) or at prices approximating those at which the Fund currently values them. For example, certain investments may be subject to restrictions on resale, may trade in the over-the-counter market or in limited volume, or may not have an active trading market. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. It may be difficult for the Fund to value illiquid securities accurately. The market for certain investments may become illiquid under adverse market or economic conditions independent of any specific adverse changes in the conditions of a particular issuer. Disposal of illiquid securities may entail registration expenses and other transaction costs that are higher than those for liquid securities. The Fund may seek to borrow money to meet its obligations (including among other things redemption obligations) if it is unable to dispose of illiquid investments, resulting in borrowing expenses and possible leveraging of the Fund. In some cases, due to

unanticipated levels of illiquidity the Fund may choose to meet its redemption obligations wholly or in part by distributions of assets in-kind.

Money Market Risk. An investment in a money market fund is not a deposit of any bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any other government agency. Although a money market fund generally seeks to preserve the value of its shares at \$1.00 per share, there can be no assurance that it will do so, and it is possible to lose money by investing in a money market fund. None of State Street Corporation, State Street, State Street Global Advisors ("SSGA"), SSGA Funds Management, Inc. ("SSGA FM") or their affiliates ("State Street Entities") guarantee the value of an investment in a money market fund at \$1.00 per share. Investors should have no expectation of capital support to a money market fund from State Street Entities.

Securities Lending Risk. Each Fund may lend portfolio securities with a value of up to 25% of its total assets. For these purposes, total assets shall include the value of all assets received as collateral for the loan. Such loans may be terminated at any time, and a Fund will receive cash or other obligations as collateral. In a loan transaction, as compensation for lending its securities, a Fund will receive a portion of the dividends or interest accrued on the securities held as collateral or, in the case of cash collateral, a portion of the income from the investment of such cash. In addition, a Fund will receive the amount of all dividends, interest and other distributions on the loaned securities. However, the borrower has the right to vote the loaned securities. A Fund will call loans to vote proxies if a material issue affecting the investment is to be voted upon. Should the borrower of the securities fail financially, a Fund may experience delays in recovering the securities or exercising its rights in the collateral. Loans are made only to borrowers that are deemed by the securities lending agent to be of good financial standing. In a loan transaction, a Fund will also bear the risk of any decline in value of securities acquired with cash collateral. A Fund will attempt to minimize this risk by limiting the investment of cash collateral to high quality instruments of short maturity.

Trading Issues. Although Fund Shares are listed for trading on the Exchange and may be listed or traded on U.S. and non-U.S. stock exchanges other than the Exchange, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for such Fund Shares will develop or be maintained. Trading in Fund Shares on the Exchange may be halted due to market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in Fund Shares inadvisable. In addition, trading in Fund Shares on the Exchange is subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility pursuant to Exchange "circuit breaker" rules. There can be no assurance that the requirements of the Exchange necessary to maintain

the listing of a Fund will continue to be met or will remain unchanged or that Fund Shares will trade with any volume, or at all, on any stock exchange.

MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT ADVISER

SSGA FM serves as the investment adviser to each Fund and, subject to the supervision of the Board, is responsible for the investment management of each Fund. The Adviser provides an investment management program for each Fund and manages the investment of the Funds' assets. The Adviser is a wholly-owned subsidiary of State Street Corporation and is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. The Adviser and certain other affiliates of State Street Corporation make up SSGA. SSGA is one of the world's largest institutional money managers and the investment management arm of State Street Corporation. As of June 30, 2015, the Adviser managed approximately \$376.28 billion in assets and SSGA managed approximately \$2.37 trillion in assets. The Adviser's principal business address is State Street Financial Center, One Lincoln Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02111.

For the services provided to each Fund under the Investment Advisory Agreement, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, each Fund paid the Adviser the annual fees based on a percentage of each Fund's average daily net assets as set forth below:

| SPDR | Russell 3000 ETF | 0.10% |
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| | Russell 1000 ETF | 0.10% |
| SPDR | Russell 2000 ETF | 0.12% |
| | S&P 500 Buyback ETF | $0.35\%^{(1)}$ |
| | S&P 500 High Dividend ETF | $0.12\%^{(2)}$ |
| | S&P 500 Growth ETF | $0.18\%^{(3)}$ |
| | S&P 500 Value ETF | 0.18%(3) |
| | Russell Small Cap Completeness ETF | 0.10% |
| | S&P 400 Mid Cap Growth ETF | 0.20%(3) |
| | S&P 400 Mid Cap Value ETF | 0.21%(3) |
| | S&P 600 Small Cap ETF | 0.18%(3) |
| | S&P 600 Small Cap Growth ETF | 0.20%(3) |
| | S&P 600 Small Cap Value ETF | $0.21\%^{(3)}$ |
| | Global Dow ETF | 0.50% |
| | Dow Jones REIT ETF | 0.25% |
| | S&P Bank ETF | 0.35% |
| | S&P Capital Markets ETF | 0.35% |
| SPDR | S&P Insurance ETF | 0.35% |
| | S&P Regional Banking ETF | 0.35% |
| SPDR | Morgan Stanley Technology ETF | $0.42\%^{(3)}$ |
| | S&P Dividend ETF | 0.35% |
| | S&P Aerospace & Defense ETF | 0.35% |
| | S&P Biotech ETF | 0.35% |
| | S&P Building & Construction ETF | $0.35\%^{(2)}$ |
| | S&P Computer Hardware ETF | $0.35\%^{(2)}$ |
| | S&P Food & Beverage ETF | $0.35\%^{(2)}$ |
| | S&P Health Care Equipment ETF | 0.35% |
| | S&P Health Care Services ETF | 0.35% |
| | S&P Homebuilders ETF | 0.35% |
| | S&P LeisureTime ETF | $0.35\%^{(2)}$ |
| SPDR | S&P Metals & Mining ETF | 0.35% |

SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Equipment & Services ETF.....

| SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Exploration & Production ETF | 0.35% |
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| SPDR S&P Outsourcing & IT Consulting ETF | $0.35\%^{(2)}$ |
| SPDR S&P Pharmaceuticals ETF | 0.35% |
| SPDR S&P Retail ETF | 0.35% |
| SPDR S&P Semiconductor ETF | 0.35% |
| SPDR S&P Software & Services ETF | 0.35% |
| SPDR S&P Telecom ETF | 0.35% |
| SPDR S&P Transportation ETF | 0.35% |
| SPDR S&P 1500 Value Tilt ETF | $0.24\%^{(3)}$ |
| SPDR S&P 1500 Momentum Tilt ETF | $0.25\%^{(3)}$ |
| SPDR S&P 1500 Volatility Tilt ETF | $0.35\%^{(2)}$ |
| SPDR Russell 1000 Low Volatility ETF | $0.15\%^{(3)}$ |
| SPDR Russell 2000 Low Volatility ETF | $0.17\%^{(3)}$ |
| SPDR Wells Fargo Preferred Stock ETF | 0.45% |
| SPDR MSCI USA Quality Mix ETF | $0.15\%^{(4)}$ |
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- The Fund commenced operations on February 4, 2015.
- (2) The Fund had not commenced operations as of June 30, 2015. The Fund expects to pay the Adviser the annual fee based on the percentage of the Fund's average daily net assets once the Fund commences operations.
- Prior to February 3, 2015, the annual fee paid by the SPDR S&P 500 Growth ETF, SPDR S&P 500 Value ETF, SPDR S&P 400 Mid Cap Growth ETF, SPDR S&P 400 Mid Cap Value ETF, SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap Value ETF, SPDR Morgan Stanley Technology ETF, SPDR S&P 1500 Value Tilt ETF, SPDR S&P 1500 Momentum Tilt ETF, SPDR Russell 1000 Low Volatility ETF and SPDR Russell 2000 Low Volatility ETF to the Adviser was 0.20%, 0.20%, 0.25%, 0.25%, 0.25%, 0.35%, 0.35%, 0.35%, 0.30% and 0.25% of the Fund's average daily net assets, respectively.
- (4) The Fund commenced operations on April 15, 2015.

From time to time, the Adviser may waive all or a portion of its fee, although it does not currently intend to do so. The Adviser pays all expenses of each Fund other than the management fee, distribution fee pursuant to each Fund's Distribution and Service Plan, if any, brokerage expenses, taxes, interest, fees and expenses of the Independent Trustees (including any Trustee's counsel fees), litigation expenses, acquired fund fees and expenses and other extraordinary expenses.

A discussion regarding the Board's consideration of the Investment Advisory Agreement is provided in the Trust's Annual Report to Shareholders for the period ended June 30, 2015 and, with respect to any Fund that commenced operations after June 30, 2015, such discussion will be provided in the Trust's Semi-Annual Report to Shareholders for the period ended December 31, 2015.

The Adviser may hire one or more sub-advisers to oversee the day-to-day investment activities of the Funds. The sub-advisers are subject to oversight by the Adviser. The Adviser and SPDR Series Trust (the "Trust") have received an exemptive order from the SEC that permits the Adviser, with the approval of the Independent Trustees of the Trust, to retain and amend existing sub-advisory agreements with unaffiliated investment sub-advisers for the Funds without submitting the sub-advisory agreement to a vote of the Fund's shareholders. The Trust will notify shareholders in the event of any change in the identity of such sub-adviser or sub-advisers. The Adviser has ultimate

responsibility for the investment performance of the Funds due to its responsibility to oversee each subadviser and recommend their hiring, termination and replacement. The Adviser is not required to disclose fees paid to any sub-adviser retained pursuant to the order. Except with respect to the SPDR Russell 2000 ETF, SPDR S&P 500 Buyback ETF, SPDR S&P 500 High Dividend ETF, SPDR S&P 1500 Value Tilt ETF, SPDR S&P 1500 Momentum Tilt ETF, SPDR S&P 1500 Volatility Tilt ETF, SPDR Russell 1000 Low Volatility ETF, SPDR Russell 2000 Low Volatility ETF and SPDR MSCI USA Quality Mix ETF, approval by the Fund's shareholders is required before any authority granted under the exemptive order may be exercised.

Portfolio Managers.

The Adviser manages the Funds using a team of investment professionals. The team approach is used to create an environment that encourages the flow of investment ideas. The portfolio managers within each team work together in a cohesive manner to develop and enhance techniques that drive the investment process for the respective investment strategy. This approach requires portfolio managers to share a variety of responsibilities including investment strategy and analysis while retaining responsibility for the implementation of the strategy within any particular portfolio. The approach also enables the team to draw upon the resources of other groups within SSGA. Each portfolio management team is overseen by the SSGA Investment Committee.

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

Mike Feehily, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of SSGA and the Adviser and Co-Head of Passive Equity Strategies in North America in the Global Equity Beta Solutions Group ("GEBS"). He is also a member of the Senior Leadership Team and sits on the firm's North America Product Committee and Trade Management Oversight Committee. Mr. Feehily rejoined SSGA in 2010 after spending the previous four years at State Street Global Markets LLC, where he helped to build the Exposure Solutions business. This group created and managed portfolios that were designed to meet the short-term market exposure needs of institutional clients. Prior to this, Mr. Feehily had been Head of the U.S. Passive Equity Team within SSGA. He joined SSGA in 1997. Mr. Feehily received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Babson College in Finance, Investments, and Economics. He received an MBA in Finance from Bentley College and also earned the Chartered Financial Analyst designation. He is a member of the Boston Security Analysts Society and the CFA Institute. Mr. Feehily is also a former member of the Russell Index Client Advisory Board.

John Tucker, CFA, is a Senior Managing Director of SSGA and the Adviser and Co-Head of Passive Equity Strategies in North America in GEBS. He joined the firm in 1988 and is responsible for overseeing the management of all passive equity index strategies and Exchange Traded Funds managed in North America. He is a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Previously, Mr. Tucker was head of the Structured Products Group in SSGA's London office where he was responsible for the management of all index strategies in SSGA's second largest investment center. Mr. Tucker received a BA in Economics from Trinity College and an MS in Finance from Boston College. Mr. Tucker has also earned the Chartered Financial Analyst designation and is a member of the Boston Security Analysts Society and the CFA Institute. In addition, Mr. Tucker is a member of the Russell Index Client Advisory Board and on the S&P U.S. Index Advisory Panel.

Karl Schneider, CAIA, is a Vice President of SSGA and the Adviser, and Head of U.S. Equity Strategies for GEBS, where in addition to overseeing the management of the U.S. equity index strategies, he also serves as a portfolio manager for a number of the group's passive equity portfolios. Previously within GEBS, he served as a portfolio manager and product specialist for synthetic beta strategies, including commodities, buy/write, and hedge fund replication. Prior to joining GEBS, Mr. Schneider worked as a portfolio manager in SSGA's Currency Management Group, managing both active currency selection and traditional passive hedging overlay portfolios. He joined SSGA in 1996. Mr. Schneider holds a BS in finance and investments from Babson College and an MS in finance from Boston College. He has earned the Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst designation. Mr. Schneider is a member of the CAIA Association.

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

Administrator, Sub-Administrator, Custodian and Transfer Agent. The Adviser serves as Administrator for each Fund. State Street, part of State Street Corporation, is the Sub-Administrator for each Fund and the Custodian for each Fund's assets, and serves as Transfer Agent to each Fund.

Lending Agent. State Street is the securities lending agent for each Fund. For its services, the lending agent would typically receive a portion of the net investment income, if any, earned on the collateral for the securities loaned.

Distributor. State Street Global Markets, LLC (the "Distributor"), part of State Street Corporation, is the distributor of the Fund Shares. The Distributor will not distribute Fund Shares in less than Creation Units, and it does not maintain a secondary market in the Fund

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The trading prices of Fund Shares will fluctuate continuously throughout trading hours based on market supply and demand rather than the relevant Fund's net asset value, which is calculated at the end of each business day. Fund Shares will trade on the Exchange at prices that may be above (i.e., at a premium) or below (i.e., at a discount), to varying degrees, the daily net asset value of Fund Shares. The trading prices of Fund Shares may deviate significantly from the relevant Fund's net asset value during periods of market volatility. Given, however, that Fund Shares can be issued and redeemed daily in Creation Units, the Adviser believes that large discounts and premiums to net asset value should not be sustained over long periods. Information showing the number of days the market price of Fund Shares was greater than the relevant Fund's net asset value and the number of days it was less than the relevant Fund's net asset value (i.e., premium or discount) for various time periods is available by visiting the Funds' website at https://www.spdrs.com.

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DISTRIBUTIONS

Dividends and Capital Gains. As a Fund shareholder, you are entitled to your share of the applicable Fund's income and net realized gains on its investments. Each Fund pays out substantially all of its net earnings to its shareholders as "distributions."

Each Fund may earn income dividends from stocks, interest from debt securities and, if participating, securities lending income. These amounts, net of expenses and taxes (if applicable), are passed along to Fund shareholders as "income dividend distributions." Each Fund will generally realize short-term capital gains or losses whenever it sells or exchanges assets held for one year or less. Net short-term capital gains will generally be treated as ordinary income when distributed to shareholders. Each Fund will generally realize long-term capital gains or losses whenever it sells or exchanges assets held for more than one year. Net

capital gains (the excess of a Fund's net long-term capital gains over its net short-term capital losses) are distributed to shareholders as "capital gain distributions."

Income dividend distributions, if any, are generally distributed to shareholders quarterly, but may vary significantly from period to period.

Net capital gains for each Fund are distributed at least annually. Dividends may be declared and paid more frequently or at any other times to improve Index tracking or to comply with the distribution requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

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Distributions in cash may be reinvested automatically in additional whole Fund Shares only if the broker through whom you purchased Fund Shares makes such option available. Distributions which are reinvested will nevertheless be taxable to the same extent as if such distributions had not been reinvested.

PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS DISCLOSURE

The Funds' portfolio holdings disclosure policy is described in the SAI. In addition, the identities and quantities of the securities held by each Fund are disclosed on the Funds' website.

ADDITIONAL TAX INFORMATION

The following discussion is a summary of some important U.S. federal tax considerations generally applicable to an investment in a Fund. Your investment in a Fund may have other tax implications. Please consult your tax advisor about foreign, federal, state, local or other tax laws applicable to you. Investors, including non-U.S. investors, may wish to consult the SAI tax section for more complete disclosure.

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In general, dividends may be reported by a Fund as qualified dividend income if they are attributable to qualified dividend income received by the Fund, which, in general, includes dividend income from taxable U.S. corporations and certain foreign corporations (i.e., certain foreign corporations incorporated in a possession of the United States or in certain countries with a comprehensive tax treaty with the United States, and certain other foreign corporations if the stock with respect to which the dividend is paid is readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States), provided that the Fund satisfies certain holding period requirements in respect of the stock of such corporations and has not hedged its position in the stock in certain ways. A dividend generally will not be treated as qualified dividend income if the dividend is received with respect to any share of stock held by a Fund for fewer than 61 days during the 121-day period beginning at the date which is 60 days before the date on which such share becomes ex-dividend with respect to such dividend or, in the case of certain preferred stock, for fewer than 91 days during the 181-day period beginning 90 days before such date. These holding period requirements will also apply to your ownership of Fund Shares. Holding periods may be suspended for these purposes for stock that is hedged.

U.S. individuals with income exceeding specified thresholds are subject to a 3.8% Medicare contribution tax on all or a portion of their "net investment income," which includes taxable interest, dividends and certain capital gains (generally including capital gain distributions and capital gains realized upon the sale of Fund Shares). This 3.8% tax also applies to all or a portion of the undistributed net investment income of certain shareholders that are estates and trusts.

If a Fund redeems Creation Units in cash, it may recognize more capital gains than it will if it redeems Creation Units in-kind.

If you lend your Fund Shares pursuant to securities lending arrangements you may lose the ability to treat Fund dividends (paid while the Fund Shares are held by the borrower) as qualified dividend income. You should consult your financial intermediary or tax advisor to discuss your particular circumstances.

Distributions paid in January, but declared by a Fund in October, November or December of the previous year, payable to shareholders of record in such a month, may be taxable to you in the calendar year in which they

were declared. The Funds will inform you of the amount of your ordinary income dividends, qualified dividend income and capital gain distributions shortly after the close of each calendar year.

A distribution will reduce a Fund's net asset value per Fund Share and may be taxable to you as ordinary income or capital gain even though, from an investment standpoint, the distribution may constitute a return of capital.

Derivatives and Other Complex Securities. A Fund may invest in complex securities. These investments may be subject to numerous special and complex rules. These rules could affect whether gains and losses recognized by a Fund are treated as ordinary income or capital gain, accelerate the recognition of income to a Fund and/or defer a Fund's ability to recognize losses. In turn, these rules may affect the amount, timing or character of the income distributed to you by a Fund. You should consult your personal tax advisor regarding the application of these rules.

Foreign Currency Transactions. A Fund's transactions in foreign currencies, foreign currency denominated debt obligations and certain foreign currency options, futures contracts and forward contracts (and similar instruments) may give rise to ordinary income or loss to the extent such income or loss results from fluctuations in the value of the foreign currency concerned.

Foreign Income Taxes. Investment income received by a Fund from sources within foreign countries may be subject to foreign income taxes withheld at the source. The United States has entered into tax treaties with many foreign countries which may entitle a Fund to a reduced rate of such taxes or exemption from taxes on such income. It is impossible to determine the effective rate of foreign tax for a Fund in advance since the amount of the assets to be invested within various countries is not known. If more than 50% of the total assets of a Fund at the close of its taxable year consist of certain foreign stocks or securities, the Fund may elect to "pass through" to you certain foreign income taxes (including withholding taxes) paid by the Fund. If a Fund in which you hold Fund Shares makes such an election, you will be considered to have received as an additional dividend your share of such foreign taxes, but you may be entitled to either a corresponding tax deduction in calculating your taxable income, or, subject to certain limitations, a credit in calculating your federal income tax. No deduction for such taxes will be permitted to individuals in computing their alternative minimum tax liability. If a Fund does not so elect, the Fund will be entitled to claim a deduction for certain foreign taxes incurred by the Fund.

Real Estate Investments. Non-U.S. persons are generally subject to U.S. tax on a disposition of a "United States real property interest" (a "USRPI"). Gain on such a disposition is generally referred to as "FIRPTA gain". The

Code provides a look-through rule for distributions of so-called FIRPTA gain by a Fund if certain requirements are met. If the look-through rule applies, certain distributions attributable to income received by a Fund from U.S. REITs may be treated as gain from the disposition of a USRPI, causing distributions to be subject to U.S. withholding tax at rates of up to 35%, and requiring non-U.S. investors to file nonresident U.S. income tax returns. Also, gain may be subject to a 30% branch profits tax in the hands of a foreign stockholder that is treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes. Under certain circumstances, a Fund may itself qualify as a USRPI, which would result in similar consequences to certain non-U.S. investors.

Taxes on Exchange-Listed Share Sales. Any capital gain or loss realized upon a sale of Fund Shares is generally treated as long-term capital gain or loss if Fund Shares have been held for more than one year and as short-term capital gain or loss if Fund Shares have been held for one year or less, except that any capital loss on the sale of Fund Shares held for six months or less is treated as long-term capital loss to the extent that capital gain dividends were paid with respect to such Fund Shares.

Taxes on Creations and Redemptions of Creation Units. A person who exchanges securities for Creation Units generally will recognize a gain or loss. The gain or loss will be equal to the difference between the market value of the Creation Units at the time and the exchanger's aggregate basis in the securities surrendered plus any cash paid for the Creation Units. A person who exchanges Creation Units for securities will generally recognize a gain or loss equal to the difference between the exchanger's basis in the Creation Units and the aggregate market value of the securities and the amount of cash received. The Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS"), however, may assert that a loss realized upon an exchange of securities for Creation Units cannot be deducted currently under the rules governing "wash sales," or on the basis that there has been no significant change in economic position. Persons exchanging securities should consult their own tax advisor with respect to whether wash sale rules apply and when a loss might be deductible.

Under current federal tax laws, any capital gain or loss realized upon a redemption (or creation) of Creation Units is generally treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the applicable Fund Shares (or securities surrendered) have been held for more than one year and as a short-term capital gain or loss if the Fund Shares (or securities surrendered) have been held for one year or less

If you create or redeem Creation Units, you will be sent a confirmation statement showing how many Fund Shares you purchased or sold and at what price. Certain Tax-Exempt Investors. A Fund, if investing in certain limited real estate investments and other publicly traded partnerships, may be required to pass through certain "excess inclusion income" and other income as "unrelated business taxable income" ("UBTI"). Prior to investing in a Fund, tax-exempt investors sensitive to UBTI should consult their tax advisors regarding this issue and IRS pronouncements addressing the treatment of such income in the hands of such investors.

Investments In Certain Foreign Corporations. A Fund may invest in foreign entities classified as passive foreign investment companies or "PFICs" under the Internal Revenue Code. PFIC investments are subject to complex rules that may under certain circumstances adversely affect a Fund. Accordingly, investors should consult their own tax advisors and carefully consider the tax consequences of PFIC investments by a Fund before making an investment in a Fund. Fund dividends attributable to dividends received from PFICs generally will not be treated as qualified dividend income. Additional information pertaining to the potential tax consequences to the Funds, and to the shareholders, from the Fund's potential investments in PFICs can be found in the SAI.

Non-U.S. Investors. Ordinary income dividends paid by a Fund to shareholders who are non-resident aliens or foreign entities will generally be subject to a 30% U.S. withholding tax, unless a lower treaty rate applies or unless such income is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business. Gains on the sale of Fund Shares and dividends that are, in each case, effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the U.S. will generally be subject to U.S. federal net income taxation at regular income tax rates. Non-U.S. shareholders that own, directly or indirectly, more than 5% of a Fund's shares are urged to consult their own tax advisors concerning special tax rules that may apply to their investment.

Unless certain non-U.S. entities that hold Fund Shares comply with IRS requirements that will generally require them to report information regarding U.S. persons investing in, or holding accounts with, such entities, a 30% withholding tax may apply, after June 30, 2014 (or, in certain cases, after later dates), to distributions payable to such entities and, after December 31, 2018, to redemption proceeds and certain capital gain dividends payable to such entities. A non-U.S. shareholder may be exempt from the withholding described in this paragraph under an applicable intergovernmental agreement between the U.S. and a foreign government, provided that the shareholder and the applicable foreign government comply with the terms of such agreement.

Backup Withholding. A Fund will be required in certain cases to withhold (as "backup withholding") on amounts payable to any shareholder who (1) has provided the Fund either an incorrect tax identification number or no number at all, (2) is subject to backup withholding by the IRS for failure to properly report payments of interest or dividends, (3) has failed to certify to the Fund that such shareholder is not subject to backup withholding, or (4) has not certified that such shareholder is a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien). The backup withholding rate is 28%. Backup withholding will not be applied to payments that have been subject to the 30% withholding tax on shareholders who are neither citizens nor permanent residents of the U.S.

Other Tax Issues. A Fund may be subject to tax in certain states where the Fund does business. Furthermore, in those states which have income tax laws, the tax treatment of the Funds and of Fund shareholders with respect to distributions by the Funds may differ from federal tax treatment.

The foregoing discussion summarizes some of the consequences under current federal income tax law of an investment in the Funds. It is not a substitute for personal tax advice. Consult your personal tax advisor about the potential tax consequences of an investment in the Funds under all applicable tax laws.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Trust was organized as a Massachusetts business trust on June 12, 1998. If shareholders of any Fund are required to vote on any matters, shareholders are entitled to one vote for each Fund Share they own. Annual meetings of shareholders will not be held except as required by the 1940 Act and other applicable law. See the SAI for more information concerning the Trust's form of organization.

MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATION

Each Fund is a separate, non-diversified series of SPDR® Series Trust (the "Trust"), which is an open-end management investment company.

For purposes of the 1940 Act, Fund Shares of the Trust are issued by the respective series of the Trust and the acquisition of Fund Shares by investment companies is subject to the restrictions of Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act.

The Trust has received exemptive relief from Section 12(d)(1) to allow registered investment companies to invest in the Funds beyond the limits set forth in Section 12(d)(1), subject to certain terms and conditions as set forth in an SEC exemptive order issued to the Trust, including that such investment companies enter into an agreement with the Trust.

From time to time, a Fund may advertise yield and total return figures. Yield is a historical measure of dividend income, and total return is a measure of past dividend income (assuming that it has been reinvested) plus capital appreciation. Neither yield nor total return should be used to predict the future performance of a Fund.

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP serves as counsel to the Trust, including the Funds. Ernst & Young LLP serves as the independent registered public accounting firm and will audit the Funds' financial statements annually.

PREMIUM/DISCOUNT INFORMATION

Information showing the number of days the market price of a Fund's shares was greater than a Fund's NAV per Fund Share (*i.e.*, at a premium) and the number of days it was less than the Fund's NAV per Fund Share (*i.e.*, at a discount) for various time periods is available by visiting the Funds' website at https://www.spdrs.com. For the Funds that have not yet commenced operations, such information will be provided at https://www.spdrs.com when available.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

These financial highlight tables are intended to help you understand each Fund's financial performance for the past five fiscal years or, if shorter, the period since each

Fund's inception. Certain information reflects the performance results for a single Fund Share. The total returns in the table represent the rate that an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in each Fund (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions). This information has been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, the Trust's independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with each Fund's financial highlights and financial statements, is included in the annual report to shareholders, which is available upon request. The financial information included in these tables should be read in conjunction with the financial statements incorporated by reference in the SAI. Funds that do not have information set forth below had not commenced operations as of June 30. 2015.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period

SPDR Russell 3000 ETF

\$499,249

0.20%

2.03%

1%

\$426,109

0.20%

1.97%

3%

\$193,526

0.22%

1.73%

2%

| | Year Ended 6/30/15 | Year Ended 6/30/14 | Year Ended 6/30/13 | Year Ended 6/30/12 | Year Ended 6/30/11 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Net asset value, beginning of period | \$ 147.69 | \$ 120.30 | \$ 101.45 | \$ 99.24 | \$ 76.77 |
| Income (loss) from investment operations: | | | | | |
| Net investment income (loss) ⁽¹⁾ | 2.71 | 2.53 | 2.25 | 1.90 | 1.59 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)(2) | 8.56 | 27.38 | 18.83 | 1.89 | 22.46 |
| Total from investment operations | 11.27 | 29.91 | 21.08 | 3.79 | 24.05 |
| Net equalization credits and charges ⁽¹⁾ | (0.73) | (0.00)(3) | (0.00)(3) | 0.21 | (0.01) |
| Distributions to shareholders from: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (3.25) | (2.52) | (2.23) | (1.79) | (1.57) |
| Net realized gains | | | | | |
| Total distributions | (3.25) | (2.52) | (2.23) | (1.79) | (1.57) |
| Net asset value, end of period | <u>\$ 154.98</u> | <u>\$ 147.69</u> | <u>\$ 120.30</u> | \$ 101.45 | \$ 99.24 |
| Total return ⁽⁴⁾ | <u>7.17</u> % | <u>25.02</u> % | % | <u>4.16</u> % | <u>31.45</u> % |

\$247,978

0.11%

1.79%

3%

\$612,924

0.10%

1.87%

19%

Net assets, end of period (in 000's).....

Ratio of expenses to average net assets.....

Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets . . .

Commencement of operations.

⁽¹⁾ Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.

⁽²⁾ Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.

⁽³⁾ Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.

⁽⁴⁾ Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each Fund. Total return for periods of less than one year is not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.

⁽⁵⁾ Annualized

⁽⁶⁾ Portfolio Turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

| SPDR Russell 1000 ETF | | | | | | II 2000 ETF | SPDR S&P 500 Buyback ETF | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| Year Ended 6/30/15 | Year Ended 6/30/14 | Year Ended 6/30/13 | Year Ended 6/30/12 | Year Ended 6/30/11 | Year Ended 6/30/15 | For the Period 7/8/13*- 6/30/14 | For the Period 2/4/15*- 6/30/15 | |
| \$ 92.46 | \$ 75.29 | \$ 63.75 | \$ 62.09 | \$ 48.17 | \$ 70.93 | \$ 60.00 | \$ 50.00 | |
| 1.82 4.82 | 1.63 17.17 | 1.46 11.56 | 1.21 1.62 | 1.04 13.92 | 1.02 3.36 | 0.95 10.77 | 0.26 | |
| 6.64 | 18.80 | 13.02 | 2.83 | 14.96 | 4.38 | 11.72 | 0.26 | |
| 0.09 | (0.00)(3) | (0.01) | 0.00(3) | <u>(0.00</u>) ⁽³⁾ | 0.13 | 0.06 | 0.07 | |
| (1.81) | (1.63) | (1.47) | (1.17) | (1.04) | (1.15) (0.30) | (0.83) | (0.24) | |
| (1.81) | (1.63) | (1.47) | (1.17) | (1.04) | (1.45) | (0.85) | (0.24) | |
| \$ 97.38 | \$ 92.46 | \$ 75.29 | \$ 63.75 | <u>\$ 62.09</u> | <u>\$ 73.99</u> | \$ 70.93 | \$ 50.09 | |
| <u>7.31</u> % | <u>25.14</u> % | <u>20.56</u> % | <u>4.69</u> % | <u>31.17</u> % | <u>6.43</u> % | <u>19.69</u> % | <u>0.67</u> % | |
| \$73,036 | \$46,230 | \$37,646 | \$41,437 | \$37,253 | \$73,986 | \$53,198 | \$15,028 | |
| 0.11% | 0.11% | 0.20% | 0.20% | 0.22% | 0.12% | 0.12% (5) | 0.35%(5) | |
| 1.89% | 1.92% | 2.11% | 1.99% | 1.80% | 1.44% | 1.42%(5) | 1.28%(5) | |
| 3% | 8% | 6% | 4% | 5% | 17% | 19% | 18% | |

| | | SPDR S | S&P 500 Grow | th ETF | |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Year Ended 6/30/15 | Year Ended 6/30/14 | Year Ended 6/30/13 | Year Ended 6/30/12 | Year Ended 6/30/11 |
| Net asset value, beginning of period | \$ 90.95 | \$ 72.83 | \$ 63.63 | \$ 60.18 | \$ 45.21 |
| Income (loss) from investment operations: | | | | | |
| Net investment income (loss) ⁽¹⁾ | 1.45 | 1.28 | 1.25 | 1.01 | 0.67 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)(2) | 7.48 | 18.08 | 9.19 | 3.45 | 14.96 |
| Total from investment operations | 8.93 | 19.36 | 10.44 | 4.46 | 15.63 |
| Net equalization credits and charges ⁽¹⁾ | 0.04 | 0.05 | (0.01) | 0.01 | 0.00(3) |
| Distributions to shareholders from: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (1.43) | (1.29) | (1.23) | (1.02) | (0.66) |
| Net realized gains | | | | | |
| Total distributions | (1.43) | (1.29) | (1.23) | (1.02) | (0.66) |
| Net asset value, end of period | \$ 98.49 | \$ 90.95 | \$ 72.83 | \$ 63.63 | \$ 60.18 |
| Total return ⁽⁴⁾ | 9.90% | <u>26.78</u> % | <u>16.49</u> % | 7.54% | <u>34.65</u> % |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000's) | \$556,464 | \$427,451 | \$247,627 | \$219,541 | \$192,586 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets | 0.18% | 0.20% | 0.20% | 0.20% | 0.22% |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets | 1.51% | 1.54% | 1.83% | 1.69% | 1.22% |
| Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁵⁾ | 22% | 23% | 26% | 21% | 46% |

⁽¹⁾ Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.

⁽²⁾ Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.

⁽³⁾ Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.

⁽⁴⁾ Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each Fund. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.

⁽⁵⁾ Portfolio Turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

| | SPDR | S&P 500 Value | ETF | | SPDR Russell Small Cap Completeness ETF | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Year Ended 6/30/15 | Year Ended 6/30/14 | Year Ended 6/30/13 | Year Ended 6/30/12 | Year Ended 6/30/11 | Year Ended 6/30/15 | Year Ended 6/30/14 | Year Ended 6/30/13 | Year Ended 6/30/12 | Year Ended 6/30/11 |
| \$ 97.95 | \$ 82.26 | \$ 67.63 | \$ 67.32 | \$ 54.02 | \$ 86.75 | \$ 76.01 | \$ 61.65 | \$ 64.26 | \$ 46.60 |
| 2.32 | 2.04 | 1.85 | 1.52 | 1.51 | 1.17 | 1.14 | 1.18 | 0.80 | 0.76 |
| 1.93 | 15.67 | 14.66 | 0.32 | 13.19 | 3.85 | 18.59 | 14.85 | (2.60) | 17.65 |
| 4.25 | 17.71 | 16.51 | 1.84 | 14.70 | 5.02 | 19.73 | 16.03 | (1.80) | 18.41 |
| 0.05 | (0.02) | 0.03 | (0.06) | 0.11 | 0.04 | (0.05) | 0.00 ⁽³⁾ | 0.00 ⁽³⁾ | 0.01 |
| (2.33) | (2.00) | (1.91) | (1.47) | (1.51) | (1.17) | (1.13) | (1.19) | (0.81) | (0.76) |
| | | | | | (3.63) | (7.81) | (0.48) | | |
| (2.33) | (2.00) | (1.91) | (1.47) | (1.51) | (4.80) | (8.94) | (1.67) | (0.81) | (0.76) |
| \$ 99.92 | \$ 97.95 | \$ 82.26 | \$ 67.63 | \$ 67.32 | <u>\$ 87.01</u> | \$ 86.75 | <u>\$ 76.01</u> | <u>\$ 61.65</u> | \$ 64.26 |
| <u>4.40</u> % | <u>21.67</u> % | 24.70% | <u>2.81</u> % | <u>27.58</u> % | <u>6.03</u> % | <u>26.70</u> % | <u>26.19</u> % | <u>(2.73</u>)% | <u>39.67</u> % |
| \$229,890 | \$205,773 | \$156,368 | \$98,120 | \$171,718 | \$100,062 | \$78,077 | \$95,008 | \$70,893 | \$80,329 |
| 0.18% | 0.20% | 0.20% | 0.20% | 0.22% | 0.10% | 0.11% | 0.25% | 0.25% | 0.27% |
| 2.31% | 2.26% | 2.45% | 2.37% | 2.36% | 1.36% | 1.37% | 1.71% | 1.34% | 1.31% |
| 24% | 23% | 30% | 25% | 41% | 17% | 75% | 29% | 20% | 23% |

| | | SPDR S&P | 100 Mid Cap G | rowth ETF | |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Year Ended 6/30/15 | Year Ended 6/30/14 | Year Ended 6/30/13 | Year Ended 6/30/12 | Year Ended 6/30/11 |
| Net asset value, beginning of period | \$ 116.83 | \$ 95.79 | \$ 78.68 | \$ 82.38 | \$ 57.07 |
| Income (loss) from investment operations: | | | | | |
| Net investment income (loss) ⁽¹⁾ | 1.26 | 0.89 | 0.94 | 0.50 | 0.36 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)(2) | 9.05 | 21.02 | 17.14 | (3.62) | 25.31 |
| Total from investment operations | 10.31 | 21.91 | 18.08 | (3.12) | 25.67 |
| Net equalization credits and charges ⁽¹⁾ | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.04 | (0.01) | (0.01) |
| Distributions to shareholders from: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (1.27) | (0.89) | (1.01) | (0.57) | (0.35) |
| Net realized gains | (0.85) | | | | |
| Total distributions | (2.12) | (0.89) | (1.01) | (0.57) | (0.35) |
| Net asset value, end of period | \$ 125.05 | <u>\$ 116.83</u> | \$ 95.79 | \$ 78.68 | \$ 82.38 |
| Total return ⁽⁴⁾ | <u>8.92</u> % | <u>22.94</u> % | <u>22.96</u> % | (3.66)% | <u>45.01</u> % |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000's) | \$243,839 | \$175,250 | \$91,003 | \$62,947 | \$74,140 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets | 0.21% | 0.25% | 0.25% | 0.25% | 0.28% |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets | 1.04% | 0.82% | 1.07% | 0.65% | 0.50% |
| Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁵⁾ | 53% | 43% | 43% | 33% | 88% |

⁽¹⁾ Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.

Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.

⁽³⁾ Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.

⁽⁴⁾ Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each Fund. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.

⁽⁵⁾ Portfolio Turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

| | SPDR S&F | 2 400 Mid Cap Value ETF SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap ETF | | | | SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap ETF | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Year Ended 6/30/15 | Year Ended 6/30/14 | Year Ended 6/30/13 | Year Ended 6/30/12 | Year Ended 6/30/11 | Year Ended 6/30/15 | Year Ended 6/30/14 | Year Ended 6/30/13 | Year Ended 6/30/12 | Year Ended 6/30/11 | |
| \$ 86.27 | \$ 68.97 | \$ 55.54 | \$ 57.18 | \$ 44.81 | \$ 105.40 | \$ 86.83 | \$ 70.53 | \$ 70.54 | \$ 51.57 | |
| 1.39 | 1.31 | 1.23 | 0.97 | 1.05 | 1.34 | 1.11 | 1.19 | 0.95 | 0.70 | |
| 1.48 | 17.19 | 13.39 | (1.60) | 12.42 | 5.46 | 20.68 | 16.31 | (0.20) | 19.03 | |
| 2.87 | 18.50 | 14.62 | (0.63) | 13.47 | 6.80 | 21.79 | 17.50 | 0.75 | 19.73 | |
| (0.04) | 0.04 | 0.07 | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) | 0.00(3) | 0.01 | 0.14 | (0.01) | |
| (1.38) | (1.23) | (1.26) | (0.98) | (1.07) | (1.39) | (1.09) | (1.21) | (0.90) | (0.71) | |
| (2.03) | (0.01) | | | | (2.53) | (2.13) | | | (0.04) | |
| (3.41) | (1.24) | (1.26) | (0.98) | (1.07) | (3.92) | (3.22) | (1.21) | (0.90) | (0.75) | |
| \$ 85.69 | \$ 86.27 | \$ 68.97 | \$ 55.54 | \$ 57.18 | \$ 108.25 | \$ 105.40 | \$ 86.83 | \$ 70.53 | \$ 70.54 | |
| <u>3.31</u> % | <u>27.04</u> % | <u>26.42</u> % | <u>(0.82</u>)% | <u>30.15</u> % | 6.55% | <u>25.23</u> % | <u>24.98</u> % | <u>1.35</u> % | <u>38.37</u> % | |
| \$124,247 | \$112,157 | \$48,282 | \$22,215 | \$22,871 | \$411,346 | \$426,877 | \$316,922 | \$183,382 | \$77,593 | |
| 0.21% | 0.25% | 0.25% | 0.25% | 0.28% | 0.18% | 0.20% | 0.20% | 0.20% | 0.24% | |
| 1.62% | 1.67% | 1.94% | 1.81% | 2.00% | 1.28% | 1.12% | 1.52% | 1.40% | 1.11% | |
| 44% | 36% | 33% | 28% | 82% | 16% | 18% | 11% | 13% | 82% | |

| | | SPDR S&P 6 | 00 Small Cap | Growth ETF | |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Year Ended 6/30/15 | Year Ended 6/30/14 | Year Ended 6/30/13 | Year Ended 6/30/12 | Year Ended 6/30/11 |
| Net asset value, beginning of period | \$ 181.62 | \$ 145.80 | \$ 121.07 | \$ 120.92 | \$ 82.62 |
| Income (loss) from investment operations: | | | | | |
| Net investment income (loss) ⁽¹⁾ | 1.91 | 1.24 | 1.57 | 0.97 | 0.61 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)(2) | 14.55 | 35.70 | 24.73 | 0.28 | 38.10 |
| Total from investment operations | 16.46 | 36.94 | 26.30 | 1.25 | 38.71 |
| Net equalization credits and charges ⁽¹⁾ | 0.09 | 0.05 | 0.05 | (0.02) | (0.00)(3) |
| Distributions to shareholders from: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (1.87) | (1.10) | (1.62) | (1.08) | (0.57) |
| Net realized gains | (6.46) | (0.07) | | | |
| Total distributions | (8.33) | (1.17) | (1.62) | (1.08) | (0.57) |
| Voluntary contribution from Adviser | _ | _ | _ | _ | 0.16 |
| Net asset value, end of period | \$ 189.84 | <u>\$ 181.62</u> | <u>\$ 145.80</u> | \$ 121.07 | <u>\$ 120.92</u> |
| Total return ⁽⁴⁾ | 9.40% | <u>25.40</u> % | <u>21.89</u> % | 1.07% | <u>47.08</u> % ⁽⁵⁾ |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000's) | \$560,024 | \$399,562 | \$226,000 | \$151,354 | \$187,432 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets | 0.20% | 0.25% | 0.25% | 0.25% | 0.27% |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets | 1.06% | 0.73% | 1.19% | 0.85% | 0.58% |
| Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁶⁾ | 49% | 54% | 45% | 37% | 102% |

⁽¹⁾ Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.

⁽²⁾ Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.

⁽³⁾ Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.

⁽⁴⁾ Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each Fund. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.

⁽⁵⁾ If the Adviser had not made a voluntary contribution during the Year Ended 6/30/11, the total return would have been 46.88%.

⁽⁶⁾ Portfolio Turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

| SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap Value ETF | | | | | SPDR Global Dow ETF | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Year Ended 6/30/15 | Year Ended 6/30/14 | Year Ended 6/30/13 | Year Ended 6/30/12 | Year Ended 6/30/11 | Year Ended 6/30/15 | Year Ended 6/30/14 | Year Ended 6/30/13 | Year Ended 6/30/12 | Year Ended 6/30/11 |
| \$ 110.22 | \$ 89.75 | \$ 71.24 | \$ 71.29 | \$ 55.88 | \$ 72.15 | \$ 58.79 | \$ 51.21 | \$ 59.50 | \$ 48.39 |
| 1.62 | 1.47 | 1.37 | 1.09 | 1.03 | 1.65 | 1.77 | 1.41 | 1.29 | 1.54 |
| 2.15 | 20.92 | 18.57 | 0.01 | 15.55 | (2.55) | 13.34 | 7.67 | (8.35) | 10.91 |
| 3.77 | 22.39 | 19.94 | 1.10 | 16.58 | (0.90) | 15.11 | 9.08 | (7.06) | 12.45 |
| 0.05 | 0.04 | (0.02) | (0.04) | (0.07) | (0.01) | 0.02 | (0.06) | (0.04) | 0.07 |
| (1.68) | (1.41) | (1.41) | (1.11) | (1.10) | (1.57) | (1.77) | (1.44) | (1.19) | (1.41) |
| (6.29) | (0.55) | | | | | | | | |
| (7.97) | (1.96) | (1.41) | (1.11) | (1.10) | (1.57) | (1.77) | (1.44) | (1.19) | (1.41) |
| _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ |
| \$ 106.07 | <u>\$ 110.22</u> | \$ 89.75 | \$ 71.24 | \$ 71.29 | \$ 69.67 | \$ 72.15 | \$ 58.79 | \$ 51.21 | \$ 59.50 |
| <u>3.50</u> % | <u>25.09</u> % | <u>28.17</u> % | <u>1.61</u> % | <u>29.68</u> % | (1.25)% | % <u>25.86</u> % | <u>17.68</u> % | (11.90)% | <u>25.99</u> % |
| \$392,578 | \$308,732 | \$170,652 | \$121,201 | \$124,849 | \$108,027 | \$115,474 | \$88,220 | \$92,203 | \$148,786 |
| 0.21% | 0.25% | 0.25% | 0.25% | 0.27% | 0.50% | 0.51% | 0.50% | 0.50% | 0.52% |
| 1.52% | 1.43% | 1.72% | 1.60% | 1.56% | 2.33% | 2.63% | 2.50% | 2.44% | 2.66% |
| 42% | 41% | 39% | 34% | 88% | 13% | 10% | 13% | 11% | 108% |

| | | | | SPDR | Dow | Jones REI | T ET | F | | |
|--|------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|------|-------------------|------|-------------------|------|---------------------|
| | | r Ended /30/15 | | r Ended /30/14 | | r Ended /30/13 | | r Ended /30/12 | | ar Ended 5/30/11 |
| Net asset value, beginning of period | \$ | 82.99 | \$ | 75.91 | \$ | 72.90 | \$ | 66.59 | \$ | 51.05 |
| Income (loss) from investment operations: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net investment income (loss) ⁽¹⁾ | | 2.28 | | 2.03 | | 1.85 | | 1.71 | | 1.47 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)(2) | | 1.91 | | 7.56 | | 3.44 | | 6.67 | 6.67 | |
| Total from investment operations | | 4.19 | | 9.59 | | 5.29 | | 8.38 | | 17.45 |
| Net equalization credits and charges ⁽¹⁾ | | 0.01 | | 0.01 | | 0.01 | | 0.03 | | 0.02 |
| Distributions to shareholders from: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net investment income | | (2.81) | | (2.52) | | (2.29) | | (2.10) | | (1.93) |
| Total distributions | | (2.81) | | (2.52) | | (2.29) | | (2.10) | | (1.93) |
| Net asset value, end of period. | \$ | 84.38 | \$ | 82.99 | \$ | 75.91 | \$ | 72.90 | \$ | 66.59 |
| Total return ⁽⁴⁾ | | 4.97% |) <u> </u> | 13.02% | | 7.36% | | 13.05% | | 34.55% |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000's) | \$2, | 863,030 | \$2, | 579,540 | \$2, | 180,930 | \$1, | 959,752 | \$1, | 557,086 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets | | 0.25% |) | 0.25% | , | 0.25% |) | 0.25% | | 0.26% |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets. | | 2.55% |) | 2.66% | , | 2.45% |) | 2.60% | | 2.40% |
| Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁵⁾ | | 5% |) | 6% | , | 7% |) | 7% | | 10% |

⁽¹⁾ Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.

⁽²⁾ Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.

⁽³⁾ Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.

⁽⁴⁾ Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each Fund. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.

⁽⁵⁾ Portfolio Turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

| | | SF | PDF | R S&P Bank E | ETF | | | | | | | SPDR S& | P Capital Ma | rkets ETF | |
|-------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | r Ended /30/15 | Year Ended 6/30/14 | _ | Year Ended 6/30/13 | | ear Ended 6/30/12 | | ear Ended 6/30/11 | | ar Ended /30/15 | | ar Ended /30/14 | Year Ended 6/30/13 | Year Ended 6/30/12 | Year Ended 6/30/11 |
| \$ | 33.41 | \$ 28.67 | 9 | 22.05 | \$ | 24.00 | \$ | 22.90 | \$ | 49.21 | \$ | 39.95 | \$ 31.02 | \$ 35.45 | \$ 31.10 |
| | 0.55 | 0.49 | | 0.52 | | 0.41 | | 0.23 | | 0.94 | | 0.95 | 1.16 | 0.73 | 0.73 |
| | 2.86 | 4.71 | _ | 6.62 | _ | (1.92) | _ | 1.08 | _ | 1.48 | _ | 9.13 | 9.04 | (4.09) | 4.36 |
| | 3.41 | 5.20 | _ | 7.14 | | (1.51) | _ | 1.31 | | 2.42 | | 10.08 | 10.20 | (3.36) | 5.09 |
| | 0.01 | (0.00) | (3) | 0.02 | _ | (0.02) | _ | (0.01) | _ | (0.01) | _ | 0.02 | 0.09 | (0.09) | (0.07) |
| | (0.56) | (0.46) |) | (0.54) | | (0.42) | | (0.20) | | (0.93) | | (0.84) | (1.36) | (0.98) | (0.67) |
| | (0.56) | (0.46) | _ | (0.54) | _ | (0.42) | _ | (0.20) | | (0.93) | | (0.84) | (1.36) | (0.98) | (0.67) |
| \$ | 36.27 | \$ 33.41 | \$ | 28.67 | \$ | 22.05 | \$ | 24.00 | \$ | 50.69 | \$ | 49.21 | \$ 39.95 | \$ 31.02 | \$ 35.45 |
| _ | 10.36% | % <u>18.21</u> | % = | 32.76 | % <u></u> | (6.22) | %_ | 5.63% | · _ | 4.92% | _ | 25.39% | <u>33.67</u> % | (9.53)% | <u>16.04</u> % |
| \$3,0 | 023,444 | \$2,492,584 | \$ | \$2,289,295 | \$1 | 1,450,630 | \$1 | ,684,658 | \$1 | 77,409 | \$1 | 99,312 | \$67,907 | \$23,263 | \$69,127 |
| | 0.35% | % 0.35 | % | 0.35% | 6 | 0.35% | 6 | 0.36% |) | 0.35% | | 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.36% | 0.38% |
| | 1.67% | % 1.54 | % | 2.08% | 6 | 1.92% | 6 | 0.92% |) | 1.92% | | 2.03% | 3.11% | 2.40% | 2.00% |
| | 189 | % 29 | % | 289 | 6 | 55% | 6 | 16% |) | 28% | | 33% | 56% | 64% | 14% |

| | | SPDR | S&P Insuranc | e ETF | |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Year Ended 6/30/15 | Year Ended 6/30/14 | Year Ended 6/30/13 | Year Ended 6/30/12 | Year Ended 6/30/11 |
| Net asset value, beginning of period | \$ 64.15 | \$ 54.03 | \$ 40.74 | \$ 41.73 | \$ 35.26 |
| Income (loss) from investment operations: | | | | | |
| Net investment income (loss)(1) | 1.21 | 0.97 | 0.98 | 0.69 | 0.67 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)(2) | 3.83 | 10.09 | 13.31 | (0.98) | 6.49 |
| Total from investment operations | 5.04 | 11.06 | 14.29 | (0.29) | 7.16 |
| Net equalization credits and charges ⁽¹⁾ | 0.08 | (0.01) | 0.06 | (0.05) | 0.03 |
| Distributions to shareholders from: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (1.18) | (0.93) | (1.06) | (0.65) | (0.72) |
| Total distributions | (1.18) | (0.93) | (1.06) | (0.65) | (0.72) |
| Net asset value, end of period | \$ 68.09 | \$ 64.15 | \$ 54.03 | <u>\$ 40.74</u> | \$ 41.73 |
| Total return ⁽³⁾ | <u>8.05</u> % | <u>20.52</u> % | <u>35.60</u> % | (0.65)% | <u>20.35</u> % |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000's) | \$377,924 | \$272,622 | \$318,774 | \$93,698 | \$214,897 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets | 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.37% |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets | 1.84% | 1.62% | 2.04% | 1.82% | 1.62% |
| Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁴⁾ | 17% | 16% | 30% | 62% | 9% |

⁽¹⁾ Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.

⁽²⁾ Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.

⁽³⁾ Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each Fund. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.

⁽⁴⁾ Portfolio Turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

| | | SPDR S& | P R | Regional Ban | kin | g ETF | | | | | SP | DR Morga | n St | anley Tech | nnol | ogy ETF | | |
|-------|-------------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|----------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|---------------------|------|-------------------|------|-------------------|-----|-------------------|
| | Ended 30/15 | Year Ended 6/30/14 | Y | /ear Ended 6/30/13 | | ear Ended 6/30/12 | | r Ended /30/11 | | ar Ended 5/30/15 | | ar Ended 5/30/14 | | r Ended /30/13 | | r Ended /30/12 | | r Ended /30/11 |
| \$ | 40.32 | \$ 33.85 | \$ | 27.34 | \$ | 25.45 | \$ | 23.05 | \$ | 95.44 | \$ | 74.18 | \$ | 64.09 | \$ | 65.43 | \$ | 51.32 |
| | 0.71 | 0.61 | | 0.60 | | 0.45 | | 0.37 | | 0.95 | | 0.95 | | 0.75 | | 0.50 | | 0.36 |
| | 3.79 | 6.45 | _ | 6.49 | _ | 1.90 | _ | 2.42 | _ | 4.96 | | 21.28 | _ | 10.10 | _ | (1.30) | | 14.15 |
| | 4.50 | 7.06 | _ | 7.09 | | 2.35 | _ | 2.79 | | 5.91 | | 22.23 | | 10.85 | _ | (0.80) | | 14.51 |
| | 0.04 | 0.01 | _ | 0.01 | _ | 0.02 | _ | (0.02) | _ | 0.06 | _ | (0.01) | _ | (0.01) | _ | (0.01) | _ | (0.01) |
| | (0.70) | (0.60) | | (0.59) | | (0.48) | | (0.37) | | (0.90) | | (0.96) | | (0.75) | | (0.53) | | (0.39) |
| | (0.70) | (0.60) | _ | (0.59) | | (0.48) | _ | (0.37) | | (0.90) | | (0.96) | | (0.75) | | (0.53) | | (0.39) |
| \$ | 44.16 | \$ 40.32 | \$ | 33.85 | \$ | 27.34 | \$ | 25.45 | \$ | 100.51 | \$ | 95.44 | \$ | 74.18 | \$ | 64.09 | \$ | 65.43 |
| | 11.40% | 20.94 | % = | 26.20% | , = | 9.59% | _ | 12.00% | _ | 6.27% | _ | 30.05% | _ | 16.93% | _ | (1.21)% | _ | 28.27% |
| \$2,7 | '55,536 | \$2,576,688 | \$ | 1,770,490 | \$1 | 1,167,653 | \$5 | 58,689 | \$4 | 112,108 | \$2 | 224,296 | \$1 | 78,029 | \$1 | 66,653 | \$2 | .06,119 |
| | 0.35% | 0.359 | % | 0.35% | , D | 0.35% | | 0.36% | | 0.42% | | 0.50% | | 0.50% | | 0.50% | | 0.53% |
| | 1.76% | ú 1.599 | % | 2.04% | , D | 1.77% | | 1.50% | | 0.94% | | 1.09% | | 1.08% | | 0.79% | | 0.57% |
| | 27% | 289 | % | 29% | , D | 44% | | 13% | | 9% | | 24% | | 27% | | 21% | | 10% |

Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period

SPDR S&P Dividend ETF

| | Year Ende | d | | Ended 30/14 | | ar Ended 5/30/13 | | r Ended /30/12 | | r Ended /30/11 |
|--|------------|------------------|--------|----------------|------|---------------------|------|-------------------|------|-------------------|
| Net asset value, beginning of period | \$ 76.5 | 57 | \$ | 66.41 | \$ | 55.66 | \$ | 54.06 | \$ | 45.13 |
| Income (loss) from investment operations: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net investment income (loss)(1) | 1.8 | 38 | | 1.69 | | 1.79 | | 1.80 | | 1.73 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) $^{(2)}$ | 1.5 | 59 | | 11.42 | | 10.78 | | 1.53 | | 8.80 |
| Total from investment operations | 3.4 | <u> 17</u> | | 13.11 | | 12.57 | | 3.33 | | 10.53 |
| Net equalization credits and charges $^{(1)}$ | 0.00 |) ₍₃₎ | | (0.02) | | 0.01 | | 0.06 | | 0.14 |
| Distributions to shareholders from: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (1.8 | 36) | | (1.70) | | (1.83) | | (1.79) | | (1.74) |
| Net realized gains | (1.9 | <u>95</u>) | | (1.23) | | | | | | |
| Total distributions | (3.8) | <u>31</u>) | | (2.93) | | (1.83) | | (1.79) | | (1.74) |
| Net asset value, end of period | \$ 76.2 | 23 | \$ | 76.57 | \$ | 66.41 | \$ | 55.66 | \$ | 54.06 |
| Total return ⁽⁴⁾ | 4.4 | <u>15</u> % | | 20.00% | _ | 22.87% | · | 6.46% | | 23.82% |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000's) | \$12,925,5 | 16 | \$12,8 | 306,768 | \$11 | 1,936,789 | \$9, | 123,307 | \$5, | 982,242 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets | 0.3 | 35% | | 0.35% | | 0.35% | | 0.35% | | 0.36% |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net | | | | | | | | | | |
| assets | | 11% | | 2.35% | | 2.92% | | 3.34% | | 3.31% |
| Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁶⁾ | 2 | 28% | | 33% | , | 44% | | 94% | | 52% |

^{*} Commencement of operations.

⁽¹⁾ Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.

⁽²⁾ Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.

⁽³⁾ Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.

⁽⁴⁾ Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each Fund. Total return for periods of less than one year is not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.

⁽⁵⁾ Annualized

⁽⁶⁾ Portfolio Turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period

| SPD | R S&P Aerospa | ce & Defense ET | 'F | | SPDF | R S&P Biotech E | TF | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Year Ended 6/30/15 | Year Ended 6/30/14 | Year Ended 6/30/13 | For the Period 9/28/11*-6/30/12 | Year Ended 6/30/15 | Year Ended 6/30/14 | Year Ended _6/30/13 | Year Ended 6/30/12 | Year Ended 6/30/11 |
| \$ 99.62 | \$ 76.72 | \$ 58.92 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 153.98 | \$ 104.92 | \$ 88.48 | \$ 73.03 | \$ 51.82 |
| 1.02 14.40 15.42 0.13 | 1.75 23.54 25.29 0.07 | 1.14 | 0.52 8.90 9.42 (0.00) ⁽³⁾ | 1.57 <u>98.51</u> <u>100.08</u> 0.02 | 1.12 48.94 50.06 | 0.29 16.45 16.74 (0.01) | (0.11) | (0.20) <u>21.42</u> <u>21.22</u> (0.01) |
| (0.94) | (1.57) | (1.09) | (0.50) | (1.74) | (1.07) | (0.29) | | |
| (0.94) | (0.89) (2.46) | (0.34) | (0.50) | (1.74) | (1.07) | (0.29) | | |
| \$ 114.23 15.63% | \$ 99.62 33.22% | \$ 76.72 33.01% | \$ 58.92 18.86% | \$ 252.34 65.37% | \$ 153.98 48.59% | \$ 104.92 18.35% | \$ 88.48 21.15% | \$ 73.03 40.92% |
| \$159,928 0.35% | \$49,808 0.35% | \$15,345 0.35% | \$14,731 0.35% ⁽⁵⁾ | \$2,750,480 | \$1,108,657 0.35% | \$849,853 0.35% | \$641,452 0.35% | \$642,639 0.37% |
| 0.93% | 1.81% | 1.75% | 1.18%(5) | 0.81% | 0.84% | 0.31% | (0.15)% | (0.31)% |

78%

86%

61%

61%

74%

42%

33%

34%

23%

| | Year Ended 6/30/15 Year Ended 6/30/14 Year Ended 6/30/13 Year Ended 6/30/12 Period 1/26/11 6/30/1 \$ 78.80 \$ 63.36 \$ 57.30 \$ 55.10 \$ 50.3 0.27 0.29 0.23 0.10 0.0 16.55 15.37 6.93 2.35 4.7 16.82 15.66 7.16 2.45 4.7 0.01 (0.00)(3) (0.00)(3) (0.00)(3) 0.00 (0.27) (0.22) (0.22) (0.09) (0.0 (1.31) — (0.88) (0.16) — (1.58) (0.22) (1.10) (0.25) (0.0 \$ 94.05 \$ 78.80 \$ 63.36 \$ 57.30 \$ 55.1 | | | | |
|---|--|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | | | For the Period 1/26/11*-6/30/11 |
| Net asset value, beginning of period | \$ 78.80 | \$ 63.36 | \$ 57.30 | \$ 55.10 | \$ 50.37 |
| Income (loss) from investment operations: | | | | | |
| Net investment income (loss)(1) | 0.27 | 0.29 | 0.23 | 0.10 | 0.03 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)(2) | 16.55 | 15.37 | 6.93 | 2.35 | 4.72 |
| Total from investment operations | 16.82 | 15.66 | 7.16 | 2.45 | 4.75 |
| Net equalization credits and charges ⁽¹⁾ | 0.01 | (0.00)(3) | (0.00)(3) | (0.00)(3) | 0.00(3) |
| Distributions to shareholders from: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.27) | (0.22) | (0.22) | (0.09) | (0.02) |
| Net realized gains | (1.31) | | (0.88) | (0.16) | |
| Total distributions | (1.58) | (0.22) | (1.10) | (0.25) | (0.02) |
| Net asset value, end of period | \$ 94.05 | \$ 78.80 | \$ 63.36 | \$ 57.30 | <u>\$ 55.10</u> |
| Total return ⁽⁴⁾ | <u>21.52</u> % | <u>24.74</u> % | <u>12.70</u> % | <u>4.51</u> % | <u>9.43</u> % |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000's) | \$47,027 | \$31,522 | \$19,009 | \$22,919 | \$19,284 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets | 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.35%(5) |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets | 0.31% | 0.39% | 0.39% | 0.20% | 0.12%(5) |
| Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁶⁾ | 40% | 46% | 34% | 42% | 21% |

Commencement of operations.

⁽¹⁾ Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.

⁽²⁾ Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.

⁽³⁾ Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.

⁽⁴⁾ Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each Fund. Total return for periods of less than one year is not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.

⁽⁵⁾ Annualized

⁽⁶⁾ Portfolio Turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period

| SPD | R S&P Health (| Care Services ET | F | | | SPDR S | &P Ho | mebuilder | s ETF | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------|--------|---------------|-------|------------------|-----|------------------|
| Year Ended 6/30/15 | Year Ended 6/30/14 | Year Ended 6/30/13 | For the Period 9/28/11*-6/30/12 | Year Ended 6/30/15 | Year Er 6/30/ | | | Ended 0/13 | | r Ended 30/12 | | r Ended 30/11 |
| \$ 100.01 | \$ 80.96 | \$ 62.01 | \$50.00 | \$ 32.75 | \$ 2 | 9.45 | \$ | 21.36 | \$ | 18.05 | \$ | 14.32 |
| 0.23 | 0.27 | 0.54 | 0.19 | 0.18 | | 0.14 | | 0.16 | | 0.24 | | 0.13 |
| 32.15 | 19.26 | 21.02 | 11.99 | 3.86 | | 3.30 | | 8.08 | | 3.29 | | 3.93 |
| 32.38 | 19.53 | 21.56 | 12.18 | 4.04 | | 3.44 | | 8.24 | | 3.53 | | 4.06 |
| (0.04) | (0.02) | 0.05 | 0.00(3) | (0.01) | (| (0.01) | | 0.01 | | 0.01 | | 0.01 |
| (0.20) | (0.23) | (0.63) | (0.17) | (0.18) | (| (0.13) | | (0.16) | | (0.23) | | (0.34) |
| (1.06) | (0.23) | (2.03) | | | | | | | | | _ | |
| (1.26) | (0.46) | (2.66) | (0.17) | (0.18) | (| (0.13) | | (0.16) | | (0.23) | | (0.34) |
| \$ 131.09 | <u>\$100.01</u> | \$ 80.96 | <u>\$62.01</u> | \$ 36.60 | \$ 3 | 2.75 | \$ | 29.45 | \$ | 21.36 | \$ | 18.05 |
| 32.52% | <u>24.16</u> % | <u>35.66</u> % | <u>24.35</u> % | 12.37 | % <u>1</u> | 1.64% | | 38.64% | | 19.85% | _ | 28.59% |
| \$196,629 | \$80,011 | \$44,526 | \$9,301 | \$1,757,020 | \$1,897 | ,730 | \$2,47 | 75,307 | \$1,3 | 321,402 | \$7 | 74,381 |
| 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.35%(5) | 0.35% | 6 | 0.35% | | 0.35% | | 0.35% | | 0.37% |
| 0.21% | 0.30% | 0.75% | 0.42%(5) | 0.53% | 6 | 0.44% | | 0.59% | | 1.30% | | 0.78% |

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| | SPDR S&P Metals & Mining ETF | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Year Ended 6/30/15 | Year Ended 6/30/14 | Year Ended 6/30/13 | Year Ended 6/30/12 | Year Ended 6/30/11 | | | | | |
| Net asset value, beginning of period | \$ 42.26 | \$ 33.20 | \$ 41.49 | \$ 69.40 | \$ 45.67 | | | | | |
| Income (loss) from investment operations: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net investment income (loss) ⁽¹⁾ | 0.50 | 0.56 | 0.61 | 0.55 | 0.40 | | | | | |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)(2) | (17.82) | 9.07 | (8.29) | (27.86) | 23.76 | | | | | |
| Total from investment operations | (17.32) | 9.63 | (7.68) | (27.31) | 24.16 | | | | | |
| Net equalization credits and charges ⁽¹⁾ | (0.01) | (0.04) | 0.01 | (0.03) | (0.01) | | | | | |
| Distributions to shareholders from: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.59) | (0.53) | (0.62) | (0.57) | (0.42) | | | | | |
| Total distributions | (0.59) | (0.53) | (0.62) | (0.57) | (0.42) | | | | | |
| Net asset value, end of period | \$ 24.34 | \$ 42.26 | \$ 33.20 | \$ 41.49 | \$ 69.40 | | | | | |
| Total return ⁽⁴⁾ | <u>(41.32</u>)% | <u>28.96</u> % | (18.75)% | (39.46)% | 52.93% | | | | | |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000's) | \$266,503 | \$494,491 | \$610,940 | \$769,680 | \$1,131,189 | | | | | |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets | 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.36% | | | | | |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets | 1.55% | 1.41% | 1.45% | 1.06% | 0.63% | | | | | |
| Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁵⁾ | 38% | 35% | 36% | 32% | 68% | | | | | |

⁽¹⁾ Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.

⁽²⁾ Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.

⁽³⁾ Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.

⁽⁴⁾ Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each Fund. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.

⁽⁵⁾ Portfolio Turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

| SPI | OR S&P Oil & (| Gas Equipmen | t & Services E | TF | SPD | R S&P Oil & Ga | s Exploration | & Production | ETF |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Year Ended 6/30/15 | Year Ended 6/30/14 | Year Ended 6/30/13 | Year Ended 6/30/12 | Year Ended 6/30/11 | Year Ended 6/30/15 | Year Ended 6/30/14 | Year Ended 6/30/13 | Year Ended 6/30/12 | Year Ended 6/30/11 |
| \$ 49.28 | \$ 39.15 | \$ 30.74 | \$ 41.48 | \$ 25.04 | \$ 82.28 | \$ 58.23 | \$ 50.40 | \$ 58.77 | \$ 39.02 |
| 0.51 | 0.34 | 0.28 | 0.14 | 0.28 | 0.71 | 0.59 | 0.79 | 0.44 | 0.48 |
| (23.24) | 10.13 | 8.41 | (10.73) | 16.44 | (35.58) | 23.89 | 7.79 | (8.37) | 19.76 |
| (22.73) | 10.47 | 8.69 | (10.59) | 16.72 | (34.87) | 24.48 | 8.58 | (7.93) | 20.24 |
| (0.00)(3) | (0.00)(3) | (0.00)(3) | 0.00(3) | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.07 | 0.05 | 0.01 | (0.01) |
| (0.50) | (0.34) | (0.28) | (0.15) | (0.30) | (0.72) | (0.50) | (0.80) | (0.45) | (0.48) |
| (0.50) | (0.34) | (0.28) | (0.15) | (0.30) | (0.72) | (0.50) | (0.80) | (0.45) | (0.48) |
| \$ 26.05 | \$ 49.28 | \$ 39.15 | \$ 30.74 | \$ 41.48 | \$ 46.73 | \$ 82.28 | \$ 58.23 | \$ 50.40 | \$ 58.77 |
| <u>(46.22</u>)% | 26.84% | <u>28.34</u> % | (25.56)% | <u>67.00</u> % | (42.42) | % <u>42.27</u> % | % <u>17.18</u> % | <u>(13.49</u>)% | 51.84% |
| \$246,186 | \$349,887 | \$260,329 | \$248,972 | \$489,450 | \$1,420,613 | \$1,456,408 | \$858,947 | \$866,842 | \$593,571 |
| 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.37% | 0.35% | 6 0.35% | 6 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.36% |
| 1.56% | 0.77% | 0.77% | 0.39% | 0.77% | 1.29% | 6 0.85% | 6 1.42% | 0.82% | 0.92% |
| 36% | 26% | 31% | 30% | 96% | 44% | 6 46% | 6 40% | 42% | 87% |

| | | SPDR S&F | Pharmaceuti | cals ETF | |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Year Ended 6/30/15 | Year Ended 6/30/14 | Year Ended 6/30/13 | Year Ended 6/30/12 | Year Ended 6/30/11 |
| Net asset value, beginning of period | \$ 103.71 | \$ 70.40 | \$ 59.34 | \$ 50.89 | \$ 38.66 |
| Income (loss) from investment operations: | | | | | |
| Net investment income (loss) ⁽¹⁾ | 0.82 | 0.53 | 1.17 | 0.45 | 0.44 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) $^{(2)}$ | 26.16 | 34.56 | 11.02 | 8.53 | 12.40 |
| Total from investment operations | 26.98 | 35.09 | 12.19 | 8.98 | 12.84 |
| Net equalization credits and charges $^{(1)}$ | 0.00(3) | 0.04 | (0.01) | 0.03 | (0.00)(3) |
| Other capital | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ |
| Distributions to shareholders from: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.83) | (0.54) | (1.12) | (0.48) | (0.41) |
| Net realized gains | (5.28) | (1.28) | | (0.08) | (0.20) |
| Total distributions | (6.11) | (1.82) | (1.12) | (0.56) | (0.61) |
| Voluntary contribution from Adviser | 0.09 | _ | _ | _ | _ |
| Net asset value, end of period | \$ 124.67 | \$ 103.71 | \$ 70.40 | \$ 59.34 | \$ 50.89 |
| Total return ⁽⁴⁾ | 26.97% | (5) 50.33 % | <u>20.81</u> % | <u>17.86</u> % | <u>33.35</u> % |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000's) | \$1,134,542 | \$954,135 | \$471,716 | \$471,793 | \$244,298 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets | 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.36% |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets | 0.72% | 0.60% | 1.92% | 0.86% | 0.96% |
| Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁶⁾ | 65% | 68% | 44% | 31% | 50% |

⁽¹⁾ Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.

⁽²⁾ Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.

⁽³⁾ Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.

⁽⁴⁾ Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each Fund. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.

⁽⁵⁾ If the Adviser had not made a voluntary contribution during the year ended 6/30/15, the total return would have been 26.88%.

⁽⁶⁾ Portfolio Turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

| | | | SPD | R S | &P Retail E | TF | SPDR S&P Semiconductor ETF | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|-------------------|--------|---------------|------|-------------------|-----|----------------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|----------------|-----------|---------------------|-----|-------------------|
| | r Ended /30/15 | Year E | | | r Ended /30/13 | | r Ended /30/12 | | r Ended /30/11 | | r Ended /30/15 | | r Ended /30/14 | | Ended 30/13 | | ar Ended 5/30/12 | | r Ended /30/11 |
| \$ | 86.75 | \$ 76 | 6.56 | \$ | 59.03 | \$_ | 53.48 | \$ | 35.65 | \$ | 75.16 | \$ | 53.36 | \$ | 44.65 | <u>\$</u> | 56.02 | \$ | 41.86 |
| | 1.08 | (| 0.55 | | 1.02 | | 0.60 | | 0.46 | | 0.42 | | 0.35 | | 0.37 | | 0.43 | | 0.21 |
| | 11.70 | 1(| 0.25 | | 17.60 | | 5.50 | | 17.69 | | 10.94 | | 21.76 | | 8.72 | _ | (11.41) | | 14.30 |
| | 12.78 | 10 | 0.80 | | 18.62 | _ | 6.10 | | 18.15 | _ | 11.36 | | 22.11 | | 9.09 | _ | (10.98) | | 14.51 |
| | 0.10 | (| 0.01 | | (0.03) | | 0.03 | | 0.14 | _ | 0.02 | | 0.03 | | (0.03) | _ | (0.02) | _ | (0.02) |
| | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ |
| | (0.98) | ((| 0.62) | | (1.06) | | (0.58) | | (0.46) | | (0.42) | | (0.34) | | (0.35) | | (0.37) | | (0.33) |
| | | | | | | | | | | _ | | _ | | | | _ | | _ | |
| | (0.98) | ((| 0.62) | | (1.06) | | (0.58) | | (0.46) | | (0.42) | | (0.34) | | (0.35) | _ | (0.37) | | (0.33) |
| | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ |
| \$ | 98.65 | \$ 86 | 5.75 | \$ | 76.56 | \$ | 59.03 | \$ | 53.48 | \$ | 86.12 | \$ | 75.16 | \$ | 53.36 | \$ | 44.65 | \$ | 56.02 |
| _ | 14.87% | 1 | <u>4.13</u> % | _ | 31.78% | _ | 11.56% | _ | 51.46% | _ | 15.18% | _ | 41.59% | | 20.40% | _ | (19.65)% | _ | 34.66% |
| \$1, | 173,933 | \$628, | 931 | \$1, | 175,195 | \$7 | 20,212 | \$5 | 48,165 | \$2 | 19,604 | \$1 | 65,348 | \$5 | 0,695 | \$ | 37,952 | \$1 | 14,841 |
| | 0.35% | . (| 0.35% | | 0.35% | | 0.35% | | 0.36% | | 0.35% | | 0.35% | | 0.35% | | 0.35% | | 0.37% |
| | 1.15% | . (| 0.67% | | 1.53% | | 1.10% | | 1.01% | | 0.53% | | 0.55% | | 0.77% | | 0.89% | | 0.40% |
| | 45% | | 40% | | 29% | | 39% | | 69% | | 42% | | 30% | | 38% | | 36% | | 88% |

| | SPDR S&P Software & Services ETF | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Year Ended | Year Ended 6/30/14 | Year Ended 6/30/13 | For the Period 9/28/11*-6/30/12 |
| Net asset value, beginning of period | \$ 88.66 | \$ 72.90 | \$ 61.48 | \$ 50.00 |
| Income (loss) from investment operations: | | | | |
| Net investment income (loss) ⁽¹⁾ | 0.35 | 0.39 | 0.77 | 0.16 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)(2) | 13.80 | 17.32 | 12.94 | 11.47 |
| Total from investment operations | 14.15 | 17.71 | 13.71 | 11.63 |
| Net equalization credits and charges ⁽¹⁾ | (0.01) | 0.03 | (0.07) | (0.01) |
| Distributions to shareholders from: | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.34) | (0.34) | (0.75) | (0.14) |
| Net realized gains | (0.12) | (1.64) | (1.47) | |
| Return of capital | _ | _ | _ | _ |
| Total distributions | (0.46) | (1.98) | (2.22) | (0.14) |
| Net asset value, end of period | <u>\$102.34</u> | \$ 88.66 | \$ 72.90 | \$ 61.48 |
| Total return ⁽⁴⁾ | <u>16.00</u> % | <u>24.31</u> % | <u>22.66</u> % | <u>23.25</u> % |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000's) | \$51,168 | \$31,030 | \$14,580 | \$18,445 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets | 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.35%(5) |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets | 0.37% | 0.46% | 1.18% | 0.35%(5) |
| Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁶⁾ | 36% | 41% | 37% | 32% |

^{*} Commencement of operations.

⁽¹⁾ Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.

⁽²⁾ Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.

⁽³⁾ Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.

⁽⁴⁾ Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each Fund. Total return for periods of less than one year is not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.

⁽⁵⁾ Annualized

⁽⁶⁾ Portfolio Turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

| SPDR S&P Telecom ETF | | | | SPDR S&P Transportation ETF | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Year Ended _6/30/15_ | Year Ended 6/30/14 | Year Ended 6/30/13 | Year Ended 6/30/12 | For the Period 1/26/11*- 6/30/11 | Year Ended _6/30/15 | Year Ended _6/30/14_ | Year Ended _6/30/13 | Year Ended 6/30/12 | For the Period 1/26/11*- _6/30/11 |
| \$ 56.90 | \$ 48.70 | <u>\$41.14</u> | \$ 51.59 | \$ 51.00 | \$ 93.69 | \$ 66.30 | \$ 49.56 | \$ 53.08 | \$ 50.88 |
| 0.79 0.43 | 0.56 8.01 | 1.08 7.86 | 0.44 (10.42) | 0.15 0.45 | 0.46 3.27 | 0.40 27.34 | 0.41 16.79 | 0.23 (3.51) | 0.09 2.18 |
| 1.22 | 8.57 | 8.94 | (9.98) | 0.60 | 3.73 | 27.74 | 17.20 | (3.28) | 2.27 |
| 0.03 | 0.15 | (0.16) | (0.07) | 0.13 | (0.00)(3) | 0.03 | 0.02 | (0.01) | 0.03 |
| (0.68) | (0.52) | (1.22) | (0.40) | (0.14) | (0.44) | (0.38) | (0.48) | (0.23) | (0.08) |
| | | | | | (0.03) | | | | |
| (0,00) | (0.50) | (1.00) | (0.40) | (0.1.4) | (0.47) | (0.00) | (0.40) | (0.00) | (0.02) |
| (0.68) | (0.52) | (1.22) | (0.40) | (0.14) | (0.47) | (0.38) | (0.48) | (0.23) | (0.10) |
| <u>\$ 57.47</u> | \$ 56.90 | <u>\$48.70</u> | <u>\$ 41.14</u> | \$ 51.59 | \$ 96.95 | \$ 93.69 | \$ 66.30 | <u>\$ 49.56</u> | \$ 53.08 |
| <u>2.21</u> % | <u>17.92</u> % | <u>21.47</u> % | <u>(19.47</u>)% | 1.43% | 3.94% | <u>41.97</u> % | <u>34.87</u> % | (6.14)% | <u>4.52</u> % |
| \$71,843 | \$25,604 | \$7,305 | \$ 4,114 | \$10,318 | \$368,395 | \$224,865 | \$46,411 | \$12,391 | \$15,923 |
| 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.35% | (5) 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.35% | 0.35%(5) |
| 1.34% | 1.03% | 2.38% | 1.01% | 0.67% | (5) 0.45% | 0.49% | 0.68% | 0.50% | 0.41%(5) |
| 47% | 46% | 42% | 50% | 64% | 26% | 33% | 36% | 25% | 19% |

| | SPDR S&P 1500 Value Tilt ETF | | |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Year Ended 6/30/15 | Year Ended 6/30/14 | For the Period 10/24/12*- 6/30/13 |
| Net asset value, beginning of period | \$ 84.11 | \$70.33 | \$60.00 |
| Income (loss) from investment operations: | | | |
| Net investment income (loss) ⁽¹⁾ | 1.74 | 1.45 | 0.95 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)(2) | 2.19 | 15.16 | 10.31 |
| Total from investment operations | 3.93 | 16.61 | 11.26 |
| Net equalization credits and charges ⁽¹⁾ | 0.10 | | |
| Distributions to shareholders from: | | | |
| Net investment income | (1.71) | (1.45) | (0.93) |
| Net realized gains | (3.07) | (1.38) | |
| Total distributions | (4.78) | (2.83) | (0.93) |
| Net asset value, end of period | \$ 83.36 | <u>\$84.11</u> | <u>\$70.33</u> |
| Total return ⁽⁴⁾ | <u>4.76</u> % | 23.91% | <u>18.85</u> % |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000's) | \$12,504 | \$8,411 | \$7,033 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets | 0.24% | 0.35% | 0.35%(5) |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets | 2.06% | 1.87% | 2.12%(5) |
| Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁶⁾ | 12% | 12% | 12% |

^{*} Commencement of operations.

⁽¹⁾ Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.

⁽²⁾ Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.

⁽³⁾ Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.

⁽⁴⁾ Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each Fund. Total return for periods of less than one year is not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.

⁽⁵⁾ Annualized

⁽⁶⁾ Portfolio Turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

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| SPDR S&P 1 | 500 Moment | um Tilt ETF | SPDR Russel | PDR Russell 1000 Low Volatility ETF SPDR Russell 2000 Low Volatility ETF | | | SPDR MSCI USA Quality Mix ETF | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|--|--|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Year Ended 6/30/15 | Year Ended 6/30/14 | For the Period 10/24/12*- 6/30/13 | Year Ended 6/30/15 | Year Ended 6/30/14 | For the Period 2/20/13*-6/30/13 | Year Ended 6/30/15 | Year Ended 6/30/14 | For the Period 2/20/13*-6/30/13 | For the Period 4/15/15*- 6/30/15 |
| \$ 83.39 | \$ 67.80 | \$ 60.00 | \$ 72.96 | \$ 62.81 | \$60.00 | \$ 73.85 | \$ 62.28 | \$60.00 | \$60.00 |
| 1.39 <u>4.85</u> | 1.06 15.94 | 0.79 | 1.79 2.93 | 1.63 10.80 | 0.55 <u>2.67</u> | 1.97 3.40 | 1.84 | 0.72 2.07 | 0.26 (1.44) |
| 6.24 | 17.00 | 8.54 | 4.72 | 12.43 | 3.22 | 5.37 | 14.17 | 2.79 | (1.18) |
| (0.03) | (0.01) | 0.06 | 0.11 | | 0.11 | (0.18) | 0.20 | 0.06 | |
| (1.27) (0.28) | (1.00) | (0.80) | (1.71) <u>(3.67)</u> | (1.55) (0.73) | (0.52) | (1.65) (0.39) | (1.90) (0.90) | (0.57) | (0.24) |
| (1.55) | (1.40) | (0.80) | (5.38) | (2.28) | (0.52) | (2.04) | (2.80) | _(0.57) | (0.24) |
| \$ 88.05 | \$ 83.39 | \$ 67.80 | \$ 72.41 | \$ 72.96 | \$62.81 | \$ 77.00 | \$ 73.85 | \$62.28 | <u>\$58.58</u> |
| <u>7.47</u> % | <u>25.21</u> % | <u>14.39</u> % | 6.50% | 20.06% | 5.55% | <u>7.06</u> % | 23.32% | 4.74% | (1.98)% |
| \$17,611 0.25% 1.61% 70% | \$12,508 0.35% 1.38% 55% | \$10,170 0.35% ⁽⁵⁾ 1.78% ⁽⁵⁾ 36% | | \$10,944 0.20% 2.40% 59% | \$9,422 0.20% ⁽⁵ 2.46% ⁽⁵ 31% | | \$14,770 0.25% 2.65% 54% | \$9,342 0.25% 3.24% 29% | |

| | SPDR Wells Fargo Preferred Stock ETF | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | Year Ended 6/30/15 | Year Ended 6/30/14 | Year Ended 6/30/13 | Year Ended 6/30/12 | Year Ended 6/30/11 | |
| Net asset value, beginning of period | \$ 43.57 | \$ 43.57 | \$ 45.21 | \$ 45.62 | \$ 42.15 | |
| Income (loss) from investment operations: | | | | | | |
| Net investment income (loss) ⁽¹⁾ | 2.42 | 2.55 | 2.86 | 3.09 | 2.98 | |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)(2) | (0.23) | 0.39 | (1.72) | (0.84) | 3.32 | |
| Total from investment operations | 2.19 | 2.94 | 1.14 | 2.25 | 6.30 | |
| Net equalization credits and charges ⁽¹⁾ | 0.01 | (0.10) | 0.06 | 0.18 | 0.22 | |
| Distributions to shareholders from: | | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (2.45) | (2.84) | (2.84) | (2.84) | (3.05) | |
| Total distributions | (2.45) | (2.84) | (2.84) | (2.84) | (3.05) | |
| Net asset value, end of period | \$ 43.32 | \$ 43.57 | \$ 43.57 | \$ 45.21 | \$ 45.62 | |
| Total return ⁽³⁾ | <u>5.11</u> % | <u>7.07</u> % | <u>2.70</u> % | <u>5.70</u> % | <u>15.64</u> % | |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000's) | \$292,431 | \$259,219 | \$361,658 | \$253,174 | \$118,609 | |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets | 0.45% | 0.45% | 0.45% | 0.45% | 0.46% | |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets | 5.48% | 6.08% | 6.27% | 6.99% | 6.57% | |
| Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁴⁾ | 48% | 23% | 67% | 69% | 26% | |

⁽¹⁾ Per share numbers have been calculated using average shares outstanding, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.

⁽²⁾ Amounts shown in this caption for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period because of the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Fund.

⁽³⁾ Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value per share on the respective payment dates of each Fund. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.

⁽⁴⁾ Portfolio Turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions.

WHERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FUNDS

This Prospectus does not contain all the information included in the Registration Statement filed with the SEC with respect to Fund Shares. An SAI and the annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders, each of which has been or will be filed with the SEC, provide more information about the Funds. In the annual report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected each Fund's performance during the Fund's last fiscal year, as applicable. The SAI and the financial statements included in the Trust's annual report to shareholders are incorporated herein by reference (*i.e.*, they are legally part of this Prospectus). These materials may be obtained without charge, upon request, by writing to the Distributor, State Street Global Markets, LLC, State Street Financial Center, One Lincoln Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02111, by visiting the Funds' website at https://www.spdrs.com or by calling the following number:

Investor Information: 1-866-787-2257

The Registration Statement, including this Prospectus, the SAI, and the exhibits as well as any shareholder reports may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room (100 F Street NE, Washington D.C. 20549) or on the EDGAR Database on the SEC's website (http://www.sec.gov). Information on the operation of the public reference room may be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-202-551-8090. You may get copies of this and other information after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following e-mail address: publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing the Public Reference Section of the SEC, Washington, D.C. 20549-1520.

Shareholder inquiries may be directed to the Funds in writing to State Street Global Markets, LLC, State Street Financial Center, One Lincoln Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02111, or by calling the Investor Information number listed above.

No person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representations other than those contained in this Prospectus in connection with the offer of Fund Shares, and, if given or made, the information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Trust or the Funds. Neither the delivery of this Prospectus nor any sale of Fund Shares shall under any circumstance imply that the information contained herein is correct as of any date after the date of this Prospectus.

Dealers effecting transactions in Fund Shares, whether or not participating in this distribution, are generally required to deliver a Prospectus. This is in addition to any obligation of dealers to deliver a Prospectus when acting as underwriters.

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