

## **Annual Shareholder Report**

Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF (SSUS)

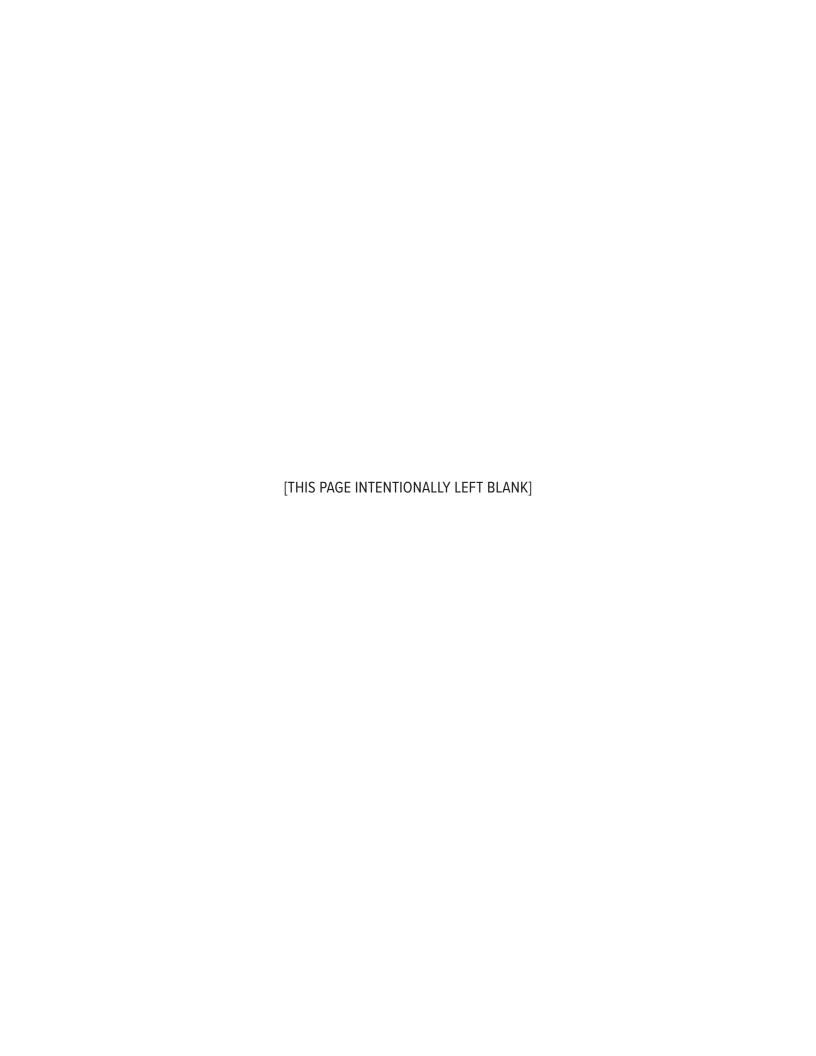
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### **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

Dear Shareholder:

The Fund is actively managed using proprietary investment models co-developed with Ned Davis Research ("NDR"). The Fund is considered a "fund of funds" that, under normal market conditions, seeks to achieve its investment objective by principally investing in unaffiliated equity exchange traded funds ("ETFs") that track the performance of the individual sectors ("Sectors") of the S&P 500 Index ("Index"). The Fund will attempt to enhance returns relative to the Index by overweighting and underweighting its exposure to the Sectors relative to the Index and may reduce its overall exposure to ETFs as determined by its risk management model.

The Fund utilizes the NDR U.S. Sector Model to determine its allocation to each Sector. The models combine sector-specific price-based, economic, fundamental, and behavioral indicators to form composites for each Sector. By combining multiple and diverse indicators, which historically have been shown to add value in Sector allocation decisions, the model seeks to objectively assess the weight of the evidence and generate sector allocation recommendations. As of April 30, 2023, the targeted Sectors are real estate, utilities, consumer staples, information technology, health care, financials, energy, consumer discretionary, materials, industrials, and communication services.

The Fund's risk management model, the NDR U.S. Stock Market Model Composite ("NDR Catastrophic Stop Model"), defines the Fund's overall equity allocation target. The model reading represents the net percentage of indicators that are bullish. By taking the weight of the evidence of technical, monetary, economic, valuation, and sentiment indicators, the model measures the potential risk level of factors the stock market faces.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund intends to invest predominantly in ETFs but will reduce its exposure by as much as 50% of its assets during times that the model deems the market to have a low risk-to-reward ratio from a historical perspective. During these times, the Fund may hold up to 50% of its assets in cash and cash equivalents.

During the fiscal year ended April 30, 2023, the U.S. equity markets experienced significant changes in trend. The following discussion highlights some of our portfolio activity and general views over the past year.

During the last week of March 2022, the Catastrophic Stop model exited its bearish signal that initiated in late January and moved to a fully invested position for April. There was improvement across a number of indicator types, including strengthening equity market trends, rising stock/bond relative strength, improving high yield and Emerging Market bond breadth, and broadening global equity market participation.

Through May 2022, financial markets had been under pressure due to many factors, including inflation, Fed hawkishness, rising interest rates, Russia/Ukraine, China slowdown, energy spike, etc. The S&P 500 Index declined for three of the first four months of the calendar year. However, despite the increased volatility and challenging environment, the U.S. large-cap space had fallen by less than 15% from its all-time high. During the first few weeks of May, the S&P 500 Index dropped more than 5%, but then it subsequently rallied by almost 6% over the remaining two weeks.

In June, the news started to improve. Sentiment reflected investor pessimism, indicating that a lot of the negative news had been absorbed by the market. The percentage of Emerging Market and High Yield bond sectors in uptrends had significantly improved. Moreover, global shipping rates remained robust, which implied a low likelihood of global recession at the time. Energy, as measured by the performance of the Energy Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLE), was the top-performing sector during May, as it rose by more than 16%. XLE had risen for seven of the last nine months. We remained overweight in the sector.

The Catastrophic Stop model recommended a cautious approach at the start of July. High yield option-adjusted spreads remained wide, indicating investor pessimism. The percentage of high yield and Emerging Market bonds that were in uptrends had weakened. None of the technical indicators, which track how the market is processing macro influences, were bullish. The indicator weakness spanned relative strength, trend, breadth, and volume supply/demand.

However, not all the news was bad. NDR's most popular indicator, which combines various measures of sentiment (surveys, asset flows, overbought/oversold, valuation, volatility, and put/call areas) to determine swings in investor psychology, illustrated extreme levels of pessimism, indicating that investors had priced in a worst-case scenario for the market.

The Catastrophic Stop model recommended being fully invested at the start of August. Multiple technical indicators improved as the market's trend strengthened, global equity market upside participation increased, and a significant number of stocks rallied simultaneously, causing a breadth thrust. After all declined during June, the eleven U.S. large-cap sectors each rose by more than 300 basis points (bps) during July. Consumer Discretionary, as measured by the performance of the Consumer Discretionary Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLY), and Information Technology, as measured by the performance of the Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLK), soared by more than 10% during the month. It was the best monthly return for these sectors since April 2020.

After all sectors rose in July, only two of the 11 U.S. large-cap sectors had positive returns in August—Energy and Utilities—as investors became risk averse following the Fed's hawkish comments during the month.

In September, the Catastrophic Stop model again recommended caution and we consequently raised our cash allocation. The S&P 500 Total Return Index declined by more than 900 basis points (bps) during the month. It was the index's worst monthly decline since March 2020. At this point, the market had declined for six of the first nine months of the year. There was no place to hide in September—all 11 U.S. large-cap sectors posted negative returns (five with double-digit declines), sending the S&P 500 to a new low for the year. Health Care, as measured by the performance of the Health Care Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLV), was the best-performing sector, but it still dropped over 250 basis points (bps).

On October 13, 2022, overall equity allocation was increased by 25% to 75% invested due to intense oversold conditions, excessive pessimism levels, and momentum indicators turning positive. On November 1, 2022, the Catastrophic Stop model increased equity exposure by another 25% to a fully invested position.

The overall composite model improved due to global equity market breadth showing broader upside participation, high yield and emerging market bond breadth improving, trend indicators turning positive, and a recent spate of breadth thrust buy signals.

At the time, Ned Davis Research noted that there were some "New Entrants" into the bullish indicator pool: "The new development during this rally is momentum indicators that were not head faked earlier in the year have registered their most positive readings in years. On October 25, the S&P 500 three-day price thrust indicator signaled for the first time since 11/5/2020."

The U.S. equity market continued its rally in November, as the S&P 500 Total Return Index rose by more than 500 basis points. It was the second month in a row with positive returns, the best string of performance since August 2021. All 11 S&P 500 sectors registered positive returns in the month of November, and as a result, breadth readings registered substantial improvement.

Equity markets continued to rise on hints that the Federal Reserve would soon downshift their rate hikes, which was reiterated in Chair Powell's speech on the last day of November. Rate hike downshifts were also likely from the Bank of Canada and the Reserve Bank of Australia, providing more hope for a slowing and eventual pause of the global tightening cycle. Inflation measures appeared to be rolling over from their recent highs, supporting more dovish Central Bank policies.

At the time, we noted that rising interest rates had historically been a headwind for corporate profits. So, while sector leadership had been influenced by a higher interest rate environment, it was also being impacted by an earnings recession (S&P 500 year-to-year operating earnings growth contracted for two-straight quarters). The S&P 500's earnings beat rate was at its lowest level since Q2 2020. During the latest earnings season, Energy had the highest beat rate, while Communication Services had the lowest. Energy's high earnings beat rate was led by Equipment & Services, but all energy industries beat estimates in Q3 2022. For Communication Services, the beat rate represents the sector's lowest since Q2 2018. The interactive Media, Entertainment, and Media industries were drags on the sector's results.

After a 2-month rally, the S&P 500 Total Return Index fell by more than 500 basis points in December, finishing 2022 down about 18%. Equities struggled in 2022, due to higher interest rates, a weakening outlook for corporate earnings, and fears of recession. All 11 S&P 500 sectors registered negative returns in the month of December. For the year, 9 out of 11 sectors had negative performance. The stand-out sector was Energy—on a total return basis, it was up over 65% in 2022.

While the 50-basis point rate hike by the Fed in mid-December was widely expected, the estimates of the fed funds rate in the future shifted higher. Expectations were that while the pace of rate hikes may slow, the terminal rate and the date of the final hike may become more restrictive than previously expected.

The relationship between stock prices and bond yields became decisively negative in December. In looking at history, there were potentially two explanations:

- 1. Inflation was regaining the upper hand, so the Fed would be forced to raise rates to bring inflation under control. This occurred from October 1967 to July 1998 when inflation was a bigger fear than deflation.
- 2. The Fed was going to make a policy mistake. While the Fed may not be restrictive currently, the market thinks the Fed will tighten too much and push the economy into recession. Since 1998, the negative relationship with stocks and bonds occurred two times—from September 1999 to August 2000 and April 2006 to July 2007—both periods were toward the end of a Fed tightening cycle.

At that point, the market was taking the Fed's threat to push the economy into recession seriously. Therefore, the policy mistake scenario gained steam.

Entering January 2023, the sector model continued to overweight Value areas such as Energy, Materials, and Financials, as well as defensive sectors such as Utilities and Health Care. Industrials, Real Estate, and Communication Services entered the month below benchmark allocation. Consumer Discretionary remained significantly below benchmark weighting.

After a 5% drop in the S&P 500 Total Return Index in December, the market rallied in January, gaining over 6% for the month. Longer-term breadth measures improved, including the percentage of stocks above their 200-day moving average. Additionally, a trifecta of positive seasonal indicators—the Santa Claus rally, the First Five Days performance, and the January Barometer—bode well for the S&P 500 for the remainder of 2023. Eight of the 11 S&P 500 sectors registered positive returns in the month of January. Driven by a rally in FANMAG stocks (Facebook, Amazon, Netflix, Microsoft, Apple & Google), the Consumer Discretionary, Communication Services, and Technology sectors had some of the strongest returns year to date.

As widely expected, the Fed, once again, downshifted its pace of rate hikes to 25 basis points (bps) in February 2023, following a slowdown in December to 50 bps. As a result, the fed funds target range was 4.50% to 4.75%, the highest since October 30, 2007. The Fed raised rates a total of 450 bps since March 2022, making it the fastest hiking cycle ever with data going back to 1963. Nonetheless, while recession risks continued to rise, investors appeared to be "looking through the recession" and moved into riskier assets. However, with the labor market still tight, a Fed pivot (or even pause) near-term would likely be premature.

After a 6% rally in the S&P 500 Total Return Index in January, the market declined in February, losing 2.5% for the month. The correction was mostly attributed to higher interest rates as Treasury yields rose across the curve, but it was also in line with a normal correction from excessive investor optimism levels. Additionally, some longer-term breadth measures never confirmed the short-term breadth thrust signals that flashed bullish earlier in the month.

After the decline in the S&P 500 Total Return Index in February, the market rallied in March and gained over 3.5% for the month. The flight-to-safety trade in the days after the Silicon Valley Bank failure was to companies with strong cash flows that are unlikely to have to tap the capital markets in the next few years. The move was most apparent in the mega-cap FANMAG stocks. As a result, the Information Technology and Communication Services sectors posted double-digit gains, while Financials was the weakest sector.

The rotation into FANMAG stocks boosted large-cap and cap-weighted benchmarks. While it can be viewed as a positive that investors did not pull their money out of stocks as an asset class, the strongest rallies often start with a high percentage of stocks participating. While 65.6% of Nasdaq stocks were above their 10-day moving averages, only 32.1% are above their 50-day, and 37.8% are above their 200-day. But as we learned from the multiple breath thrust signals in 2022, short-term breadth needs to be verified with intermediate-term and long-term breadth.

Entering April, the sector model was overweight Value areas such as Energy and Financials, as well as Growth sectors like Information Technology and Communication Services. The S&P 500 rallied for a second month in a row and was up about 1.6% on a total return basis for the month. Leadership was overwhelmingly defensive with Consumer Staples, Health Care, and Utilities all outperforming the S&P 500 in April.

The Wall Street adage "sell in May and go away" comes from the tendency for seasonal weakness to begin in May. For sectors, the seasonal pattern has meant a shift in leadership towards defensive sectors over cyclical sectors starting in May. Since 1972, the four best months for defensive sector leadership have all occurred over the May through October period. This year, the seasonally weak stretch overlaps with several other headwinds for the market, including the late innings in the Fed and economic cycles, debt ceiling discussions, and a high level of complacency as measured by the VIX Index.

The sector model had gotten in line with the cautious outlook in April, shifting more defensive during the month. Entering May, the sector model was overweight defensive sectors such as Health Care, Utilities, and Energy. Information Technology dropped to market weight. All other sectors were underweighted, with significant drops in allocation to Real Estate and Financials.

For the year ending April 30, 2023, the Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF (SSUS) generated a total return of 2.83% at market value, and 2.89% at net asset value. During this same period, the return of the Fund's benchmark, the S&P 500 Total Return Index, was 2.66%.

We are pleased with the Fund's performance relative to its benchmark, especially given the backdrop of a more hawkish Fed, inflation, rising interest rates, and geopolitical upheavals. We continue to focus on our objective, quantitative, and unemotional indicators and models to guide our path forward.

Sincerely,

Donald L. Hagan, CFA Portfolio Manager

Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF

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The S&P 500 Index is a capitalization-weighted, composite index of 500 stocks designed to measure the performance of the broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries.

A basis point (bps) is one hundredth of one percentage point. One basis point = 0.01%.

Holdings are subject to change. Please see a complete list of holdings in the Portfolio of Investments Summary Table in this Annual Report.

Must be preceded or accompanied by a prospectus.

All investments involve risk, including loss of principal. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Please see the Fund's prospectus for specific details regarding investment objectives, risks, performance, and other important information. Review this information carefully before you make any investment decision. Investors cannot invest directly in an index, and unmanaged index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses or sales charges.

ETFs are subject to specific risks, depending on the nature of the underlying strategy of the fund. These risks could include liquidity risk and sector risk as well as risks associated with fixed income securities, real estate investments and commodities, to name a few. Investments in underlying funds that own small and mid-capitalization companies may be more vulnerable than larger, more established organizations. Increased portfolio turnover may result in higher brokerage commissions, dealer markups and other transaction costs and may result in taxable capital gains.

In general, the price of a fixed income security falls when interest rates rise. Adverse changes in currency exchange rates may erode or reverse any potential gains from the fund's investments. Investments in foreign securities could subject the fund to greater risks, including currency fluctuation, economic conditions, and different governmental and accounting standards. In addition to the risks generally associated with investing in securities pf foreign companies, countries with emerging markets also may have relatively unstable governments, social and legal systems that do not protect shareholders, economies based on only a few industries and securities markets that trade a small number of issues.

The Fund is distributed by Foreside Fund Services, LLC.

### **Investment Objective**

Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF seeks long-term capital appreciation and preservation of capital.

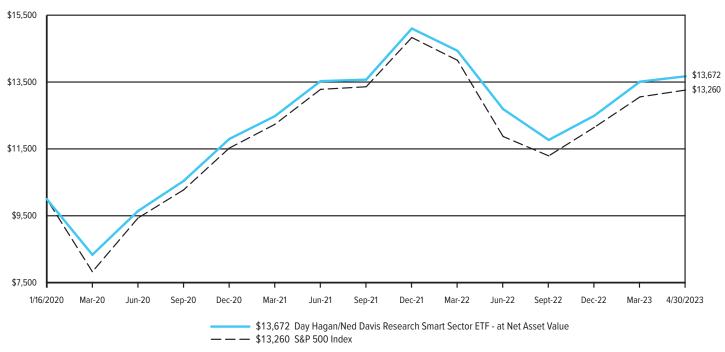
### Fund Performance (as of 4/30/23)

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	One Year	Inception <sup>(b)</sup>	Gross	Net
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF - Total Return (at Net Asset Value)(c)	2.89%	9.98%	0.80%	0.80%
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF - Total Return (at Market Value) <sup>(d)</sup>	2.83%	9.95%	0.80%	0.80%
S&P 500 Index <sup>(e)</sup>	2.66%	8.97%	N/A	N/A

Average Annual Total Returns

Expense Ratios(a)

### Hypothetical Growth of a \$10,000 Investment (\*)



Past performance does not quarantee future results. Return calculations assume the reinvestment of distributions and do not reflect taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or on the redemption of Fund shares. The performance data quoted represent past performance and current returns may be lower or higher. The investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed may be worth more or less than the original cost. The performance above reflects any fee reductions during the applicable periods. If such fee reductions had not occurred, the quoted performance would be lower. To obtain performance information current to the most recent month-end, please call 800-594-7930 or visit http://dhfunds.com/

- The chart represents historical performance of a hypothetical investment of \$10,000 in Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF and represents the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains in the Fund.
- The expense ratio reflect the expense ratios as reported in the Fund's Prospectus dated September 1, 2022. Additional information pertaining to the Fund's expense ratio as of April 30, 2023 can be found in the Financial Highlights.
- Commencement of operations: January 16, 2020
- Net asset value total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions, including dividends and return of capital, at net asset value during the period, if any, and redemption on the last day of the period at net asset value. This percentage is not an indication of the performance of a shareholder's investment in the Fund based on market value due to differences between the market price of the shares and the
- Market value total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the market value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions, including dividends and return of capital, at net asset value during the period, if any, and redemption on the last day of the period at market value. Market value is determined by the composite closing price. Composite closing security price is defined as the last reported sale price from the Fund's listing market (e.g., NYSE Arca) or participating regional exchanges or markets. The composite closing price is the last reported sale price from any of the eligible sources, regardless of volume and not an average price and may have occurred on a date prior to the close of the reporting period. Market value may be greater or less than net asset value, depending on the Fund's closing price on the listing market.
- The S&P 500 Index is widely regarded as the best single gauge of large-cap U.S. equities. The index includes 500 leading companies and covers approximately 80% of available market capitalization. An investor cannot invest directly in an index.

### Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF (SSFI) (Unaudited) April 30, 2023

### **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

Dear Shareholder:

The Fund is actively managed using proprietary investment models co-developed with Ned Davis Research ("NDR"). The Fund is considered a "fund of funds" that, under normal market conditions, seeks to achieve its investment objective by principally investing in unaffiliated fixed-income exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") that invest in fixed-income categories ("Underlying Funds"). The fixed income categories to which the Fund may seek exposure through the Underlying Funds are U.S. investment grade corporate, U.S. long-term treasury, U.S. mortgage-backed securities, international investment grade bonds, U.S. treasury inflation-protected securities, U.S. high yield bonds, emerging market bonds, and U.S. floating rate notes (each a "Category" and collectively the "Categories").

The Fund utilizes the Ned Davis Research Fixed Income Model to determine its allocation to each Category. By combining multiple and diverse indicators, which historically have been shown to add value to Category allocation decisions, the model seeks to objectively assess the weight of the evidence and generate Category allocation recommendations.

The risk management aspect of the Fund's Fixed Income Model, which is also used in the Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector® ETF, defines the Fund's overall cash allocation. By taking the weight of the evidence of technical, monetary, economic, valuation, and sentiment indicators, the model measures the potential risk level that certain categories of the fixed-income market may face. When the model triggers a sell, cash is raised by reducing the Fixed Income Model allocations to the U.S. floating rate, U.S. investment grade, U.S. high yield, and emerging market bond categories by half. It is our view that these fixed-income categories have high correlations to equity markets.

The following are observations from the past year.

During the last week of March 2022, the Catastrophic Stop model exited a bearish signal that was initiated in late January. The model recommended being fully invested for April. There was positive improvement across a number of indicator types, including strengthening equity market trends, rising stock/bond relative strength, improving high yield and Emerging Market bond breadth, and broadening global equity market participation.

Interestingly, financial markets had been under pressure in early 2022 due to many factors, including inflation, Fed hawkishness, rising interest rates, Russia/Ukraine, China slowdown, energy spike, etc. In fact, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index had declined by more than 100 basis points (bps) for each of the first four months in 2022. The last time the index dropped for four consecutive months was in 1980.

During May, all fixed-income areas fell for a second consecutive month. Floating Rate Notes (FLRN) and Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (VTIP) were the only areas to drop by less than 100 basis points (bps). FLRN had declined during five of the last seven months. U.S. Long-Term Treasurys (SPTL) plunged over 900 bps. It was the largest monthly decline in the ETF's history.

Before May, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index had fallen for each month of 2022. Although the index rose during May, it had declined for eight of the last ten months. The risk management overlay model recommended a cautious approach at the start of June by reducing allocation to areas that typically underperform when markets are under duress.

The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index then dropped more than 150 basis points (bps) during June. All of the fixed income categories we cover declined, the third time that happened that year. Floating Rate Notes (FLRN) was the only area to fall less than 100 basis points (bps).

The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index then jumped more than 240 basis points (bps) during July, its largest one-month gain since August 2019. After declining for the first four months of the year, the index has been higher for two of the last three months. Entering August, the risk management model recommended being fully invested within the fixed income space. After each credit sector declined during June, all fixed-income categories rose in July. U.S. High Yield (SPHY) had the best month in the history of the ETF, as it jumped by more than 600 basis points (bps), a reversal of June's significant underperformance as investors returned to higher-risk assets.

After all fixed income categories rose in July, performance was bleak in August as the Fed remained hawkish. The only sector with positive returns was Floating Rate Notes (FLRN), up over 50 basis points (bps) for the month. The risk management model recommended being fully invested across the fixed-income segments at the start of September. Trends had improved within the financial markets, but breadth deteriorated somewhat from elevated levels within both equities and fixed income during August.

The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index declined by more than 430 basis points (bps) during September. It was the index's worst monthly decline since 1980. The index had fallen for eight of the last ten months. The risk management model recommended raising 50% cash from equity-like areas within fixed income at the start of October. The technical outlook for higher-risk assets deteriorated as both the absolute trend of equity markets and the relative strength of stocks/bonds rolled over. This confirmed already bearish macro indicators such as widening high-yield option-adjusted spreads and below-trend global shipping activity.

On November 1, 2022, the Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Catastrophic Stop model improved to a fully invested position. This was due to global equity market breadth showing broader upside participation, high yield and emerging market bond breadth improving, trend indicators turning positive, and a recent spate of breadth thrust buy signals. In response, exposure to those credit sectors that are more highly correlated to equities was increased. This included allocations to Emerging Market Bonds, High Yield Bonds, Investment Grade Corporate Bonds, and Floating Rate Notes.

There were several factors that were starting to support a higher allocation to fixed income. We viewed each as a budding positive.

- 1. The NDR Economic Timing Model indicated mild recession. Cyclical recessions often force the Fed's hand into abandoning a hawkish stance.
- 2. Valuations were getting to the point of looking relatively attractive.
- 3. Yields tend to peak before the end of a tightening cycle, and our view was that we were likely to see the end of tightening in 2023.
- 4. Inflation expectations were trending lower as commodity prices fell and the dollar stayed strong.
- 5. Stock prices were falling as risk-off took hold. This could result in investors moving from equities into bonds, thereby increasing demand for bonds.
- 6. Volatility increased, indicating more extreme conditions—often the hallmark of lows.

Overall, 2022 was extremely challenging for fixed-income investors, but November provided some glimmer of hope as risk assets rallied. The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate rose more than 3.5% in November. The index had risen only three months that year. In the other eight months, the index dropped by more than 100 basis points (bps) each time.

At the early November meeting, the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) raised the Fed funds target range by another 75 bp to 3.75% to 4.00%, the highest since January 2008. It was the fourth straight 75 bp increase for a total of 450 bp this cycle.

In his late-November speech, Fed Chairman Powell indicated that a downshift in the size of the rate hikes could occur at the December 14 meeting—market participants were expecting a 50 bp hike. He also cautioned that monetary policy was likely to stay restrictive for some time until real signs of progress emerged on inflation. The ultimate Fed funds rate level is likely to be between 4.75% to 5.00%. That kept both risk assets and the economy in a choppy period until inflation came down enough for the Fed to pause and then eventually reverse course.

During October, the 10-year yield hit 4.23%, a level not seen since 2008. At the start of December, the 10-year was at 3.89%. Typically, the 10-year Treasury yield peaks at or before the end of the Fed tightening cycle, so a Q1 Fed pause was deemed possible, and repositioning fixed-income portfolios was warranted. Entering December, the fixed income allocation strategy was overweight U.S. High Yield, U.S. Investment Grade, and Emerging Market Bonds while being underweight Floating Rate Notes, U.S. Long-Term Treasurys, Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities, and International Investment Grade bonds.

Throughout the month of December, the world's most prominent central banks doubled down on and/or adopted a more hawkish stance. The Fed remained committed to fighting inflation. The European Central Bank stressed the need for more aggressive rate hikes at its December meeting. Meanwhile, the Bank of Japan surprised investors by increasing the cap on its 10-year yield target.

2022 was a challenging year for fixed-income investors. The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Total Return Index's return was slightly negative in December and finished the year down about 13%. The index was down nine out of 12 months in 2022. The global central bank rate increased at a record speed in 2022 and was at its highest level since 2008. Based on this metric, one could have assumed that central banks had sufficiently tightened policy. But on a real basis, interest rates were still resoundingly negative, indicating that global central bank policy wasn't quite tight enough.

Entering January, the fixed income allocation strategy was overweight U.S. Long-Term Treasurys, U.S. High Yield, Mortgage-Backed Securities, and Emerging Market Bonds while being underweight Floating Rate Notes, U.S. Investment Grade Corporate, Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities, and International Investment Grade bonds.

After a challenging 2022, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Total Return Index gained about 3% in January 2023. As widely expected, the Fed, once again, downshifted its pace of rate hikes to 25 basis points (bp) in February, following a slowdown in December to 50 bp. As a result, the Fed funds target range was 4.50% to 4.75%, the highest since October 30, 2007. The Fed has raised rates a total of 450 bp since March 2022, making it the fastest hiking cycle ever, with data going back to 1963.

While the Fed acknowledged improvement in inflation at the February meeting, Chairman Powell continued to characterize inflation as "elevated" and repeated that "ongoing increases... will be appropriate." But he also reiterated that they would be data-dependent and operate meeting by meeting.

After a 3% gain in January, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Total Return Index dropped by over 2.5% in February. Of the nine fixed-income sectors we track, all of them except cash had negative returns in February. While the Fed acknowledged improvement in inflation at the February meeting, what was still in doubt was the pace at which inflation would continue to moderate and whether any progress on it would be sufficient for the Fed to loosen monetary policy. Following the January CPI and PPI reports and strong retail sales, yields backed up, the U.S. dollar rose, and markets pushed off expected rate cuts into 2024.

The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Total Return Index gained over 2.5% in March as investors flocked to safety during the banking crisis. After last month's liquidity backstop by the Swiss National Bank for Credit Suisse and the \$30 billion capital injection into First Republic Bank by a consortium of U.S. banks, it looked like authorities have successfully ringfenced the banking problems.

Following the anticipated 25 basis point rate hike in March, the Fed provided an update to their economic outlook, with the Fed effectively forecasting a recession this year. Mathematically, we can't have 3.2% GDP growth in Q1 and end up at 0.4% for the year without having negative quarters. Unemployment was projected to rise to 4.5% from 3.6%. As a result, market participants began to price in a reversal of the tightening cycle. The decline in rates across the curve impacted fixed-income sector leadership, as well as aided the downtrend in the U.S. Dollar.

Entering April, the fixed income allocation strategy was overweight International Bond, U.S. Long-Term Treasury, TIPS, U.S. Investment Grade, and Floating Rate Notes. The U.S. Corporate, U.S. High Yield, and Emerging Market Bond sectors are underweight.

As described in our April letter, we expected the Fed to raise the Fed funds target range another 25 basis points, 5.00% to 5.25%, in May. We think it will be the last rate hike of this tightening cycle. The Fed, however, will want to preserve its optionality—just in case the economic data doesn't come in as expected before the next meeting in mid-June. Quantitative tightening will continue to roll on.

Although this has been the most aggressive Fed tightening cycle in history, we never started out in such a deep hole in terms of the real Fed funds rate. The Fed hopes inflation comes down to allow the real Fed funds rate to rise above 1.5% and prays that nothing else breaks. Looking at history, yields typically fall, and the yield curve steepens after the end of the tightening cycle. This will have implications for fixed-income sector leadership.

For the year ending April 30, 2023, the Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF (SSFI) generated a total return of -2.21% at market value and -2.21% at net asset value. During this same period, the Fund's benchmark, the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index, was down -0.43%.

Sincerely,

Donald L. Hagan, CFA Portfolio Manager

Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF

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The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is a broad base, market capitalization-weighted bond market index representing intermediate term investment grade bonds traded in the United States. The index tracks investment grade corporate debt, government debt, mortgage-backed securities (MBS) and asset-backed securities (ABS) to simulate the universe of investable bonds that are rated investment grade or higher, have an outstanding par value of at least \$100 million, and have at least one year until maturity.

A basis point (bps) is one hundredth of one percentage point. One basis point = 0.01%.

Must be preceded or accompanied by a prospectus.

All investments involve risk, including loss of principal. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Please see the Fund's prospectus for specific details regarding investment objectives, risks, performance, and other important information. Review this information carefully before you make any investment decision. Investors cannot invest directly in an index, and unmanaged index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges.

The value of fixed income securities will fluctuate with changes in interest rates. Typically, a rise in interest rates causes a decline in the value of fixed income securities owned by the Fund. Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of a security will fail to pay principal and interest in a timely manner, reducing the Fund's total return. Emerging market countries may have relatively unstable governments, weaker economies, and less-developed legal systems with fewer security holder rights. Emerging market economies may be based on only a few industries and security issuers may be more susceptible to economic weakness and more likely to default. The use of derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments.

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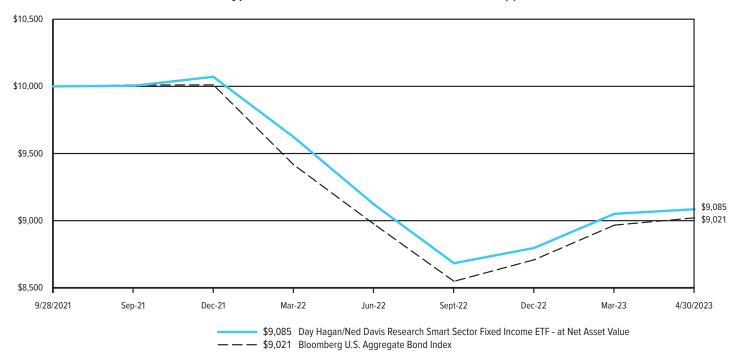
### **Investment Objective**

Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF investment objective is total return, consisting of income and capital appreciation.

### Fund Performance (as of 4/30/23)

·	Average Annual Total Returns		Expense Ratios(a)	
	One Year	Inception <sup>(b)</sup>	Gross	Net
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF -				
Total Return (at Net Asset Value)(c)	-2.21%	-5.87%	0.78%	0.78%
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF -				
Total Return (at Market Value) <sup>(d)</sup>	-2.21%	-5.85%	0.78%	0.78%
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index <sup>(e)</sup>	-0.43%	-6.29%	N/A	N/A

### Hypothetical Growth of a \$10,000 Investment (\*)



Past performance does not guarantee future results. Return calculations assume the reinvestment of distributions and do not reflect taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or on the redemption of Fund shares. The performance data quoted represent past performance and current returns may be lower or higher. The investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed may be worth more or less than the original cost. The performance above reflects any fee reductions during the applicable periods. If such fee reductions had not occurred, the quoted performance would be lower. To obtain performance information current to the most recent month-end, please call 800-594-7930 or visit http://dhfunds.com/

- \* The chart represents historical performance of a hypothetical investment of \$10,000 in Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income and represents the income and capital appreciation in the Fund.
- (a) The expense ratio reflect the expense ratios as reported in the Fund's Prospectus dated September 1, 2022. Additional information pertaining to the Fund's expense ratio as of April 30, 2023 can be found in the Financial Highlights.
- (b) Commencement of operations: September 28, 2021.
- (c) Net asset value total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions, including dividends and return of capital, at net asset value during the period, if any, and redemption on the last day of the period at net asset value. This percentage is not an indication of the performance of a shareholder's investment in the Fund based on market value due to differences between the market price of the shares and the net asset value per share of the Fund.
- (d) Market value total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the market value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions, including dividends and return of capital, at net asset value during the period, if any, and redemption on the last day of the period at market value. Market value is determined by the composite closing price. Composite closing security price is defined as the last reported sale price from the Fund's listing market (e.g., NYSE Arca) or participating regional exchanges or markets. The composite closing price is the last reported sale price from any of the eligible sources, regardless of volume and not an average price and may have occurred on a date prior to the close of the reporting period. Market value may be greater or less than net asset value, depending on the Fund's closing price on the listing market.
- (e) The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based flagship benchmark that measures the investment grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market. This includes Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, mortgage-backed securities (agency fixed-rate and hybrid ARM pass-throughs), asset-backed securities and collateralized mortgage-backed securities (agency and non-agency). An investor cannot invest directly in an index.

### Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF (SSXU) (Unaudited) April 30, 2023

### **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

Dear Shareholder:

The Fund is actively managed using proprietary investment models co-developed with Ned Davis Research ("NDR"). The Fund is considered a "fund of funds" that, under normal market conditions, seeks to achieve its investment objective by principally investing in unaffiliated international exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") that invest in international regions outside of the U.S. ("Underlying Funds").

The Fund utilizes the Ned Davis Research international models and rankings to determine its allocation to each region or country. By combining multiple and diverse indicators, which historically have been shown to add value to international allocation decisions, the model seeks to objectively assess the weight of the evidence and generate allocation recommendations.

The Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Catastrophic Stop model provides the overall risk management aspect of the Fund's strategy and defines the Fund's overall cash allocation. By taking the weight of the evidence of technical, monetary, economic, valuation, and sentiment indicators, the model measures the potential risk level that certain financial markets may face. When the model triggers a sell, cash levels are increased.

The following are observations from July 1, 2022 (the fund's inception date), through April 30, 2023.

Upon inception of the fund, the initial portfolio was overweight China and Canada, and neutral allocations were held in Japan, the U.K., France, Switzerland, Germany, and Australia. There were four smaller regions receiving allocations: South Korea, Hong Kong, India, and Brazil. The cash allocation was overweighted due to the prior sell signal from the DH/Ned Davis Research Catastrophic Stop model moving to a defensive position on May 26, 2022. The higher cash position was deemed appropriate as 1) the strong U.S. dollar continued to impact international returns negatively; 2) there had been significant investor outflows from funds focused on international regions, indicating a lack of demand; and 3) overall Global Leading Economic Indicators had not yet started showing signs of reversing from downtrends.

In August, the tone of the market appeared to be slightly improving from historically pessimistic and oversold levels. While we were not yet prepared to say a new bull market had begun, the pieces were starting to fall in place for a sustainable move higher. As we reviewed the fundamental drivers underpinning the first half of the year's weakness, we found that many were showing incremental improvement. For example, the Fed came out of the gate ready to battle inflation with historically large rate hikes and reductions in financial liquidity. Our view was that they were likely to temper their hawkishness and take a more gradual approach. This positively impacted interest rates, with the U.S. 10-year yield declining from a peak of 3.48% to 2.63%. We also opined that we had seen peak inflation and peak energy prices as supply chains were finally expanding and Europe and Russia concluded agreements for the provision of oil and natural gas. This didn't mean we were sanguine about the world's prospects. Europe remained under tremendous pressure, the Russia/Ukraine conflict was far from resolved, China/Taiwan was a wildcard, Covid could have re-emerged, and potential legislative missteps are always a threat (i.e., raising taxes during an economic slowdown).

This leads us into September and October. We noted at the time that equity markets were discounting considerable bad news. For example, investors had collectively priced in their expectations around central bank tightening policies, expected corporate earnings pressures, expectations for the continued conflict in Ukraine, the potential for conflict in Taiwan, energy price upheavals internationally (especially Europe), expected future inflation pressures, potential political upheavals, the potential for trade wars, expectations for higher interest rates, and the potential for the global economy to stall. From an investment perspective, the crucial question was whether those investor expectations were overly pessimistic. If investors' expectations were overly pessimistic, and the aforementioned factors turned out to be better than feared, markets would likely move higher. The opposite also held true. To determine if the pendulum has swung too far toward pessimism or optimism, we rely on our models to evaluate the investment landscape in an objective, unemotional manner. By mid-October, the Catastrophic Stop was signaling that a fully invested position was warranted.

The ACWI ex U.S. Total Return Index then had one of the best months in its history during November. The index jumped more than 11% during the month, with China, up more than 25%, leading the pack. However, overall global economic risks remained elevated as the global economy contracted for a third straight month in October, according to the S&P Global Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI). The global composite PMI declined to the lowest level since June 2020. Forward-looking indicators, including new orders and the future output index, pointed to deteriorating economic growth, increasing the possibility of a recession in late 2023.

But not all the economic data was negative. In line with the weakening global demand and easing supply chain issues, global price pressures continued to soften, suggesting lower global Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation in the coming months. Also, the Citigroup Surprise Indexes, which measure economic data relative to expectations, suggested that economists were too pessimistic. In fact, the economic surprise index for advanced economies had been in positive territory since September, indicating that economic data had, on balance, been surprising to the upside. Global equities tend to outperform when the surprise index has been positive.

Our view was that many of the downside risks that plagued the global economy in 2022 would likely continue in 2023 but from a much lower starting point. Global savings had been depleted while labor markets were starting to show signs of slowing. Moreover, given the lagged impact of monetary policy on the economy, the indicators, many of which are already on the cusp of levels associated with a global recession, were likely to worsen in the coming months.

However, one major positive was that price pressures continued to deteriorate. Both the global composite input and outprice indexes fell to their lowest since February 2021. Even so, the indexes (especially input prices) remained well above their pre-COVID levels.

Entering December, the non-U.S. equity Core model overweighted China, France, and Switzerland while underweighting Japan, Germany, the U.K., and Canada. The Explore model favored Spain, Italy, Mexico, Peru, and New Zealand.

The global economy ended 2022 on a weak note, according to the latest S&P Global Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI). The global composite PMI was little changed in December, edging up 0.2 points to 48.2. This marked the fifth straight month of contraction and the second-lowest reading since the initial COVID lockdowns in 2020. Both the services and manufacturing sectors registered declines in tandem for the fourth straight month, a condition also last observed in early 2020. That level in the composite is historically consistent with a 0.4% contraction in global real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth.

However, there were some tentative signs of stabilization ahead. The global bullwhip, a measure of new orders relative to inventories, ticked up for a second straight month as businesses continued to pare back the massive inventory accumulated in late 2021/early 2022. Also, global supply chain pressures continued to ease, with the supplier delivery index rising to its highest level since January 2020.

Entering February, the non-U.S. equity Core model overweighted China, Germany, Australia, and France, while underweighting Japan, the U.K., and Canada. The Explore model favored Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain, and Italy.

The ACWI ex U.S. Total Return Index declined by almost 350 basis points in February. It was the index's worst month since September. Among the strongest-performing markets were the Czech Republic, Greece, Turkey, Egypt, and Austria, while the largest underperformers included Colombia, China, Thailand, Brazil, and South Africa.

Contrary to the prior month's global PMI, which increased slightly on a month-to-month basis but showed other areas of weakness, February's global data were broadly positive, as both the manufacturing and services indexes rose. Moreover, the compos¬ite indexes for new orders, employment, and backlogs all increased, indicating improving global demand.

But the global economic outlook still showed risk. History suggests that the past year's tight monetary policy will continue to negatively impact the global economy for at least the next six months, while a pick-up in input cost pressures may keep central banks tighter for longer, prolonging the headwinds from central banks.

Entering March, the non-U.S. equity Core model overweighted France, Australia, and Switzerland, while underweighting Japan, the U.K., Canada, China, and Germany. The Explore model favored Chile, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, and Thailand.

The ACWI ex U.S. Total Return Index increased by over 250 basis points in March. The index has oscillated between positive and negative monthly returns since November. The global economy continued to show signs of improvement according to the February S&P Global Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) readings. The global composite PMI jumped 2.3 points, its third straight increase and the most since July 2020, to 52.1, the highest level and first expansion since mid-2022. Global new orders expanded for the first time in seven months, while the future output index climbed to its highest level in nearly a year. China contributed greatly to the global figure as the end of its zero-COVID policy has seen growth surge. Even outside of China, the expansion broadened across the globe, as the global composite PMI excluding China also rose to an eight-month high.

Despite these favorable signs, downside risks remain elevated. History suggests that tight monetary policy will continue to limit potential upside in the global economy for the foreseeable future. Moreover, stubbornly high inflation may keep central banks tighter for longer, effectively increasing the risk of recession.

Entering April, the non-U.S. equity Core model overweighted the U.K., Germany, and Switzerland while underweighting Canada and China. The Explore model favored the Philippines, Thailand, Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain, and Mexico. The ACWI ex U.S. Total Return Index increased by over 180 basis points in April. The index had risen by more than 175 bps for five of the previous seven months.

Unfortunately, the global economic outlook reflected some cracks under the surface. Although services sector growth remained broad and healthy, the manufacturing PMI slipped back into contraction territory, while breadth in the sector weakened significantly. Moreover, the composite future output index ticked down for the first time in five months. While it remains elevated, it suggests that global growth may peak in the first half of the year.

History suggests that the past year's tight monetary policy will continue to limit the upside in the global economy in the coming months. The March banking crisis provides another overhang to the global economy, as it will likely be associated with tighter credit conditions over the near term. Moreover, stubbornly high inflation, especially in the services sector, may keep central banks tighter for longer, increasing the risk of recession, possibly in late 2023 or early 2024.

This strategy utilizes measures of price, valuation, economic trends, monetary liquidity, and market sentiment to make objective, rational decisions about how much capital to place at risk, as well as where to place that capital. From a risk-versus-reward standpoint, should our models again begin to indicate that risk levels are rising relative to potential returns, we will not hesitate to react and move to a more defensive positioning.

From the fund's inception on July 1, 2022, through April 30, 2023, the Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF (SSXU) generated a total return of 11.29% at market value and 11.36% at net asset value. During this same period, the Fund's benchmark, the MSCI ACWI ex US Index, was up 12.38%.

Sincerely,

Donald L. Hagan, CFA Portfolio Manager

Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF

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The MSCI ACWI ex USA Index is a float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the combined equity market performance of developed and emerging markets countries, excluding the United States.

The S&P Global Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) is an index based on surveys of senior executives determining trends in business conditions.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over a time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. (A broad-based inflation measure.)

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Geographic Concentration Risk. The Fund may be particularly susceptible to economic, political, regulatory or other events or conditions affecting countries within the specific geographic regions in which the Fund invests. Model and Data Risk. Like all quantitative analysis, the investment models utilized by the Advisor carry the risk that the ranking system, valuation results and predictions might be based on one or more incorrect assumptions, insufficient historical data, inadequate design, or may not be suitable for the purpose intended. Non-Diversification Risk. The Fund is classified as a "non-diversified" fund under the 1940 Act. Accordingly, the Fund may invest a greater portion of its assets in the securities of a single issuer than if it were a "diversified" fund.

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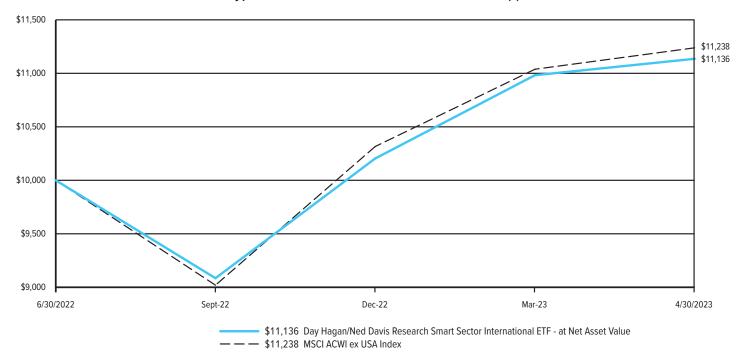
### **Investment Objective**

Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF investment objective is to seek total return, consisting of income and capital appreciation.

### Fund Performance (as of 4/30/23)

	Average Annual Total Returns		Expense	Ratios <sup>(a)</sup>
	One Year	Inception <sup>(b)</sup>	Gross	Net
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF -				
Total Return (at Net Asset Value)(c)	N/A	11.36%	0.79%	0.79%
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF -				
Total Return (at Market Value) <sup>(d)</sup>	N/A	11.29%	0.79%	0.79%
MSCI ACWI ex USA Index <sup>(e)</sup>	N/A	12.38%	N/A	N/A

### Hypothetical Growth of a \$10,000 Investment (\*)



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- The chart represents historical performance of a hypothetical investment of \$10,000 in Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF and represents the income and capital appreciation in the Fund.
- The expense ratio reflect the expense ratios as reported in the Fund's Prospectus dated July 1, 2022. Additional information pertaining to the Fund's expense ratio as of April 30, 2023 can be found in the Financial Highlights.
- Commencement of operations: June 30, 2022.
- Net asset value total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions, including dividends and return of capital, at net asset value during the period, if any, and redemption on the last day of the period at net asset value. This percentage is not an indication of the performance of a shareholder's investment in the Fund based on market value due to differences between the market price of the shares and the net asset value per share of the Fund.
- Market value total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the market value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions, including dividends and return of capital, at net asset value during the period, if any, and redemption on the last day of the period at market value. Market value is determined by the composite closing price. Composite closing security price is defined as the last reported sale price from the Fund's listing market (e.g., NYSE Arca) or participating regional exchanges or markets. The composite closing price is the last reported sale price from any of the eligible sources, regardless of volume and not an average price and may have occurred on a date prior to the close of the reporting period. Market value may be greater or less than net asset value, depending on the Fund's closing price on the
- The MSCI ACWI ex USA Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure the combined equity market performance of developed and emerging markets countries, excluding the U.S. An investor cannot invest directly in an index.

As a Fund shareholder, you may incur two types of costs: (1) transaction costs, including commissions on trading, as applicable; and (2) a unified management fee. These examples are intended to help you understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the Fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds.

The expense examples below are based on an investment of \$1,000 invested at November 1, 2022 and held through the period ended April 30, 2023.

The **Actual Expense** figures in the table below provide information about actual account values and actual expenses. You may use this information, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period. Simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number in the table under the heading entitled "Actual Expenses Paid During the Period" to estimate the expenses you paid on your account during this period.

The **Hypothetical Expense** figures in the table below provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on each Fund's actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not each Fund's actual return. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balance or expenses you paid for the period. You may use this information to compare the ongoing costs of investing in your Fund and other funds. To do so, compare this 5% hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of the other funds.

Please note that the expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight your ongoing costs only and do not reflect any transactional costs. Therefore, the examples are useful in comparing ongoing costs only and will not help you determine the relative total cost of owning different funds. In addition, if these transactional costs were included, your costs would have been higher.

Fund	Beginning Account Value 11/1/22	Actual Ending Account Value 4/30/23	Hypothetical Ending Account Value 4/30/23 <sup>(1)</sup>	Actual Expenses Paid During the Period <sup>(2)</sup>	Hypothetical Expenses Paid During the Period <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Annualized Net Expense Ratio During the Period
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF (SSUS)	\$1,000.00	\$1,090.90	\$1,021.42	\$3.53	\$3.41	0.68%
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF (SSFI)	1,000.00	1,053.20	1,021.42	3.46	3.41	0.68%
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF (SSXU)	1,000.00	1,209.60	1,021.42	3.73	3.41	0.68%

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents the hypothetical 5% annual return before expenses.

<sup>(2)</sup> Expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized expense ratio multiplied by the average account value over the period multiplied by 181/365 (to reflect the one half year period).

### **Portfolio of Investments Summary Table**

	Percentage of Value
Exchange-Traded Funds	100.0%
Total	100.0%

Portfolio holdings and allocations are subject to change. As of April 30, 2023, percentages in the table above are based on total investments. Such total investments may differ from the percentages set forth in the following Portfolio of Investments which are computed using the Fund's total net assets.

### **Portfolio of Investments**

Shares		Value
Exchange-	Traded Funds — 99.0%	
679,695	Communication Services Select Sector	
	SPDR Fund ETF	\$40,713,731
261,390	Consumer Discretionary Select Sector	
	SPDR Fund ETF	38,649,125
391,467	Consumer Staples Select Sector	
	SPDR Fund ETF	30,315,204
242,050	Energy Select Sector SPDR Fund ETF	20,605,717
1,580,151	Financial Select Sector SPDR Fund ETF	52,413,609
307,478	Health Care Select Sector SPDR Fund ETF	41,057,537
203,417	Industrial Select Sector SPDR Fund ETF	20,341,700
175,039	Materials Select Sector SPDR Fund ETF	14,099,391
388,029	Real Estate Select Sector SPDR Fund ETF	14,648,095
902,382	Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund ETF	136,106,277
173,639	Utilities Select Sector SPDR Fund ETF	11,977,618
Total Excha	ange-Traded Funds (Cost \$395,068,992)	\$420,928,004
Total Inves	tments — 99.0%	
(Cost \$3	395,068,992)	\$420,928,004
Other Assets less Liabilities — 1.0%		4,374,715
Net Assets	<u> </u>	\$425,302,719

ETF — Exchange-Traded Fund

SPDR — Standard and Poor's Depositary Receipts

### **Portfolio of Investments Summary Table**

	Percentage of Value
Exchange-Traded Funds	100.0%
Total	100.0%

Portfolio holdings and allocations are subject to change. As of April 30, 2023, percentages in the table above are based on total investments. Such total investments may differ from the percentages set forth in the following Portfolio of Investments which are computed using the Fund's total net assets.

### **Portfolio of Investments**

Shares		Value
Exchange-	Traded Funds — 99.0%	
29,510	SPDR Bloomberg 1-3 Month T-Bill ETF	\$2,708,428
169,821	SPDR Bloomberg Investment Grade	
	Floating Rate ETF	5,191,428
158,307	SPDR Portfolio Corporate Bond ETF	4,648,685
203,662	SPDR Portfolio High Yield Bond ETF	4,672,006
179,944	SPDR Portfolio Long Term Treasury ETF	5,567,468
229,511	SPDR Portfolio Mortgage Backed Bond ETF	5,104,325
58,161	Vanguard Emerging Markets	
	Government Bond ETF	3,615,869
113,572	Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected	
	Securities ETF	5,433,284
109,234	Vanguard Total International Bond ETF	5,347,004
Total Excha	ange-Traded Funds (Cost \$41,737,918)	\$42,288,497
Total Inves	tments — 99.0%	
(Cost \$4	1,737,918)	\$42,288,497
Other Asse	ets less Liabilities — 1.0%	428,829
Net Assets	<u> </u>	\$42,717,326

 ${\sf ETF-Exchange-Traded\ Fund}$ 

SPDR — Standard and Poor's Depositary Receipts

### **Portfolio of Investments Summary Table**

	Percentage of Value
Exchange-Traded Funds	100.0%
Total	100.0%

Portfolio holdings and allocations are subject to change. As of April 30, 2023, percentages in the table above are based on total investments. Such total investments may differ from the percentages set forth in the following Portfolio of Investments which are computed using the Fund's total net assets.

### **Portfolio of Investments**

Shares		Value
Exchange-	Traded Funds — 99.9%	
2	Franklin FTSE Japan ETF	\$52
9,886	iShares MSCI Australia ETF	228,762
20,367	iShares MSCI Canada ETF	716,918
34,397	iShares MSCI China ETF	1,641,425
40,140	iShares MSCI France ETF	1,588,340
53,631	iShares MSCI Germany ETF	1,577,288
45,614	iShares MSCI Japan ETF	2,683,927
14,895	iShares MSCI Mexico ETF	906,808
20,914	iShares MSCI Netherlands ETF	885,080
17,646	iShares MSCI New Zealand ETF	880,888
33,089	iShares MSCI Philippines ETF	894,065
30,738	iShares MSCI Spain ETF	878,185
36,975	iShares MSCI Switzerland ETF	1,778,128
12,188	iShares MSCI Thailand ETF	863,642
68,111	iShares MSCI United Kingdom ETF	2,311,006
Total Excha	ange-Traded Funds (Cost \$17,245,261)	\$17,834,514
Total Inves	tments — 99.9%	
(Cost \$1	7,245,261)	\$17,834,514
Other Asse	ets less Liabilities — 0.1%	17,101
Net Assets	— 100.0%	\$17,851,615

 ${\sf ETF-Exchange-Traded\ Fund}$ 

 ${\it FTSE-Financial\ Times\ Stock\ Exchange}$ 

	Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF (SSUS)	Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF (SSFI)	Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF (SSXU)
Assets:			
Investments, at value (Cost \$395,068,992, \$41,737,918 and \$17,245,261)	\$420,928,004	\$42,288,497	\$17,834,514
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4,610,937	452,031	24,289
Receivable for capital shares issued	_	_	1,373,252
Total Assets	425,538,941	42,740,528	19,232,055
Liabilities:			
Payable for investments purchased	_	_	1,371,896
Accrued expenses:			
Advisory	236,222	23,202	8,544
Total Liabilities	236,222	23,202	1,380,440
Net Assets	\$425,302,719	\$42,717,326	\$17,851,615
Net Assets consist of:			
Paid in Capital	\$473,146,271	\$45,924,500	\$17,472,384
Total Distributable Earnings / (Loss)	(47,843,552)	(3,207,174)	379,231
Net Assets	\$425,302,719	\$42,717,326	\$17,851,615
Net Assets:	\$425,302,719	\$42,717,326	\$17,851,615
Shares of Beneficial Interest Outstanding			
(unlimited number of shares authorized, no par value):	12,725,000	1,950,000	650,000
Net Asset Value (offering and redemption price per share):	\$33.42	\$21.91	\$27.46

	Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF (SSUS)	Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF (SSFI)	Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF (SSXU)
	Year Ended April 30, 2023	Year Ended April 30, 2023	For the period June 30, 2022 <sup>(a)</sup> through April 30, 2023
Investment Income:			
Dividend income	\$6,413,294	\$1,049,873	\$87,208
Interest income	6,051	_	_
Total Investment Income	6,419,345	1,049,873	87,208
Expenses:			
Advisory	3,077,462	209,795	54,714
Total Net Expenses	3,077,462	209,795	54,714
Net Investment Income	3,341,883	840,078	32,494
Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses):			
Net realized gains (losses) from investment transactions	(71,681,423)	(3,450,894)	(195,278)
Net realized gains (losses) from in-kind transactions	29,708,007	41,025	857,242
Change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation			
on investments	48,036,918	2,071,753	589,253
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses)	6,063,502	(1,338,116)	1,251,217
Change in Net Assets Resulting From Operations	\$9,405,385	\$(498,038)	\$1,283,711

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

### **Statements of Changes in Net Assets**

		I Davis Research or ETF (SSUS)	Smart Sector Fi	Davis Research xed Income ETF SFI)
	Year Ended April 30, 2023	Year Ended April 30, 2022	Year Ended April 30, 2023	For the period September 28, 2021 <sup>(a)</sup> through April 30, 2022
From Investment Activities:				. 4 5 5, 2 5 2
Operations:				
Net investment income	\$3,341,883	\$1,757,359	\$840,078	\$215,380
Net realized gains (losses) from investment and in-kind transactions	(41,973,416)	34,552,294	(3,409,869)	(574,542)
Change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments	48,036,918	(51,179,437)	2,071,753	(1,521,174)
Change in net assets resulting from operations	9,405,385	(14,869,784)	(498,038)	(1,880,336)
Distributions to Shareholders:				
Total distributions	(2,718,667)	(2,097,898)	(660,063)	(181,986)
Change in net assets from distributions	(2,718,667)	(2,097,898)	(660,063)	(181,986)
Capital Transactions:				
Proceeds from shares issued	377,342,234	426,409,759	20,894,920	26,673,678
Cost of shares redeemed	(426,132,900)	(163,572,462)	(1,630,849)	_
Change in net assets from capital transactions	(48,790,666)	262,837,297	19,264,071	26,673,678
Change in net assets	(42,103,948)	245,869,615	18,105,970	24,611,356
Net Assets:				
Beginning of period	467,406,667	221,537,052	24,611,356	_
End of period	\$425,302,719	\$467,406,667	\$42,717,326	\$24,611,356
Share Transactions:				
Issued	12,025,000	12,125,000	950,000	1,075,000
Redeemed	(13,600,000)	(4,650,000)	(75,000)	_
Change in shares	(1,575,000)	7,475,000	875,000	1,075,000

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

### **Statements of Changes in Net Assets**

International ETF (SSXU) For the period June 30, 2022(a) through April 30, 2023 From Investment Activities: **Operations:** \$32,494 Net investment income Net realized gains (losses) from investment and in-kind transactions 661,964 Change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments 589,253 Change in net assets resulting from operations 1,283,711 **Distributions to Shareholders: Total distributions** (61,811)Change in net assets from distributions (61,811)**Capital Transactions:** Proceeds from shares issued 26,588,399 Cost of shares redeemed (9,958,684)Change in net assets from capital transactions 16,629,715 Change in net assets 17,851,615 **Net Assets:** Beginning of period End of period \$17,851,615 **Share Transactions:** 

Change in shares

Issued

Redeemed

Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector

1,025,000

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

# Financial Highlights

			Net								;	Ratio of Net		
			realized								Ratio of	Investment	Net	
	Net Asset Net	Net	and	]	Distributions		Net Asset Total	Total		Ratio of Net	Gross	Income	Assets	
	Value,	investment	unrealized	Value, investment unrealized Total from net	from net		Value,	return at	Total	Value, return at Total Expenses	Expenses	(Loss)	at end of	
	beginning income of period (loss) <sup>(a)</sup>	beginning income of period (loss) <sup>(a)</sup>	gains (losses)	investment investment activities income	investment income	Total distributions	end of period	Net Asset Value <sup>(b)(c)</sup> r	return at market <sup>(b)(d)</sup>	to Average Net Assets <sup>(e)</sup>	investment investment Total end of Net Asset return at to Average to Average to Average period Portfolio activities income distributions period Value <sup>(b)(c)</sup> market <sup>(b)(d)</sup> Net Assets <sup>(e)</sup> (000's) turnover <sup>(b)(f)</sup>	to Average Net Assets <sup>(e)</sup>	period (000's) t	Portfolio turnover <sup>(b)(f)</sup>
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF (SSUS)	า Smart Sector	ETF (SSUS)												
Year Ended April 30, 2023	\$32.69	0.23	69.0	0.92	(0.19)	(0.19)	\$33.42	2.89%	2.83%	0.68%	0.68%	0.74%	\$425,303	207%
Year Ended April 30, 2022	\$32.46	0.18	0.25(h)	0.43	(0.20)	(0.20)	\$32.69	1.26%	1.29%	(6)%89'0	0.68%	0.52%	\$467,407	111%
Year Ended April 30, 2021	\$22.04	0.20	10.36	10.56	(0.14)	(0.14)	\$32.46	48.02%	47.19%	0.68%(9)	0.68%(9)	0.71%	\$221,537	84%
January 16, 2020 <sup>©</sup> through April 30, 2020	\$24.86	\$24.86 0.01	(2.83)	(2.82)	I	I	\$22.04	(11.34)%	(10.90)%	\$22.04 (11.34)% (10.90)% 0.68%	0.68%(9)	0.23%	\$46,278	27%

Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF (SSFI)	Smart Sector	Fixed Incol	me EIF (SSF	•										
Year Ended April 30, 2023	\$22.89	\$22.89 0.60 (1.12)	(1.12)	(0.52)	(0.46)	(0.46)	\$21.91	(2.21)%	(2.21)%	0.68%(9)	0.68%(9)	2.72%	\$42,717	174%
September 28, 2021 <sup>(1)</sup> through April 30, 2022	\$24.85 0.27	0.27	(2.02)	(1.75)	(0.21)	(0.21)	\$22.89	(7.10)%	(2.06)%	0.68%	0.68%	1.87%	\$24,611	85%

# Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF (SSXU)

ıne 30, 2022® through pril 30, 2023 \$24.82 0.09 2.71 2.80 (0.16) \$27.46 11.36% 11.29% 0.68%® 0.68%® 0.40% \$17,852		231%
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ıne 30, 2022 <sup>⊕</sup> through ɔril 30, 2023 \$24.82		60.0
ıne 30, 2022 <sup>©</sup> through əril 30, 2023		\$24.82
₹I	June 30, 2022 <sup>(i)</sup> through	April 30, 2023

- Calculated using the average shares method.
- Not annualized for periods less than one year.
- Net asset value total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at net asset value. This percentage is not an indication of the performance of a shareholder's investment in the Fund based on market value due to differences between the market price of the shares and the net asset value per share of the Fund. (a) (c)
- Market value total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the market value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at net asset value during the period, if any, and redemption on the last day of the period at market value. Market value is determined by the composite closing price. Composite closing security price is defined as the last reported sale price from any primary listing market (e.g., NYSE Arca) or participating regional exchanges or markets. The composite closing price is the last reported sale price from any of the eligible sources, regardless of volume and not an average price and may have occurred on a date prior to the close of the reporting period. Market value may be greater or less than net asset value, depending on the Fund's closing price on the listing market. Ð
- Annualized for period less than one year.
- Portfolio turnover increases/decreases due to change within portfolio holdings during the period.
- The Fund invests in other funds and indirectly bears its proportionate shares of fees and expenses incurred by the underlying funds in which the Fund is invested. This ratio does not include these indirect fees and expenses. (e) (£) (d)
- The amount of net realized and unrealized gain on investments per share does not accord with the amounts in the Statements of Operations due to the timing of shareholder subscriptions and redemptions relative to fluctuating net
- Commencement of operations.

### (1) Organization

Strategy Shares (the "Trust") was organized on September 7, 2010 as a Delaware statutory trust. The Trust is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act"), as an open-end management investment company. The Declaration of Trust permits the Trust to issue an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest ("Shares") in one or more series representing interests in separate portfolios of securities. Currently, the Trust offers its Shares in eight separate series. The accompanying Financial Statements relate to the following series: Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF (SSUS), Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF (SSFI) and Day Hagan/ Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF (SSXU) (individually referred to as a "Fund," or collectively as the "Funds"). Each Fund is an actively-managed exchange-traded fund. Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF and Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF are each classified as nondiversified under the 1940 Act, while, effective January 17, 2023, Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF is classified as diversified. The investment objective of the Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF is to seek long-term capital appreciation and preservation of capital. The investment objective of each of the Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF and the Day Hagan/ Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF is to seek total return, consisting of income and capital appreciation. The Funds' prospectuses provide a description of each Fund's investment objectives, policies, and strategies. The assets of each Fund are segregated, and a shareholder's interest is limited to the Fund in which shares are held.

The Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF commenced operations January 16, 2020. The Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF commenced operations on September 28, 2021. The Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF commenced operations June 30, 2022. Shares of each Fund are listed and traded on the NYSE Arca, Inc. Market prices for the Shares may be different from their net asset value ("NAV"). Each Fund issues and redeems Shares on a continuous basis at NAV only in large blocks, currently 25,000 Shares, called "Creation Units." Creation Units are issued and redeemed principally in-kind for securities included in a specified universe. Once created, Shares generally trade in the secondary market at market prices that change throughout the day in amounts less than a Creation Unit.

Under the Trust's organizational documents, its officers and Board of Trustees (the "Board") are indemnified against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Funds. In addition, in the normal course of business, the Trust may enter into contracts with vendors and others that provide for general indemnifications. The Trust's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Trust. However, based on experience, the Trust expects that risk of loss to be remote.

### (2) Significant Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by each Fund in the preparation of its financial statements. These policies are in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America ("GAAP"). Each Fund is an investment company and accordingly follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946 Financial Services - Investment Companies. The preparation of financial

statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts of assets, liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of increases and decreases in net assets from operations during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### A. Investment Valuations

The Funds hold investments at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be expected to be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The valuation techniques used to determine fair value are further described below.

Security values are ordinarily obtained through the use of independent pricing services in accordance with procedures approved by the Trust's Board. Pursuant to these procedures, the Funds may use a pricing service, bank, or broker-dealer experienced in such matters to value the Funds' securities. When reliable market quotations are not readily available for any security, the fair value of that security will be determined in accordance with procedures approved by the Board. The fair valuation process is designed to value the subject security at the price the Funds would reasonably expect to receive upon its current sale. Additional consideration is given to securities that have experienced a decrease in the volume or level of activity or to circumstances that indicate that a transaction is not orderly.

The Trust has a three-tier fair value hierarchy that is dependent upon the various "inputs" used to determine the value of the Funds' investments. The valuation techniques described below maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs in determining fair value. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

- Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets.
- Level 2 Other observable pricing inputs at the measurement date (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).
- Level 3 Significant unobservable pricing inputs at the measurement date (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodology used for valuing investments are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those investments.

Equity securities (including foreign equity securities) traded on a securities exchange are valued at the last reported sales price on the principal exchange, except that equity securities traded on the Nasdaq Stock Market ("Nasdaq") are valued at the Nasdaq official closing price. If there is no reported sale on the principal exchange, and in the case of over-the-counter securities, equity securities are valued at the mean of the quoted bid and asked prices. In each of these situations, valuations are typically categorized as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy.

Debt securities traded on a national securities exchange or in the overthe-counter market are valued at the last reported sales price on the principal exchange. If there is no reported sale on the principal exchange, and for all other debt securities, debt securities are valued at a price supplied by a security pricing service. In each of these situations, valuations are typically categorized as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

The following table provides the fair value measurement as of April 30, 2023.

		Total
Fund	Level 1	Investments
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF		
Exchange-Traded Funds	\$420,928,004	\$420,928,004
Total Investments	\$420,928,004	\$420,928,004
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF		
Exchange-Traded Funds	\$42,288,497	\$42,288,497
Total Investments	\$42,288,497	\$42,288,497
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF		
Exchange-Traded Funds	\$17,834,514	\$17,834,514
Total Investments	\$17,834,514	\$17,834,514

For the fiscal year or period ended April 30, 2023, there were no Level 3 investments for which significant unobservable inputs were used to determine fair value.

### **B.** Security Transactions and Related Income

Investment transactions are accounted for no later than the first calculation of the NAV on the business day following the trade date. For financial reporting purposes, however, security transactions are accounted for on the trade date on the last business day of the reporting period. Discounts and premiums on securities purchased are amortized over the lives of the respective securities using the effective interest method. Securities gains and losses are calculated on the identified cost basis. Interest income and expenses are accrued daily. Dividends, less foreign tax withholding, if any, are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Investment income from non-U.S. sources received by the Fund is generally subject to non-U.S. withholding taxes at rates ranging up to 30%. Such withholding taxes may be reduced or eliminated under the terms of applicable U.S. income tax treaties. The Funds may be subject to foreign taxes on gains in investments or currency repatriation. The Funds accrue such taxes, as applicable, based on their current interpretation of tax rules in the foreign markets in which they invest.

### C. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Idle cash may be swept into various overnight demand deposits and is classified as cash and cash equivalents on the Statements of Assets and Liabilities. The Funds maintain cash in bank deposit accounts which, at times, may exceed United States federally insured limits. Amounts swept overnight are available on the next business day.

### D. Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders

Dividends to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. For the Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF and Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF, dividends from net investment income, if any, are declared and paid annually. For the Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF, dividends from net investment income, if any, are declared and paid quarterly. Net realized capital gains, if any, are distributed at least annually.

The amount of dividends from net investment income and net realized gains are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP. These "book/tax" differences are considered either temporary or permanent in nature. To the extent these differences are permanent in nature (e.g., distributions and income received from pass-through investments, differing treatment of income relating to swap agreements), such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts based on their nature for federal income tax purposes; temporary differences do not require reclassification. Temporary differences are primarily due to wash sales and differing treatment on certain investments. To the extent dividends and distributions exceed net investment income and net realized gains for tax purposes, they are reported as distribution of capital.

### E. Allocation of Expenses

Expenses directly attributable to a Fund are charged to that Fund. Expenses not directly attributable to a Fund are allocated proportionally among all series of the Trust in relation to the net assets of each series or on another reasonable basis. The Trust may share expenses with Mutual Fund and Variable Insurance Trust, an open-end management investment company managed by Rational Advisors, Inc. Those expenses that are shared are allocated proportionally among each of the trusts or on another reasonable basis.

### (3) Investment Advisory and Other Contractual Services

### A. Investment Advisory Fees

Donald L. Hagan, LLC, doing business as Day Hagan Asset Management (the "Advisor"), serves as the Funds' investment advisor pursuant to a Management Agreement. Subject at all times to the oversight of the Board, the Advisor is responsible for the overall management of the Funds. The Trust has arranged for distribution, custody, fund administration, transfer agency and all other services necessary for the Funds to operate. Each Fund pays 0.68% of its average daily net assets, computed daily and paid monthly, for advisory services it receives from the advisor. These fees are each structured as a "Unified Fee," pursuant to which the Advisor is obligated to pay or arrange for the payment of substantially all expenses of the Funds (including, without limitation, transfer agent fees, administrative fees and expenses, custodian fees, legal fees, accounting fees, any other expenses (including clerical expenses) of issue, sale, repurchase or redemption of shares, expenses of registering or qualifying shares for sale, transfer taxes, all expenses of preparing the Trust's registration statements and prospectuses for the Funds, and the cost of printing and delivering to shareholders prospectuses and reports), except the Funds' management fee; taxes; brokerage commissions and trading costs; interest (including borrowing costs and overdraft charges); short sale dividends and interest expenses; acquired fund fees and expenses; and non-routine or extraordinary expenses of the Funds (such as litigation or reorganizational costs), each of which is paid by the Funds. The Advisor's Unified Fee is designed to cause substantially all of each Fund's expenses to be paid and to compensate the Advisor for providing services for the Funds.

### B. Distribution and Shareholder Services Fees

Foreside Fund Services, LLC (the "Distributor") is the principal underwriter and distributor of each Fund's Shares. The Distributor is compensated by the Advisor in accordance with a Distribution Services Agreement between the Advisor and the Distributor. The Trust has adopted but has yet to implement a Rule 12b-1 Distribution Plan (the "Plan"). The Plan is designed to compensate or reimburse financial intermediaries (including the Distributor, the Advisor, and their affiliates) for activities principally intended to result in the sale of Fund shares, such as advertising and marketing of shares (including printing and disseminating prospectuses and sales literature to prospective shareholders and financial intermediaries) and providing incentives to financial intermediaries to sell shares. The Plan is also designed to cover the cost of administrative services performed in conjunction with the sale of shares, including, but not limited to, shareholder services, recordkeeping services and educational services, as well as the costs of implementing and operating the Plan. In accordance with the Plan, the Distributor may enter into agreements with financial intermediaries and dealers relating to distribution and/ or marketing services with respect to the Funds. Pursuant to the Plan, each Fund may pay a 12b-1 fee not to exceed 0.25% per year of its average daily net assets. No 12b-1 fee is currently paid by the Funds and the Board has not approved any payments under the Plan.

### (4) Investment Transactions

Purchases and sales of investments, excluding in-kind transactions and short-term investments, for the fiscal year or period ended April 30, 2023 were as follows:

Fund	Purchases	Sales
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF	\$774,491,782	\$770,549,671
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF	52,920,667	48,355,810
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Smart Sector International ETF	22,722,738	21,103,159

Purchases and sales of in-kind transactions for the fiscal year or period ended April 30, 2023 were as follows:

Fund	Purchases	Sales
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF	\$347,249,708	\$399,088,150
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF	19,309,543	1,498,871
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Smart Sector International ETF	24,768,866	9,805,173

### (5) Capital Share Transactions

Shares are issued and redeemed by each Fund only in aggregations of a specified number of shares or multiples thereof at net asset value. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, shares of each Fund are not redeemable. Transactions in shares for each Fund are disclosed in detail on the Statements of Changes in Net Assets.

The consideration for the purchase of Creation Units of a Fund generally consists of the in-kind deposit of a designated basket of securities, which constitutes an optimized representation of the securities of that Fund's specified universe, and an amount of cash.

Investors purchasing and redeeming Creation Units may be charged a transaction fee to cover the transfer and other transactional costs it incurs to issue or redeem Creation Units. The standard charge and maximum transaction fee for each Fund are \$250 and \$1,000, respectively.

From time to time, settlement of securities related to subscriptionsin-kind or redemptions-in-kind may be delayed. In such cases, securities related to in-kind subscriptions are reflected as "Due from custodian" and securities related to in-kind redemptions are reflected as "Securities payable related to in-kind transactions" on the Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

During the fiscal year or period ended April 30, 2023, the Funds received securities in exchange for subscriptions of capital shares (subscriptions-in-kind) and distributed securities in exchange for redemptions (redemption-in-kind) as follows:

Fund	Fair Value of Subscriptions-in-Kind	Fair Value of Redemptions-in-Kind
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF	\$347,249,708	\$399,088,150
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF	19,309,543	1,498,871
Day Hagan.Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF	24,768,866	9,805,173

### (6) Federal Income Taxes

It is the policy of each Fund to qualify or continue to qualify as a regulated investment company by complying with the provisions available to certain investment companies, as defined in applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code, and to make distributions of net investment income and net realized capital gains sufficient to relieve it from all, or substantially all, federal income taxes.

The Trust has evaluated tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing each Fund's tax returns to determine whether it is more-likely-than not (i.e., greater than 50-percent chance) that each tax position will be sustained upon examination by a taxing authority based on the technical merits of the position. A tax position that meets the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold is measured to determine the amount of benefit to recognize in the financial statements. Differences between tax positions taken in a tax return and amounts recognized in the financial statements will generally result in an increase in a liability for taxes payable (or a reduction of a tax refund receivable), including the recognition of any related interest and penalties as an operating expense. Tax positions taken in tax years remain subject to examination by tax authorities (generally three years plus the interim tax period since then for federal income tax purposes). The determination has been made that there are not any uncertain tax positions that would require the Funds to record a tax liability and, therefore, there is no impact to the Fund's financial statements. The Funds recognize interest and penalties, if any, related to unrecognized tax benefits as income tax expense on the Statements of Operations. During the fiscal year or period ended April 30, 2023, the Funds did not incur any interest or penalties. The tax year end for the Funds is April 30.

As of April 30, 2023, the tax cost of securities and the breakdown of unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) were as follows:

Fund	Tax Cost of Securites	Unrealized Appreciation	Unrealized Depreciation	Appreciation/ (Depreciation)
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF	\$403,239,327	\$28,802,764	\$(11,114,087)	\$17,688,677
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF	43,165,723	585,962	(1,463,188)	(877,226)
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF	17,265,123	667,848	(98,457)	569,391

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The differences between book-basis and tax-basis unrealized appreciation/depreciation are attributable primarily to basis adjustments for wash sales.

The tax character of distributions paid during the tax year or period ended April 30, 2023 were as follows:

		Dis	stributions paid fro	m	
	Ordinary	Net Long Term	Total Taxable	Return	Total
Fund	Income	Capital Gains	Distributions	of Capital	Distributions Paid
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF	\$2,718,667	\$—	\$2,718,667	\$—	\$2,718,667
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF	660,063	_	660,063	_	660,063
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF	61,811		61,811		61,811

The tax character of distributions paid during the tax year ended April 30, 2022 were as follows:

	Distributions paid from				
	Ordinary	Net Long Term	Total Taxable	Return	Total
Fund	Income	Capital Gains	Distributions	of Capital	Distributions Paid
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF	\$ 2,097,898	\$—	\$ 2,097,898	\$-	\$ 2,097,898
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF	181,986		181,986		181,986

As of April 30, 2023, the components of distributed earnings/(loss) on a tax basis were as follows:

	Undistributed Ordinary	Undistribted Long Term	Distributed	Accumulated Capital and	Unrealized Appreciation/	Total Distributed
Fund	Income	Capital Gains	Earnings	Other Losses	(Depreciation)	Earnings/(Loss)
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF	\$463,896	\$—	\$463,896	\$(65,996,125)	\$17,688,677	\$(47,843,552)
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF	213,409	_	213,409	(2,543,357)	(877,226)	(3,207,174)
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF	_	_	_	(190,160)	569,391	379,231

### **Permanent Tax Differences:**

As of the tax year or period ended April 30, 2023, the following reclassifications relating primarily to redemptions in-kind and taxable overdistributions have been made to increase (decrease) such accounts with offsetting adjustments as indicated.

	Total Distributable	Paid
Fund	Earnings / (Loss)	in Capital
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF	\$(27,466,335)	\$27,466,335
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF	13,249	(13,249)
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF	(842,669)	842,669

Temporary tax differences (e.g. wash sales) do not require a reclassification.

Under current tax law, certain ordinary losses arising after December 31 of a Fund's fiscal year may be deferred and treated as occurring on the first business day of the following tax year for tax purposes. The following Fund's deferred losses are as follows:

	Late Year Ordinary
Fund	Loss Deferrals
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF	\$ <del>_</del>
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF	_
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF	29,305

As of April 30, 2023 the Funds have net capital loss carryforwards ("CLCFs") as summarized in the table below. These CLCFs are not subject to expiration:

Fund	Short-Term Amount	Long-Term Amount	Total
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF	\$63,646,245	\$2,349,880	\$65,996,125
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF	2,543,357	<del>-</del>	2,543,357
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF	160,855	_	160,855

### (7) Investment Risks

This section discusses certain common principal risks encountered by the Funds. Each Fund may be subject to other risks in addition to these identified risks. The risks are presented in an order intended to facilitate readability, and their order does not imply that the realization of one risk is likely to occur more frequently than another risk, nor does it imply that the realization of one risk is likely to have a greater adverse impact than another risk.

### **ETF Risk**

The NAV of a Fund can fluctuate up or down, and you could lose money investing in a Fund if the prices of the securities owned by the Fund decline. In addition, a Fund may be subject to the following risks: (1) the market price of a Fund's shares may trade above or below its NAV; (2) an active trading market for a Fund's shares may not develop or be maintained; or (3) trading of a Fund's shares may be halted if the listing exchange's officials deem such action appropriate, the shares are delisted from the exchange, or the activation of marketwide "circuit breakers" (which are tied to large decreases in stock prices) halts stock trading generally.

### **Market Risk**

Overall market risks may also affect the value of the Funds. The market values of securities or other investments owned by the Funds will go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. Factors such as economic growth and market conditions, interest rate levels, exchange rates and political events affect the securities markets. Changes in market conditions and interest rates generally do not have the same impact on all types of securities and instruments. Unexpected local, regional or global events and their aftermath, such as war; acts of terrorism; financial, political or social disruptions; natural, environmental or manmade disasters; the spread of infectious illnesses or other public health issues; recessions and depressions; or other tragedies,

catastrophes and events could have a significant impact on the Funds and their investments and could result in increased premiums or discounts to the Funds' net asset values, and may impair market liquidity, thereby increasing liquidity risk. Such events can cause investor fear and panic, which can adversely affect the economies of many companies, sectors, nations, regions and the market in general, in ways that cannot necessarily be foreseen. The Funds could lose money over short periods due to short-term market movements and over longer periods during more prolonged market downturns. During a general market downturn, multiple asset classes may be negatively affected. In times of severe market disruptions you could lose your entire investment.

### **Underlying Fund Risk**

The ETFs in which the Funds invest are subject to investment advisory and other expenses, which will be indirectly paid by the Funds. As a result, the cost of investing in the Funds will be higher than the cost of investing directly in the ETFs and may be higher than other funds that invest directly in stocks and bonds. Each of the ETFs is subject to its own specific risks.

As of April 30, 2023, 32.00% of the Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF's net assets were invested in the Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund ETF. The financial statements of the Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund ETF, including its portfolio of investments, can be found at the SEC's website www.sec.gov and should be read in conjunction with the Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF's financial statements.

### (8) Subsequent Events

Management of the Funds has evaluated the need for disclosures and/or adjustments resulting from subsequent events through the date these financial statements were issued. Based upon this evaluation, no additional disclosures or adjustments were required to the financial statements as of April 30, 2023.



### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Shareholders of Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF, Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF, and Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF and Board of Trustees of Strategy Shares

### Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statements of assets and liabilities, including the portfolios of investments, of the funds listed below (the "Funds"), each a series of Strategy Shares, as of April 30, 2023, and the related statements of operations, the statements of changes in net assets, the related notes, and the financial highlights for each of the periods indicated below (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of each of the Funds as of April 30, 2023, the results of their operations, the changes in net assets, and the financial highlights for each of the periods indicated below in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Fund Name	Statements of Operations	Statements of Changes in Net Assets	Financial Highlights	
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF	For the year ended April 30, 2023	For the years ended April 30, 2023 and 2022	For the years ended April 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021, and for the period January 16, 2020 (commencement of operations) through April 30, 2020	
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF	For the year ended April 30, 2023		2023 and for the period September 28, erations) through April 30, 2022	
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF	For the period June 30, 2022 (commencement of operations) through April 30, 2023		through April 30, 2023	

### **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Funds' management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Funds' financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Funds in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement whether due to error or fraud.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of April 30, 2023, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers; when replies were not received from brokers, we performed other auditing procedures. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We have served as the Funds' auditor since 2019.

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### **Additional Information**

### Additional Federal Income Tax Information (Unaudited)

For the tax year ended April 30, 2023, the following percentages of the total ordinary income distributions paid by the Fund qualify for the distributions received deduction available to corporate shareholders.

Fund	Distributions Received Deduction
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF	100.00%

For the tax year ended April 30, 2023, distributions paid by the Fund may be subject to a maximum tax rate of 15%, as provided by the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003. The Fund intends to designate the maximum amount allowable as taxed at a maximum rate of 15%. Complete information will be reported in conjunction with your 2023 Form 1099-DIV.

For the tax year or period ended April 30, 2023, the percentages of Qualified Dividend Income are as follows:

Fund	Qualified Dividend Income
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF	100.00%
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF	98.63%

For the tax year ended April 30, 2023, the percentages of interest-related dividends for certain non-U.S. resident investors are as follows:

Fund	Qualified Interest Income
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF	0.09%

The Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF intends to elect to pass through to shareholders the income tax credit for taxes paid to foreign countries. Foreign source income and foreign tax expense per outstanding shares on April 30, 2023 are as follows:

Fund	Foreign Source Income
Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector International ETF	\$0.09

### Premium/Discount Information (Unaudited)

The Fund's website at www.dhfunds.com shows the previous day's closing NAV and closing market price for the Fund's ETF Shares. The website also discloses, in the Premium/Discount section, how frequently the Fund's ETF Shares traded at a premium or discount to NAV (based on closing NAVs and market prices) and the magnitudes of such premiums and discounts.

### **Additional Information** (Continued)

# Renewal of the Management Agreements with respect to Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector ETF (the "Day Hagan ETF") and the Day Hagan/Ned Davis Research Smart Sector Fixed Income ETF (the "Day Hagan Income ETF")

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Strategy Shares (the "Trust"), held on December 9, 2022 and continued on December 16, 2022, the Board, which is comprised of Trustees who are not "interested persons" of the Trust, as that term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, of the Fund, discussed the renewal of the management agreement between the Trust and Day Hagan Asset Management ("Day Hagan") with respect to the Day Hagan ETF and Day Hagan Income ETF (each, a "Management Agreement")

In connection with the Board's consideration of the renewal of the agreements as required by Section 15(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Board requested and received due diligence materials prepared by Day Hagan (the "Day Hagan 15(c) Response") and considered the information presented at Board meetings throughout the year. The Board was assisted by legal counsel throughout the review process and relied upon the advice of legal counsel and its own business judgment in evaluating each Management Agreement and the weight to be given to each factor considered. The conclusions reached by the Board were based upon a comprehensive evaluation and discussion of all the information provided for the Fund with respect to the approval of each Management Agreement and were not the result of any one factor. Moreover, each Trustee might have afforded different weight to the various factors in reaching his conclusions with respect to a Management Agreement.

### Review of Day Hagan's 15(c) Responses

Nature, Extent, and Quality of Services. The Board reviewed the services provided by the team of professionals at Day Hagan. The Board reviewed information concerning Day Hagan's resources, personnel, business operations, and culture of compliance. The Board discussed Day Hagan's Form ADV, the firm's profit and loss statement for the period from January 1, 2022, to September 30, 2022, and the firm's balance sheets as of September 30, 2022. After further discussion and review of the Day Hagan 15(c) Response, the Board concluded that Day Hagan had sufficient quality of personnel, resources, operations and compliance policies and procedures essential to performing its duties under the Day Hagan Management Agreement and that the nature, overall quality and extent of the advisory services provided to the Day Hagan ETF and Day Hagan Income ETF by Day Hagan were acceptable.

### Performance.

Day Hagan ETF. The Board compared the Day Hagan ETF's returns to those of its peer group, S&P 500 Index and Morningstar Large Cap Blend category for the one-year period ended November 3, 2022. The Fund outperformed its peer group and the S&P 500 Index but underperformed the Morningstar Large Cap Blend category for the period. After further discussion, the Board determined that the Fund's performance was acceptable.

Day Hagan Income ETF. The Board compared the Day Hagan Income ETF's returns to those of its peer group, Morningstar Total Bond Market category and the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index for the one-year period ended September 30, 2022. The Fund outperformed its peer group and the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index for the one-year period, and underperformed the Morningstar Total Bond Market category for the one-year period. The Board considered Day Hagan's view that the Fund has delivered investment results generally in line with those of the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. After further discussion, the Board determined that the Fund's performance was acceptable.

### Fees and Expenses.

Day Hagan ETF. The Board compared the Day Hagan ETF's management fee and net expenses to its peer group and the ETF Database Large-Blend Equities ETF category. The Board noted that Day Hagan's management fee was structured as a "unified fee". The Fund's management fee and net expenses were higher than the median and the average advisory fees for its peer group and ETF Database Large-Blend Equities ETF category, but within the range of advisory fees and net expenses of both. The Board considered Day Hagan's view that the Fund's management fee is appropriate given the breadth of research and investment analysis that supports the strategy. After further discussion, the Board concluded that the management fee payable to Day Hagan with respect to the Fund was reasonable.

### **Additional Information** (Continued)

Day Hagan Income ETF. The Board compared the Day Hagan ETF's management fees and net expenses to its peer group and the Morningstar Total Bond Market category. The Board noted that Day Hagan's management fee was structured as a "unified fee." The Fund's management fee and net expenses were higher than the median and the average advisory fees for its peer group and Morningstar Total Bond Market, but within the range of advisory fees and net expenses of both. The Board considered Day Hagan's view that the Fund's management fee is appropriate given the breadth of research and investment analysis that supports the strategy. After further discussion, the Board concluded that the management fee payable to Day Hagan with respect to the Fund was reasonable.

Profitability. The Board reviewed reports from Day Hagan analyzing the firm's profitability with respect to its relationship with the Day Hagan ETF and the Day Hagan Income ETF. The Board noted that Day Hagan was managing the Day Hagan ETF at a modest profit and the Day Hagan Income ETF at a loss. The Board concluded that the level of Day Hagan's profitability with respect to the Fund did not raise any concerns at this time.

"Fall-out" Benefits. The Board considered fall-out benefits that Day Hagan and its affiliates received from their relationship with the Day Hagan ETF and the Trust.

Economies of Scale. The Board considered whether Day Hagan was sharing economies of scale with the Day Hagan ETF and the Day Hagan Income ETF. The Board noted that Day Hagan will consider a reduction in the unified management fee of each Fund when the Fund reaches \$5 billion in assets. The Board agreed that the matter of economies of scale would be revisited as each Fund's assets increased.

Conclusion. The Board considered many factors, and no single factor was determinative to the decision of the Board. Having, requested, reviewed, and discussed in depth such information from Day Hagan as the Board believed to be reasonably necessary to evaluate the terms of the Management Agreement, and as assisted by the advice of counsel, the Board concluded that renewal of the Management Agreement was in the best interest of the Day Hagan ETF and Day Hagan Income ETF and its respective shareholders.

### Trustees and Officers (Unaudited)

The following tables provide information about the Board and the senior officers of the Trust. The Board is composed of three Trustees, each of whom is not an "interested person" of the Trust, as that term is defined in the 1940 Act (each an "Independent Trustee" and collectively, the "Independent Trustees"). Each Trustee oversees all portfolios of the Trust and serves for an indefinite term (subject to mandatory retirement provisions). Information about each Trustee is provided below and includes each person's: name, address, year of birth, present position(s) held with the Trust and principal occupations for at least the past five years. Unless otherwise noted, the business address of each person listed below is c/o Strategy Shares, 36 North New York Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743. Unless otherwise noted, each officer is elected annually by the Board. Each Trustee and officer also serves in the same capacity for Mutual Fund and Variable Insurance Trust, another open-end investment company whose series are managed by Rational Advisors, Inc. ("Rational"), and AlphaCentric Prime Meridian Income Fund, a closed-end investment company managed by AlphaCentric Advisors LLC, an affiliate of Rational. Collectively, the Trust, Mutual Fund and Variable Insurance Trust, Mutual Fund Series Trust, and AlphaCentric Prime Meridian Income Fund Complex."

### **Independent Trustees Background**

Name, Address and Year of Birth	Position with the Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served*	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee	Other Directorships Held During Past 5 Years
Tobias Caldwell Year of Birth: 1967	Chairman of the Board and Trustee	Since 2016	Managing Member, Genovese Family Enterprises, LLC (real estate firm), since 1999; Managing member, Bear Properties, LLC (real estate firm) since 2006; Managing member, PTL Real Estate, LLC (2000–2019) (real estate/investment firm).		Chairman of the Board, Mutual Fund and Variable Insurance Trust, since 2016; Lead Independent Trustee and Chair of Audit Committee, Mutual Fund Series Trust, since 2006; Independent Trustee and Chair of Audit Committee, Variable Insurance Trust, since 2010; Trustee, IDX Funds (formerly M3Sixty Funds Trust), since 2016; Chairman of the Board, AlphaCentric Prime Meridian Income Fund, since 2018.
Stephen P. Lachenauer Year of Birth: 1967	Trustee and Chair of the Audit, Risk and Compliance, and Investment Committees	Trustee and Chair of Audit and Risk and Compliance Committees since 2016; Chair of Investment Committee since November 2020	Attorney, private practice, since 2011.	56	Trustee and Chair of the Audit and Risk and Compliance Committees since 2016, and Chair of the Investment Committee since November 2020, Mutual Fund and Variable Insurance Trust; Trustee, TCG Financial Series Trusts I-X since 2015; Trustee and Chair of the Audit and Risk and Compliance Committees since 2018, and Chair of the Investment Committee since November 2020, AlphaCentric Prime Meridian Income Fund; Trustee, Mutual Fund Series Trust since April 2022.
Donald McIntosh Year of Birth: 1967	Trustee	Since 2016	Credit risk review analyst, Santander Holdings USA, since 2015; Governance analyst, Santander Bank, 2011 – 2015.	20	Trustee, Mutual Fund and Variable Insurance Trust, since 2016; Trustee, TCG Financial Series Trusts I-X since 2015; Trustee, AlphaCentric Prime Meridian Income Fund since 2018.

<sup>\*</sup> The term of office of each Trustee is indefinite.

### **Board of Trustees and Trust Officers** (Unaudited) (Continued)

### Officers\*

Name, Address and Year of Birth	Position(s) Held with Registrant	Term and Length Served*	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years
Michael Schoonover 53 Palmeras St., Suite 601 San Juan, PR 00901 Year of Birth: 1983	President	Since 2022	Vice President of the Trust, 2018-2021; Chief Operating Officer ("COO"), Catalyst Capital Advisors LLC and Rational Advisors, Inc. since 2017; Portfolio Manager, Catalyst Capital Advisors LLC, 2013—May 2021; President, MFund Distributors LLC since January 2020; COO, Catalyst International Advisors LLC, since 2019; COO, Insights Media LLC since 2019; COO, MFund Management LLC since 2019; COO, AlphaCentric Advisors LLC since January 2021; Portfolio Manager, Rational Advisors, Inc., 2016—2018.
Alex Merino 53 Palmeras St. Suite 601 San Juan, PR 00901 Year of Birth: 1985	Vice President	Since 2022	Investment Operations Manager, MFund Management LLC since 2022; Investment Operations Analyst, MFund Management LLC, 2020—2021; Tax Senior Associate, PwC Asset & Wealth Management NY Metro, 2016—2019.
Erik Naviloff 4221 North 203rd Street, Suite 100 Elkhorn, Nebraska, 68022 Year of Birth: 1968	Treasurer	Since 2016	Vice President—Fund Administration, Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC since 2012.
Frederick J. Schmidt Year of Birth: 1959	Chief Compliance Officer	Since 2016	Director, MFund Services LLC since 2015.
Jennifer A. Bailey Year of Birth: 1968	Secretary	Since 2016	Director of Legal Services, MFund Services LLC since 2012.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>ast}$  Officers do not receive any compensation from the Trust

The Funds' Statement of Additional Information ("SAI") includes additional information about the Trustees and is available without charge, upon request. You may call toll-free at 800-594-7930 to request a copy of the SAI or to make shareholder inquiries.



### **VOTING PROXIES ON FUND PORTFOLIO SECURITIES**

A copy of the policies and procedures that the Funds use to determine how to vote proxies relating to securities held in the Funds' portfolios, as well as a record of how the Funds voted any such proxies during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30, is available without charge and upon request by calling 1-800-594-7930 or at www.dhfunds.com. This information is also available from the EDGAR database on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

### **QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO SCHEDULE**

The Funds file with the SEC a complete schedule of their portfolio holdings, as of the close of the first and third quarters of their fiscal year, on Form N-PORT. These filings are available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. You may also access this information at www.dhfunds.com by selecting "Form N-PORT."

Donald L. Hagan, LLC, doing business as Day Hagan Asset Management, is the investment advisor of the Funds. Day Hagan Asset Management maintains corporate records of the Funds. Foreside Fund Services, LLC is the principal underwriter and distributor of the Funds' shares.

Exchange-traded funds are not bank deposits or obligations, are not guaranteed by any bank, and are not insured or guaranteed by the U.S. government, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board, or any other government agency. Investment in exchange-traded funds involves investment risk, including the possible loss of principal.

This report is authorized for distribution to prospective investors only when preceded or accompanied by a prospectus which contains facts concerning the Funds' objectives and policies, management fees, expenses and other information.

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