

**BLOX** Nicholas Crypto Income ETF

listed on NYSE Arca, Inc.

**PROSPECTUS** 

June 10, 2025

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") has not approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this Prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

# TABLE OF CONTENTS

Nicholas Crypto Income ETF - Fund Summary	1
Additional Information about the Fund	13
Portfolio Holdings Information	27
Management	27
How to Buy and Sell Shares	28
Dividends, Distributions, and Taxes.	30
Distribution	32
Premium/Discount Information	33
Additional Notices	33
Financial Highlights	33

#### SUMMARY INFORMATION

#### NICHOLAS CRYPTO INCOME ETF – FUND SUMMARY

# **Investment Objective**

The Nicholas Crypto Income ETF's (the "Fund") primary investment objective is to seek capital appreciation. The Fund's secondary investment objective is to seek current income.

# Fees and Expenses of the Fund

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

Annual Fund Operating Expenses <sup>(1)</sup> (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	
Management Fees	0.99%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	0.00%
Other Expenses <sup>(2)</sup>	0.00%
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	0.04%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	

The Fund's investment adviser, Tidal Investments LLC (the "Adviser"), a Tidal Financial Group company, will pay, or require a sub-adviser to pay, all of the Fund's expenses, except for the following: advisory and sub-advisory fees, interest charges on any borrowings made for investment purposes, dividends and other expenses on securities sold short, taxes, brokerage commissions and other expenses incurred in placing orders for the purchase and sale of securities and other investment instruments, acquired fund fees and expenses, accrued deferred tax liability, distribution fees and expenses paid by the Fund under any distribution plan adopted pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), litigation expenses, and other non-routine or extraordinary expenses.

- Based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.
- (3) Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses are the indirect costs of investing in other investment companies.

#### **Expense Example**

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then hold or redeem all of your Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. The Example does not take into account brokerage commissions that you may pay on your purchases and sales of Shares. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years
\$105	\$328

## Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in total annual fund operating expenses or in the expense example above, affect the Fund's performance. Because the Fund is newly organized, portfolio turnover information is not yet available.

# **Principal Investment Strategies**

The Fund is an actively managed exchange-traded fund ("ETF") that primarily seeks capital appreciation, with a secondary objective of current income. The Fund's strategy includes three components:

- (i) **Equity Portfolio:** holding equity shares of companies that have principal business activities in the "crypto asset" industry, referred to herein as "Crypto Industry Companies" (defined below);
- (ii) Crypto Portfolio: providing exposure to the share price (i.e., the price returns) of:

- a. select U.S.-listed exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") and/or exchange-traded products ("ETPs") that seek exposure to bitcoin, which is a crypto asset, and
- b. select U.S.-listed ETPs and ETFs that seek exposure to ether, which is also a crypto asset (together with bitcoin ETPs and ETFs, each an "Underlying Fund" and collectively, the "Underlying Funds"); and
- (iii) **Options Overlay:** generating income through an options portfolio (the "Options Strategies"), which involves using options contracts on the individual holdings of the equity portfolio as well as the Underlying Funds (collectively, the "Underlying Securities").

The Fund will also hold cash or U.S. Treasuries as collateral to support the Fund's options contracts.

# I. <u>Equity Portfolio</u>

The Fund's investment sub-adviser, Nicholas Wealth, LLC ("Nicholas Wealth" or the "Sub-Adviser), selects the Crypto Industry Companies in which the Fund invests. Crypto Industry Companies are companies engaged in crypto asset mining, blockchain technology development, crypto asset trading platforms, financial services related to the crypto asset industry, payment processing, digital wallet services, decentralized finance (DeFi) platforms, non-fungible token (NFT) related platforms and services, as well as technology providers within the crypto industry and companies that invest directly in crypto assets.

In selecting specific Crypto Industry Companies for investment, the Sub-Adviser evaluates a potential investment's price level (i.e., its price relative to the Sub-Adviser's evaluation of its value) and implied volatility (i.e., a measure of how much the market believes the price of a stock or other underlying asset will move in the future when selecting companies for investment). The Sub-Adviser also evaluates publicly available data, such as quarterly earnings reports, company presentations and/or official earnings conference call transcripts, as well as news. The Sub-Adviser will monitor for these factors when determining whether to select new investments or remove existing investments from the portfolio. The Fund's equity portfolio will typically hold between ten and twenty different Crypto Industry Companies. Individual weightings will be based upon the Sub-Adviser's assessment of various factors, including, changes in a company's business model or operations; a company's increase or decrease in crypto related revenue; financial fundamentals, such as price to earnings and potential revenue growth, relative to other companies; and/or unusual trading volumes and market pricing.

Crypto Industry Companies may include companies from foreign countries, including emerging markets, and may include companies of all market capitalizations. Crypto Industry Companies may include depositary receipts, such as American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs") and Global Depositary Receipts ("GDRs"). The Fund may also invest in Crypto Industry ETFs (defined below) as part of its equity portfolio. The Fund will concentrate its investments (i.e., hold 25% or more of its total assets) in securities issued by companies, and/or instruments that provide exposure to companies, within the group of industries that comprise the information technology sector.

# II. Crypto Portfolio

The Fund provides exposure to the share price (i.e., the price returns) of one or more Underlying Funds. The Fund may invest directly in the Underlying Funds and it may also utilize options strategies, including synthetic covered calls and credit call spreads, that are designed to provide indirect exposure to the share price returns of one or more Underlying Funds.

An Underlying Fund may include both:

- an Underlying Fund that invests directly in bitcoin or ether as its primary underlying asset, and
- an Underlying Fund that invests indirectly in bitcoin or ether via derivatives contracts based on bitcoin's or ether's prices.

# Synthetic Covered Call Strategy

As part of the Fund's synthetic covered call strategy, the Fund will purchase and sell a combination of standardized exchange-traded and FLexible EXchange® ("FLEX") call and put option contracts that correspond to an Underlying Fund and whose values are based on the share price of such Underlying Fund. A synthetic covered call strategy is similar to a traditional covered call strategy in that the investor sells a call option that is based on the value of the underlying security. However, in a synthetic covered call strategy, the investor (the Fund) does not own the underlying security, but rather seeks to synthetically replicate 100% of the price movements of the underlying security through the use of various investment instruments. To achieve a synthetic long exposure to an Underlying Fund, the Fund will buy call options on each Underlying Fund and, simultaneously, sell put options on each Underlying Fund to try to replicate the price movements of the Underlying Fund. The expected target maturity for the options used for this strategy is generally between 1 and 30 days.

The Fund's options contracts on the Underlying Funds through the synthetic covered call strategy provide:

- indirect exposure to the share price returns of the Underlying Fund,
- current income from the option premiums, and
- a limit on the Fund's participation in gains, if any, of the share price return of the Underlying Fund

In addition, the synthetic covered call strategy is designed to produce higher income levels when the Underlying Fund experiences, or Underlying Funds experience, and subsequently reflect, as applicable, more volatility. This is because higher volatility increases the premium an option buyer is willing to pay, and a seller receives for the increased risk.

# Credit Call Spreads

In addition, The Fund may write (sell) credit call spreads to seek greater participation in the potential appreciation of an Underlying Fund's share price, while still generating net premium income. The Adviser will primarily employ this options strategy when it believes that the share price of an Underlying Fund is likely to rise significantly in the short term (e.g., following a substantial selloff or overall positive market news). Additionally, the Adviser may use this strategy in other scenarios (e.g., if the market is undervaluing further out-of-the-money options (i.e., options contracts where the strike price is far from the current market price of the underlying asset such that the option has no value to exercise) relative to near-the-money options (i.e., options contracts where the strike price is close to the current market price of the underlying asset)), where it believes the use of credit call spreads may prove more advantageous to the Fund's total return than the synthetic covered call strategy discussed above.

When employing the credit call spread strategy, the Fund's sale of call option contracts, paired with the purchase of higher strike call option contracts, aims to generate income while still allowing for potential indirect participation in increases in the share price of an Underlying Fund above the strike of the higher price call option which was bought. However, this strategy may nonetheless still limit the degree to which the Fund fully participates in such increases as the Fund will not participate (directly or indirectly) in any appreciation between the strikes of the sold call option and bought call option.

The Fund does not invest directly in bitcoin, ether or any other digital assets. The Fund does not invest in or seek direct exposure to the current "spot" or cash price of bitcoin or ether. Investors seeking direct exposure to the price of bitcoin or ether should consider an investment other than the Fund. Although bitcoin and ether may each be referred to as a "cryptocurrency," neither is yet widely accepted as a means of payment.

# III. Options Overlay

The Fund seeks to generate income from engaging in the Options Strategies primarily using options contracts on some or all of its Underlying Securities. In particular, the Fund will receive income in the form of a premium when it writes (sells) an option. By selling options, the Fund will earn premiums from buyers who pay for the right to buy or sell the underlying asset at a predetermined price.

The Adviser can implement the Options Strategies in various market conditions. Depending on the Adviser's outlook, the Adviser will select one Options Strategy or a combination of Options Strategies that it believes will best provide the Fund with current income while generally also attempting to capture some upside appreciation (potential for increase in asset value). Additionally, the Adviser considers the performance of the Underlying Securities. In some instances, the aim is to generate additional gains if the Underlying Security increases in value, while, in other cases, the aim is to limit losses if the Underlying Security decreases in value.

Further, depending on the Adviser's assessment of one or more of the Underlying Securities' options contracts (e.g., they are insufficiently liquid or too costly), the Fund may employ Options Strategies using options on a "Crypto Industry ETF" (i.e., a passively-managed, U.S.-listed ETF that seeks to track the performance of a Crypto Industry Index (described below)). The Fund's use of Options Strategies with Underlying Securities or ETFs will generally be covered; however, from time the Fund may utilize Options Strategies with respect to an index of Crypto Industry Companies or an index of ETFs that invest in Crypto Industry Companies. When Options Strategies are utilized with respect to an index, they are typically structured as spread options which have defined risk despite the Fund not necessarily holding the underlying index constituents.

The Fund may be subject to different outcomes depending on the Options Strategies used. For example:

- When writing a covered call (selling a call option on security the Fund already owns), the Fund might limit its potential for
  capital appreciation in exchange for premium income, which also provides some downside protection should the Underlying
  Security decline in value.
- When selling a **credit spread** (writing a call option at one strike price and buying another call option at a higher strike price or writing a put option at one strike price and buying another put option at a lower strike price), the Fund might limit the potential loss compared to selling an option outright, by capping it at the difference between the strike prices minus the net premium received. In a best case scenario, the options expire worthless and the Fund retains the premium on the written option.
- When selling a **diagonal call spread** (selling a call option with a nearer expiration date and buying a call option with a later expiration date at a different strike price), the Fund might benefit from the time decay (i.e., the reduction in an option's value

as the time to its expiration date approaches) of the nearer-term option. An option's decay accelerates as its expiration date gets closer because there is less time for an investor to earn a profit from that option; however, there is no guarantee that the written option will expire worthless.

- Using an Options Strategy such as **cash-secured put selling** (selling put options while holding enough cash to purchase the underlying security if assigned), the Fund can potentially buy securities at lower prices should the Underlying Security decline in value due to the premium received, or retain the premium if the Underlying Security remains the same or increases in value.
- When selling **calendar call spreads** (selling a short-term option and buying a longer-term option at the same strike price), the Fund might benefit from the faster time decay of the short-term option. However, if the written option is exercised, the loss is offset by the premium received as well as the increase in value of the longer-term option.
- When selling **collars** (selling a call option and buying a put option to protect against significant price movements), the Fund might be able to generate income from the premium received while limiting potential losses. In a best case scenario, the security's share price falls below the put strike price, and the Fund gains the difference between the security's share price and strike price. Otherwise, the Fund will experience losses that will be partially offset by the premium received on the written option.

These Options Strategies impact the risk-return profile of the Fund, potentially affecting volatility, income generation, upside capture (gain potential), and capital preservation (protecting value).

Additionally, the premiums the Fund receives from selling options are directly influenced by market volatility; higher volatility (larger price swings) typically results in higher premiums. Therefore, the Adviser analyzes market conditions to determine the timing and type of Options Strategies to employ to achieve the primary objective of current income. By strategically entering and exiting options positions, the Adviser seeks to enhance the Fund's income potential.

#### Cayman Subsidiary

The Fund intends to gain exposure to Underlying Funds and options on Underlying Funds either directly or indirectly through a wholly-owned Cayman Islands subsidiary (the "Subsidiary") that is advised by the Adviser and sub-advised by the Sub-Adviser. The Fund may invest up to 25% of its total assets in the Subsidiary, tested at the end of each fiscal quarter. The Subsidiary will generally invest in investments that do not generate "qualifying income" under the source of income test required to qualify as a regulated investment company ("RIC") under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Unlike the Fund, the Subsidiary may invest without limitation in such investments; however, the Subsidiary will comply with the same Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), requirements that are applicable to the Fund's investments. In addition, the Subsidiary will be subject to the same fundamental investment restrictions as the Fund and will comply with them on an aggregate basis with the Fund, and will follow the same compliance policies and procedures as the Fund. Unlike the Fund, the Subsidiary will not seek to qualify as a RIC under the Code. The Fund is the sole investor in the Subsidiary and does not expect the shares of the Subsidiary to be offered or sold to other investors. Because the value of the Subsidiary must not exceed 25% of the Fund's value at the close of any quarter, the Subsidiary may need to sell assets as a quarter end approaches and pay a dividend to the Fund. This dividend will constitute qualifying income for RIC purposes. Except as otherwise noted, for purposes of this Prospectus, references to the Fund's investments include the Fund's indirect investments through the Subsidiary.

# Reverse Repurchase Agreements

The Fund may invest in reverse repurchase agreements, which are a form of borrowing where the Fund sells portfolio securities to financial institutions and agrees to repurchase them at a later date for a higher price. This arrangement allows the Fund to use the proceeds from the initial sale for other investment purposes. However, since the Fund repurchases the securities at a higher price, it incurs a loss on these transactions.

To qualify for treatment as a regulated investment company (RIC) under the Internal Revenue Code, the Fund may use reverse repurchase agreements to ensure that its investment in the Subsidiary does not exceed 25% of the Fund's total assets at the end of each fiscal quarter (the "Asset Diversification Test"). During other times of the year, the Fund's investments in the Subsidiary may exceed 25% of its total assets.

# Collateral

As part of the Fund's strategy, the Fund holds collateral investments. The Fund expects to invest in U.S. Treasury bills, money market funds, cash and cash equivalents (e.g., high quality commercial paper and similar instruments that are rated investment grade or, if unrated, of comparable quality, as the Adviser determines), that provide liquidity, serve as margin or collateralize the Fund's or the Subsidiary's investments in options contracts.

#### Other Fund Attributes

Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of the value of its assets, plus borrowings for investment purposes, in (i) the equity securities of Crypto Industry Companies, (ii) options contracts on Crypto Industry Companies and on Crypto Industry ETFs, (iii) Underlying Funds, and (iv) options contracts on Underlying Funds.

For purposes of the foregoing, the Fund defines a "Crypto Industry Company" as a company that derives 50% or more of its revenue in one or more of the following proprietary sectors: (i) crypto asset mining, (ii) blockchain technology development (e.g., companies providing infrastructure and tools for blockchain networks), (iii) crypto asset trading platforms, (iv) digital wallet providers, (v) decentralized finance (DeFi) platforms, (vi) companies involved in the development of smart contract technology, (vii) manufacturers and distributors of hardware related to crypto asset (e.g., mining rigs, hardware wallets, and other related equipment), (viii) companies providing blockchain-as-a-service (BaaS), (ix) interactive platforms and services related to NFTs (non-fungible tokens), (x) crypto asset cross-border payments, (xi) crypto asset tokenization, and (xii) crypto asset decentralized lending. A "Crypto Industry Company" also includes a company that holds at least \$50 million of crypto assets on its balance sheet. The Fund defines a "Crypto Industry ETF" as a passively managed U.S.-listed ETF that seeks to track the performance of a Crypto Industry Index. Lastly, the Fund defines an "Crypto Industry Index" as a benchmark that tracks the performance of a selection of Crypto Industry Companies.

It is anticipated that the Fund's assets will be allocated to each strategy approximately as follows:

- Equity Portfolio between 25% and 50%
- Crypto Portfolio between 25% and 50%
- Options Overlay between 25% and 50%

The Fund's strategy is expected to have a high annual portfolio turnover rate.

The Fund is classified as "non-diversified" under the 1940 Act.

# **Principal Investment Risks**

The principal risks of investing in the Fund are summarized below. As with any investment, there is a risk that you could lose all or a portion of your investment in the Fund. Some or all of these risks may adversely affect the Fund's net asset value ("NAV") per share, trading price, yield, total return, and/or ability to meet its objective. For more information about the risks of investing in the Fund, see the section in the Fund's Prospectus titled "Additional Information About the Fund—Principal Risks of Investing in the Fund."

An investment in the Fund entails risk. The Fund may not achieve its investment objective and there is a risk that you could lose all of your money invested in the Fund. The Fund is not a complete investment program. It is important that investors closely review all of the risks listed below and understand them before making an investment in the Fund.

**Bitcoin Investment Risks.** The Fund's indirect investment in bitcoin, through investment in Underlying Funds and/or options on Underlying Funds, exposes it to the unique risks of this emerging innovation. Bitcoin's price is highly volatile, and its market is influenced by the changing bitcoin network, fluctuating acceptance levels, and unpredictable usage trends. Not being a legal tender and operating outside central authority systems like banks, bitcoin faces potential government restrictions. For instance, some countries may limit or ban bitcoin transactions, negatively impacting its market value.

The risks associated with bitcoin include the possibility of fraud, theft, market manipulation, and security breaches in trading platforms. A small group of large bitcoin holders, known as "whales," can significantly influence bitcoin's price and may have the ability to manipulate the price. The largely unregulated nature of bitcoin and its trading venues heightens risks of fraudulent activities and market manipulation, which could affect bitcoin's price. For example, if a group of miners gains control over a majority of the bitcoin network, they could manipulate transactions to their advantage. Historical instances have seen bitcoin trading venues shut down due to fraud or security breaches, often leaving investors without recourse and facing significant losses.

Updates to bitcoin's software, proposed by developers, can lead to the creation of new digital assets, or "forks," if not broadly adopted. This can impact bitcoin's demand and the Fund's performance. The extreme volatility of bitcoin's market price can result in shareholder losses. Furthermore, the operation of bitcoin trading platforms may be disrupted or cease altogether due to various issues, further affecting bitcoin's price and the Fund's investments.

The value of bitcoin has historically been subject to significant speculation, making trading and investing in bitcoin reliant on market sentiment rather than traditional fundamental analysis.

Bitcoin's price can be influenced by events unrelated to its security or utility, including instability in other speculative areas of the crypto/blockchain space, potentially leading to substantial declines in its value.

Risks associated with crypto asset trading platforms include fragmentation, regulatory non-compliance, and the possibility of enforcement actions by regulatory authorities, which could impact the valuation of bitcoin-linked derivatives held by the Fund.

The security of the Bitcoin Blockchain may be compromised if a single miner or group controls more than 50% of the network's hashing power, where hashing power refers to the computational capacity used to validate and secure transactions on the blockchain.

Proposed changes to the bitcoin protocol may not be universally adopted, leading to the creation of competing blockchains (forks) with different assets and participants, exemplified by past forks like Bitcoin Cash and Bitcoin SV.

The Bitcoin Blockchain protocol may contain vulnerabilities that attackers could exploit to disrupt its operation, potentially compromising the security and reliability of the network.

Emerging alternative public blockchains, particularly those emphasizing privacy through technologies like zero-knowledge cryptography, pose risks and challenges to the dominance of the Bitcoin Blockchain as a payment system.

Common impediments to adopting the Bitcoin Blockchain as a payment network include slow transaction processing, variability in transaction fees, and the volatility of bitcoin's price, which may deter widespread adoption by businesses and consumers.

The development and use of "Layer II solutions" are critical for the scalability and functionality of the Bitcoin Blockchain, but they also introduce risks such as off-chain transaction execution, which could affect transparency and security. Layer II solutions are off-chain protocols that improve scalability and reduce transaction costs by processing transactions outside the main blockchain network.

Adoption and use of other blockchains supporting advanced applications like smart contracts present challenges to the dominance of the Bitcoin Blockchain, potentially impacting its long-term relevance and utility in the evolving landscape of blockchain technology.

Ether Investment Risks. The Fund's indirect investment in ether, through investment in Underlying Funds and/or options on Underlying Funds, exposes it to the unique risks of this emerging innovation. Ether is a relatively new and is subject to unique and substantial risks. The market for ether is subject to rapid price swings, changes and uncertainty. The further development of the Ethereum Network and the acceptance and use of ether are subject to a variety of factors that are difficult to evaluate. The slowing, stopping or reversing of the development of the Ethereum Network or the acceptance of ether may adversely affect the price and liquidity of ether. Ether is subject to the risk of fraud, theft, manipulation or security failures, operational or other problems that impact ether trading venues. Additionally, if one or a coordinated group of validators were to gain control of 33% or more of staked ether (i.e., ether that is deposited to support the Ethereum Network), they would have the ability to execute extensive attacks, manipulate transactions and fraudulently obtain ether. If such a validator or group of validators were to gain control of one-third of staked ether, they could halt payments. A significant portion of ether is held by a small number of holders sometimes referred to as "whales". Transactions by these holders may influence the price of ether.

The value of ether may be substantially dependent on speculation, such that trading and investing in ether generally may not be based on fundamental analysis. The exposure of ether to instability and other speculative parts of the blockchain crypto industry, such as an event that is not necessarily related to the security or utility of the Etherum Network, can nonetheless precipitate a significant decline in the price of ether. There are risks related to fragmentation and lack of regulatory compliance with regard to crypto asset trading platforms. The crypto asset trading platforms upon which ether is traded and which may serve as a pricing source of the valuation of ether linked derivatives held by an Underlying Fund are or may become subject to enforcement actions by regulatory authorities.

Unlike the exchanges for more traditional assets, such as equity securities and futures contracts, ether and ether trading venues are largely unregulated. As a result of the lack of regulation, individuals or groups may engage in fraud or market manipulation (including using social media to promote ether in a way that artificially increases the price of ether). Investors may be more exposed to the risk of theft, fraud and market manipulation than when investing in more traditional asset classes. Over the past several years, a number of ether trading venues have been closed due to fraud, failure or security breaches. Investors in ether may have little or no recourse should such theft, fraud or manipulation occur and could suffer significant losses.

The realization of any of these risks could result in a decline in the acceptance of ether and consequently a reduction in the value of ether, ether futures, Underlying Funds and the Fund. Additionally, legal or regulatory changes may negatively impact the operation of the Ethereum Network or restrict the use of ether. For example, if ether were determined to be or were expected to be determined to be a security under the federal securities laws, it is possible certain trading venues would no longer facilitate trading in ether, trading in ether futures may become significantly more volatile and/or completely halted, and the value of an investment in the Underlying Funds and/or the Fund could decline significantly and without warning, including to zero.

Finally, the creation of a "fork" or a substantial giveaway of ether (sometimes referred to as an "air drop") may result in significant and unexpected declines in the value of ether, ether futures, Underlying Funds and the Fund. A fork may be intentional, such as the 'Merge.' The 'Merge' refers to protocol changes altering the method by which transactions are validated.

The market for ether futures may be less developed, and potentially less liquid and more volatile, than more established futures markets. While the ether futures market has grown substantially since ether futures commenced trading, there can be no assurance that this growth will continue. The price for ether futures contracts is based on a number of factors, including the supply of and the demand for ether futures contracts. Market conditions and expectations, regulatory limitations or limitations imposed by the listing exchanges or futures commission merchants ("FCMs") (e.g., margin requirements, position limits, and accountability levels), collateral requirements,

availability of counterparties, and other factors each can impact the supply of and demand for ether futures contracts, which can impact the Underlying Funds.

Market conditions and expectations, margin requirements, position limits, accountability levels, collateral requirements, availability of counterparties, and other factors may also limit the Underlying Funds' ability to achieve their desired exposure to ether futures contracts, thereby impacting the Fund. If the Underlying Funds are unable to achieve their targeted exposure, the Fund may not be able to meet its investment objective and the Fund's returns may be different or lower than expected. Additionally, collateral requirements may require Underlying Funds to liquidate their positions, potentially incurring losses and expenses, when it otherwise would not do so. Investing in derivatives like ether futures may be considered aggressive and may expose the Underlying Funds, and thereby the Fund, to significant risks. These risks include counterparty risk and liquidity risk.

The performance of ether futures contracts, in general, has historically been highly correlated to the performance of ether. However, there can be no guarantee this will continue. Transaction costs (including the costs associated with futures investing), position limits, the availability of counterparties and other factors may impact the cost of ether futures contracts and decrease the correlation between the performance of ether futures contracts and ether, over short or even long-term periods. In addition, the performance of back-month futures contracts (i.e., futures contracts whose delivery dates are relatively far in the future) is likely to differ more significantly from the performance of the spot prices of ether. To the extent the Underlying Funds are invested in back-month ether future contracts, their performance, and thereby the performance of the Fund, should be expected to deviate more significantly from the performance of ether.

Crypto Industry Risk. Investing in the Crypto Industry involves substantial risks, including but not limited to market volatility, regulatory changes, technological obsolescence, and security vulnerabilities. Crypto Industry companies typically face significant volatility due to the nascent and rapidly evolving nature of the sector. High research and capital expenditures are common, which can result in substantial variability in profitability, or even sustained losses. The industry is intensely competitive, with technological advancements occurring at a rapid pace, potentially rendering existing products or services obsolete. These companies are heavily reliant on digital and intellectual property, including proprietary blockchain technology and cryptographic algorithms, and may be adversely affected by the loss, theft, or impairment of these assets. Furthermore, the Crypto Industry is subject to a complex and constantly changing legal, regulatory, and political landscape, which can have a substantial impact on the profitability and viability of companies within the sector. Regulatory actions or unfavorable legal rulings could significantly hinder operations or market access. Additionally, security breaches, hacking incidents, or failures in the underlying technology of a crypto asset or blockchain could have devastating effects on the issuer, particularly if the compromised asset or technology is central to the issuer's business model. The Crypto Industry has been, and may continue to be, dependent on speculation. The identification and classification of Crypto Industry companies can be challenging, as the boundaries of the industry are often unclear and subject to interpretation.

- Blockchain Risk. Companies involved in the crypto asset industry are subject to the risks associated with blockchain technology, the occurrence of which could negatively impact the value of such companies. These risks include (i) the risk that the integrity and viability of the consensus mechanism of the blockchain fails; (ii) the risk that the blockchain's capacity to execute and settle transactions in a timely and predictable manner is compromised; (iii) the open source nature of blockchain technology which makes it vulnerable to being "forked" by users and miners/validators (i.e., creation of a new competing blockchain when a significant portion of the miners/validators adopts updates to the existing blockchain protocol); and (iv) development of so-called Layer 2 networks, including the "Lightning Network," which are separate blockchains built on top of "Layer 1" blockchains, like the Bitcoin Blockchain, for the purpose of augmenting the throughput of the Layer 1 blockchain. Layer 2 blockchains are a relatively new and still developing technology and include certain risks, such as the potential for hacks, bugs or failures.
- Crypto Asset Trading Platform Risk. Companies involved in the crypto asset industry are subject to the risks associated with crypto asset trading platforms. Crypto asset trading platforms and other trading venues on which crypto assets trade are relatively new and, in most cases, largely unregulated and may therefore be more exposed to market manipulation, fraud and failure than established, regulated exchanges for securities, derivatives and other currencies. Crypto asset trading platforms may (and in certain cases have) become subject to enforcement actions by regulatory authorities.

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

Equity Market Risk. The equity securities held in the Fund's portfolio may experience sudden, unpredictable drops in value or long periods of decline in value. This may occur because of factors that affect securities markets generally or factors affecting specific issuers, industries, or sectors in which the Fund invests. Common stocks, such as those held by the Fund, are generally exposed to greater risk than other types of securities, such as preferred stock and debt obligations, because common stockholders generally have inferior rights to receive payment from issuers. Securities in the Fund's portfolio may underperform in comparison to securities in the general financial markets, a particular financial market, or other asset classes, due to a number of factors. Factors that could impact the market value of an equity security include a company's business performance, investor perceptions, stock market trends and general economic conditions.

Derivatives Risk. Derivatives are financial instruments that derive value from the underlying reference asset or assets, such as stocks, bonds, or funds (including ETFs), interest rates or indices. The Fund's investments in derivatives may pose risks in addition to, and greater than, those associated with directly investing in securities or other ordinary investments, including risk related to the market, imperfect correlation with underlying investments, higher price volatility, lack of availability, counterparty risk, liquidity, valuation and legal restrictions. The use of derivatives is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. The use of derivatives may result in larger losses or smaller gains than directly investing in securities. When the Fund uses derivatives, there may be an imperfect correlation between the value of the Index and the derivative, which may prevent the Fund from achieving its investment objective. Because derivatives often require only a limited initial investment, the use of derivatives may expose the Fund to losses in excess of those amounts initially invested. In addition, the Fund's investments in derivatives are subject to the following risks:

Options Contracts. The use of options contracts involves investment strategies and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. The prices of options are volatile and are influenced by, among other things, actual and anticipated changes in the value of the underlying instrument, including the anticipated volatility, which are affected by fiscal and monetary policies and by national and international political, changes in the actual or implied volatility or the reference asset, the time remaining until the expiration of the option contract and economic events. For the Fund in particular, the value of the options contracts in which it invests are substantially influenced by the value of the Underlying Security. The Fund may experience substantial downside from specific option positions and certain option positions held by the Fund may expire worthless. The options held by the Fund are exercisable at the strike price on their expiration date. As an option approaches its expiration date, its value typically increasingly move with the value of the underlying instrument. However, prior to such date, the value of an option generally does not increase or decrease at the same rate at the underlying instrument. There may at times be an imperfect correlation between the movement in the values of options contracts and the underlying instrument, and there may at times not be a liquid secondary market for certain options contracts. The value of the options held by the Fund will be determined based on market quotations or other recognized pricing methods. The Fund may also write call and put options, which includes the risk that the underlying instrument appreciates or depreciates sufficiently over the period to offset the net premium received by the Fund for the written option, resulting in a loss to the Fund. Additionally, to the extent the Fund maintains indirect exposure to an Underlying Security through the use of options contracts, as the options contracts it holds are exercised or expire it will enter into new options contracts, a practice referred to as "rolling." If the expiring options contracts do not generate proceeds enough to cover the cost of entering into new options contracts, the Fund may experience losses.

Cayman Subsidiary Risk. By investing in the Subsidiary, the Fund is indirectly exposed to the risks associated with the Subsidiary's investments. The investments held by the Subsidiary are subject to the same economic risks that apply to similar investments if held directly by the Fund. The Subsidiary is not registered under the 1940 Act, and, unless otherwise noted in this Prospectus, is not subject to all the investor protections of the 1940 Act. Changes in the laws of the United States and the Cayman Islands could result in the inability of the Fund and/or the Subsidiary to continue to operate as it does currently and could adversely affect the Fund. For example, the Cayman Islands does not currently impose any income, corporate or capital gains tax or withholding tax on the Subsidiary. If Cayman Islands law changes such that the Subsidiary must pay Cayman Islands taxes, Fund shareholders would likely suffer decreased investment returns. In addition, the Subsidiary is also subject to many of the risks to which the Fund is subject, such as tax risks, commodity related risks, and market and data risks.

Commodity-Linked Derivatives Tax Risk. The tax treatment of commodity-linked derivative instruments, such as options on certain Underlying Funds, may be adversely affected by changes in legislation, regulations, or other legally binding authority. As a RIC, the Fund must derive at least 90% of its gross income each taxable year from certain qualifying sources of income under the Code. If, as a result of any adverse future legislation, U.S. Treasury regulations, and/or guidance issued by the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS"), the income of the Fund from certain commodity-linked derivatives, including income from the Fund's investments in the Subsidiary, were treated as non-qualifying income, the Fund may fail to qualify as RIC and/or be subject to federal income tax at the Fund level. The uncertainty surrounding the treatment of certain derivative instruments under the qualification tests for a RIC may limit the Fund's use of such derivative instruments.

The Fund intends to limit its investment in the Subsidiary to no more than 25% of the value of its total assets in order to satisfy certain asset diversification requirements for taxation as a regulated investment company. The Fund intends to manage the exposure to the

Subsidiary so that the Fund's investments in the Subsidiary do not exceed 25% of the total assets at the end of any quarter. If the Fund's investments in the Subsidiary were to exceed 25% of the Fund's total assets at the end of a tax quarter, the Fund, generally, has a grace period to cure such lack of compliance. If the Fund fails to timely cure, it may no longer be eligible to be treated as a RIC.

Tax Risk. The Fund intends to treat any income received by the Subsidiary as "qualifying income" under the provisions of the Code applicable to RICs. The IRS has issued numerous private letter rulings ("PLRs") provided to third parties not associated with the Fund or its affiliates (which only those parties may rely on as precedent) concluding that similar arrangements resulted in qualifying income. Many of such PLRs have now been revoked by the IRS. In March of 2019, the IRS published Regulations that concluded that income from a corporation similar to the Subsidiary would be qualifying income. Although the Regulations do not require distributions from the Subsidiary, the Fund intends to cause the Subsidiary to make distributions that would allow the Fund to make timely distributions to its shareholders and to meet the requirement that the Subsidiary have a value not in excess of 25% of the Fund's value at the close of a quarter. The Fund generally will be required to include in its own taxable income the income of the Subsidiary for a tax year, regardless of whether the Fund receives a distribution of the Subsidiary's income in that tax year, and this income would nevertheless be subject to the distribution requirement for qualification as a regulated investment company and would be taken into account for purposes of the 4% excise tax. In addition, to comply with the asset diversification test applicable to a RIC, the Fund will attempt to ensure that the value of options and Underlying Funds it holds whose value is determined by reference to a specific underlying asset (bitcoin or ether) is never 25% of the total value of Fund assets at the close of any quarter. If the Fund's investments in Underlying Funds or options whose value is determined by reference to a specific underlying asset were to exceed 25% of the Fund's total assets at the end of a tax quarter, the Fund, generally, has a grace period to cure such lack of compliance. If the Fund fails to timely cure, it may no longer be eligible to be treated as a RIC.

Counterparty Risk. The Fund is subject to counterparty risk by virtue of its investments in options contracts. Transactions in some types of derivatives, including options, are required to be centrally cleared ("cleared derivatives"). In a transaction involving cleared derivatives, the Fund's counterparty is a clearing house rather than a bank or broker. Since the Fund is not a member of clearing houses and only members of a clearing house ("clearing members") can participate directly in the clearing house, the Fund will hold cleared derivatives through accounts at clearing members. In cleared derivatives positions, the Fund will make payments (including margin payments) to and receive payments from a clearing house through their accounts at clearing members. Customer funds held at a clearing organization in connection with any options contracts are held in a commingled omnibus account and are not identified to the name of the clearing member's individual customers. As a result, assets deposited by the Fund with any clearing member as margin for options may, in certain circumstances, be used to satisfy losses of other clients of the Fund's clearing member. In addition, although clearing members guarantee performance of their clients' obligations to the clearing house, there is a risk that the assets of the Fund might not be fully protected in the event of the clearing member's bankruptcy, as the Fund would be limited to recovering only a pro rata share of all available funds segregated on behalf of the clearing member's customers for the relevant account class. The Fund is also subject to the risk that a limited number of clearing members are willing to transact on the Fund's behalf, which heightens the risks associated with a clearing member's default. If a clearing member defaults the Fund could lose some or all of the benefits of a transaction entered into by the Fund with the clearing member. If the Fund cannot find a clearing member to transact with on the Fund's behalf, the Fund may be unable to effectively implement its investment strategy.

**Underlying Fund Risk.** The Fund's investment strategy, involving indirect exposure to bitcoin and ether through one or more Underlying Funds, is subject to the risks associated with bitcoin and ether. Shareholders in the Fund bear both their proportionate share of expenses in the Fund and, indirectly, the expenses of the Underlying Funds.

- Underlying Bitcoin and Ether Fund Risks: Investing in an Underlying Fund that focuses on bitcoin or ether, either through direct holdings or indirectly via derivatives like futures contracts and swaps, carries significant risks. These risks include high market volatility, which can be influenced by technological advancements, regulatory changes, and broader economic factors. When trading derivatives, liquidity risks and counterparty risks are substantial. Managing futures contracts can be complex and may affect the performance of an Underlying Fund. The use of swap transactions is a highly specialized activity, which involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. Additionally, each Underlying Fund, and consequently the Fund, is dependent on blockchain technology, which brings technological and cybersecurity risks, along with custodial challenges for securely storing digital assets. The constantly evolving regulatory and legal landscape presents continuous compliance and valuation difficulties. Risks related to market concentration and network issues in the digital asset sector further add complexity. Moreover, operational intricacies in managing digital assets and potential market volatility can lead to losses for each Underlying Fund.
- Potentially No 1940 Act Protections. It is expected that one or more Underlying Funds will not be registered as an investment company subject to the 1940 Act. In addition, Underlying Funds that invest directly in bitcoin or ether are not subject to the 1940 Act. Accordingly, investors in such an Underlying Fund would not have the protections expressly provided by that statute, including: provisions preventing Underlying Fund insiders from managing an Underlying Fund to their benefit and to the detriment of shareholders; provisions preventing an Underlying Fund from issuing securities having inequitable or discriminatory provisions; provisions preventing management by irresponsible persons; provisions preventing the use of unsound or misleading methods of computing Underlying Fund earnings and asset value; provisions prohibiting suspension

of redemptions (except under limited circumstances); provisions limiting fund leverage; provisions imposing a fiduciary duty on fund managers with respect to receipt of compensation for services; and provisions preventing changes in an Underlying Fund's character without the consent of shareholders. Although the Fund invests in one or more Underlying Funds only indirectly, the Fund's investments are expected to be subject to loss as a result of these risks.

Foreign Investment Risk. The Fund will invest in foreign securities, including non-U.S. dollar-denominated securities traded outside of the United States and U.S. dollar-denominated securities of foreign issuers traded in the United States. Returns on investments in foreign securities could be more volatile than, or trail the returns on, investments in U.S. securities. Investments in foreign securities, including investments in American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) and Global Depositary Receipts (GDRs), are subject to special risks, including the following:

- Foreign Securities Risk. Investments in non-U.S. securities involve risks that may not be present with investments in U.S. securities. For example, investments in non-U.S. securities may be subject to risk of loss due to foreign currency fluctuations or to political or economic instability. There may be less information publicly available about a non-U.S. issuer than a U.S. issuer. Non-U.S. issuers may be subject to different accounting, auditing, financial reporting and investor protection standards than U.S. issuers. Changes to the financial condition or credit rating of foreign issuers may also adversely affect the value of the Fund's securities. Investments in non-U.S. securities may be subject to withholding or other taxes and may be subject to additional trading, settlement, custodial, and operational risks. Because legal systems differ, there is also the possibility that it will be difficult to obtain or enforce legal judgments in some countries. Since foreign exchanges may be open on days when the Fund does not price its Shares, the value of the securities in the Fund's portfolio may change on days when shareholders will not be able to purchase or sell the Fund's Shares. Conversely, Shares may trade on days when foreign exchanges are closed. Investment in foreign securities may involve higher costs than investment in U.S. securities, including higher transaction and custody costs as well as the imposition of additional taxes by foreign governments. Each of these factors can make investments in the Fund more volatile and potentially less liquid than other types of investments.
- Depositary Receipt Risk. Depositary receipts involve risks similar to those associated with investments in foreign securities and certain additional risks. Depositary receipts listed on U.S. exchanges are issued by banks or trust companies and entitle the holder to all dividends and capital gains that are paid out on the underlying foreign shares ("Underlying Shares"). When the Fund invests in depositary receipts as a substitute for an investment directly in the Underlying Shares, the Fund is exposed to the risk that the depositary receipts may not provide a return that corresponds precisely with that of the Underlying Shares. The Fund may invest in unsponsored depositary receipts. The issuers of unsponsored depositary receipts are not obligated to disclose material information in the United States and, therefore, there may be less information available regarding such issuers and there may not be a correlation between such information and the value of the depositary receipts.

**Emerging Markets Risk**. The Fund may invest in companies in emerging markets. Emerging market countries generally have less established economies, smaller capital markets and greater social, economic, regulatory or political risks. These factors could contribute to increased volatility, liquidity risks and valuation risks. These risks apply to direct holdings in foreign companies and holdings in

# Market Capitalization Risk.

- Large-Capitalization Investing. The securities of large-capitalization companies may be relatively mature compared to smaller companies and therefore subject to slower growth during times of economic expansion. Large-capitalization companies may also be unable to respond quickly to new competitive challenges, such as changes in technology and consumer tastes.
- Mid-Capitalization Investing. The securities of mid-capitalization companies may be more vulnerable to adverse issuer, market, political, or economic developments than securities of large-capitalization companies. The securities of mid-capitalization companies generally trade in lower volumes and are subject to greater and more unpredictable price changes than large-capitalization stocks or the stock market as a whole.
- Small-Capitalization Investing. The securities of small-capitalization companies may be more vulnerable to adverse issuer, market, political, or economic developments than securities of large- or mid-capitalization companies. The securities of small-capitalization companies generally trade in lower volumes and are subject to greater and more unpredictable price changes than large- or mid-capitalization stocks or the stock market as a whole. There is typically less publicly available information concerning smaller-capitalization companies than for larger, more established companies.

**Distribution Risk.** As part of the Fund's investment objective, the Fund seeks to provide current monthly income. There is no assurance that the Fund will make a distribution in any given month. If the Fund does make distributions, the amounts of such distributions will likely vary greatly from one distribution to the next. Additionally, the monthly distributions, if any, may consist of returns of capital,

which would decrease the Fund's NAV and trading price over time. As a result, an investor may suffer significant losses to their investment.

**NAV Erosion Risk Due to Distributions.** When the Fund makes a distribution, the Fund's NAV will typically drop by the amount of the distribution on the related ex-dividend date. The repeated payment of distributions by the Fund, if any, may significantly erode the Fund's NAV and trading price over time. As a result, an investor may suffer significant losses to their investment.

**Non-Diversification Risk.** Because the Fund is "non-diversified," it may invest a greater percentage of its assets in the securities of a single issuer or a smaller number of issuers than if it was a diversified fund. As a result, a decline in the value of an investment in a single issuer or a smaller number of issuers could cause the Fund's overall value to decline to a greater degree than if the Fund held a more diversified portfolio.

Reverse Repurchase Agreement Risk. Similar to borrowing, reverse repurchase agreements provide the Fund with cash for investment purposes, which creates leverage and subjects the Fund to the risks of leverage. Reverse repurchase agreements also involve the risk that the other party may fail to return the securities in a timely manner or at all. The Fund could lose money if it is unable to recover the securities and/or if the value of collateral held by the Fund, including the value of the investments made with cash collateral, is less than the value of securities.

#### ETF Risks.

Authorized Participants, Market Makers, and Liquidity Providers Concentration Risk. The Fund has a limited number of financial institutions that are authorized to purchase and redeem Shares directly from the Fund (known as "Authorized Participants" or "APs"). In addition, there may be a limited number of market makers and/or liquidity providers in the marketplace. To the extent either of the following events occur, Shares may trade at a material discount to NAV and possibly face delisting: (i) APs exit the business or otherwise become unable to process creation and/or redemption orders and no other APs step forward to perform these services; or (ii) market makers and/or liquidity providers exit the business or significantly reduce their business activities and no other entities step forward to perform their functions.

Cash Redemption Risk. The Fund's investment strategy may require it to redeem Shares for cash or to otherwise include cash as part of its redemption proceeds. For example, the Fund may not be able to redeem in-kind certain securities held by the Fund (e.g., derivative instruments). In such a case, the Fund may be required to sell or unwind portfolio investments to obtain the cash needed to distribute redemption proceeds. This may cause the Fund to recognize a capital gain that it might not have recognized if it had made a redemption in-kind. As a result, the Fund may pay out higher annual capital gain distributions than if the in-kind redemption process was used. By paying out higher annual capital gain distributions, investors may be subjected to increased capital gains taxes. Additionally, there may be brokerage costs or taxable gains or losses that may be imposed on the Fund in connection with a cash redemption that may not have occurred if the Fund had made a redemption in-kind. These costs could decrease the value of the Fund to the extent they are not offset by a transaction fee payable by an AP.

Costs of Buying or Selling Shares. Due to the costs of buying or selling Shares, including brokerage commissions imposed by brokers and bid-ask spreads, frequent trading of Shares may significantly reduce investment results and an investment in Shares may not be advisable for investors who anticipate regularly making small investments.

*Management Risk.* The Fund is subject to management risk because it is an actively managed portfolio. In managing the Fund's investment portfolio, the portfolio managers will apply investment techniques and risk analyses that may not produce the desired result. There can be no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective.

Shares May Trade at Prices Other Than NAV. As with all ETFs, Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. Although it is expected that the market price of Shares will approximate the Fund's NAV, there may be times when the market price of Shares is more than the NAV intra-day (premium) or less than the NAV intra-day (discount) due to supply and demand of Shares or during periods of market volatility. This risk is heightened in times of market volatility, periods of steep market declines, and periods when there is limited trading activity for Shares in the secondary market, in which case such premiums or discounts may be significant.

Trading. Although Shares are listed on a national securities exchange, such as NYSE Arca, Inc. (the "Exchange"), and may be traded on U.S. exchanges other than the Exchange, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for the Shares will develop or be maintained or that the Shares will trade with any volume, or at all, on any stock exchange. In stressed market conditions, the liquidity of Shares may begin to mirror the liquidity of the Fund's underlying portfolio holdings, which can be significantly less liquid than Shares. Shares trade on the Exchange at a market price that may be below, at or above the Fund's NAV. Trading in Shares on the Exchange may be halted due to market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in Shares inadvisable. In addition, trading in Shares on the Exchange is subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility pursuant to the Exchange "circuit breaker" rules. There can be no assurance that the requirements of the Exchange necessary to maintain the listing of the Fund will continue to be met or will remain unchanged.

Economic and Market Risk. Economies and financial markets throughout the world are becoming increasingly interconnected, which increases the likelihood that events or conditions in one country or region will adversely impact markets or issuers in other countries or regions. Securities in the Fund's portfolio may underperform in comparison to securities in the general financial markets, a particular financial market, or other asset classes, due to a number of factors, including inflation (or expectations for inflation), deflation (or expectations for deflation), interest rates, global demand for particular products or resources, market instability, financial system instability, debt crises and downgrades, embargoes, tariffs, sanctions and other trade barriers, regulatory events, other governmental trade or market control programs and related geopolitical events. In addition, the value of the Fund's investments may be negatively affected by the occurrence of global events such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters or events, country instability, and infectious disease epidemics or pandemics. The imposition by the U.S. of tariffs on goods imported from foreign countries and reciprocal tariffs levied on U.S. goods by those countries also may lead to volatility and instability in domestic and foreign markets.

**High Portfolio Turnover Risk.** The Fund may actively and frequently trade all or a significant portion of the Fund's holdings. A high portfolio turnover rate increases transaction costs, which may increase the Fund's expenses. Frequent trading may also cause adverse tax consequences for investors in the Fund due to an increase in short-term capital gains.

**Inflation Risk.** Inflation risk is the risk that the value of assets or income from investments will be less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the present value of the Fund's assets and distributions, if any, may decline.

**New Fund Risk.** The Fund is a recently organized management investment company with limited operating history. As a result, prospective investors have a limited track record or history on which to base their investment decisions.

**Operational Risk.** The Fund is subject to risks arising from various operational factors, including, but not limited to, human error, processing and communication errors, errors of the Fund's service providers, counterparties or other third-parties, failed or inadequate processes and technology or systems failures. The Fund relies on third-parties for a range of services, including custody. Any delay or failure relating to engaging or maintaining such service providers may affect the Fund's ability to meet its investment objective. Although the Fund, Adviser, and Sub-Adviser seek to reduce these operational risks through controls and procedures, there is no way to completely protect against such risks.

**U.S. Government and U.S. Agency Obligations Risk.** The Fund may invest in securities issued by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities. U.S. Government obligations include securities issued or guaranteed as to principal and interest by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities, such as the U.S. Treasury. Payment of principal and interest on U.S. Government obligations may be backed by the full faith and credit of the United States or may be backed solely by the issuing or guaranteeing agency or instrumentality itself. In the latter case, the investor must look principally to the agency or instrumentality issuing or guaranteeing the obligation for ultimate repayment, which agency or instrumentality may be privately owned. There can be no assurance that the U.S. Government would provide financial support to its agencies or instrumentalities (including government-sponsored enterprises) where it is not obligated to do so.

# Performance

Performance information for the Fund is not included because the Fund has not completed a full calendar year of operations as of the date of this Prospectus. When such information is included, this section will provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance history from year to year and showing how the Fund's average annual total returns compare with those of a broad measure of market performance. Although past performance of the Fund is no guarantee of how it will perform in the future, historical performance may give you some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. Updated performance information will be available on the Fund's website at www.nicholasx.com.

# Management

Investment Adviser

Tidal Investments LLC serves as investment adviser to the Fund and the Subsidiary.

Investment Sub-Adviser

Nicholas Wealth, LLC serves as an investment sub-adviser to the Fund and the Subsidiary.

Portfolio Managers

The following individuals are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund and the Subsidiary.

David Nicholas, Founder and President of Nicholas Wealth, has been a portfolio manager of the Fund and Subsidiary since their inception in 2025.

Jay Pestrichelli, Portfolio Manager for the Adviser, has been a portfolio manager of the Fund and Subsidiary since their inception in 2025.

Scott Snyder, Portfolio Manager for the Adviser, has been a portfolio manager of the Fund and Subsidiary since their inception in 2025.

Christopher P. Mullen, Portfolio Manager for the Adviser, has been a portfolio manager of the Fund and Subsidiary since their inception in 2025.

#### **Purchase and Sale of Shares**

The Fund issues and redeems Shares at NAV only in large blocks known as "Creation Units," which only Authorized Participants (Aps) (typically, broker-dealers) may purchase or redeem. The Fund generally issues and redeems Creation Units in exchange for a portfolio of securities (the "Deposit Securities") and/or a designated amount of U.S. cash.

Shares are listed on a national securities exchange, such as the Exchange, and individual Shares may only be bought and sold in the secondary market through brokers at market prices, rather than NAV. Because Shares trade at market prices rather than NAV, Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount).

An investor may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Shares (the "bid" price) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Shares (the "ask" price) when buying or selling Shares in the secondary market. This difference in bid and ask prices is often referred to as the "bid-ask spread."

When available, information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, how often Shares traded on the Exchange at a premium or discount, and bid-ask spreads can be found on the Fund's website at www.nicholasx.com.

#### **Tax Information**

Fund distributions are generally taxable as ordinary income, qualified dividend income, or capital gains (or a combination), unless an investment is in an individual retirement account ("IRA") or other tax-advantaged account. Distributions on investments made through tax-deferred arrangements may be taxed later upon withdrawal of assets from those accounts.

# **Financial Intermediary Compensation**

If you purchase Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank) (an "Intermediary"), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay Intermediaries for certain activities related to the Fund, including participation in activities that are designed to make Intermediaries more knowledgeable about exchange-traded products, including the Fund, or for other activities, such as marketing, educational training, or other initiatives related to the sale or promotion of Shares. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the Intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Any such arrangements do not result in increased Fund expenses. Ask your salesperson or visit the Intermediary's website for more information.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND

# **Investment Objective**

The primary investment objective of the Fund is to seek capital appreciation. It has a secondary investment objective to seek current income.

An investment objective is fundamental if it cannot be changed without the consent of the holders of a majority of the outstanding Shares. The Fund's investment objective has not been adopted as a fundamental investment policy and therefore its investment objective may be changed without the consent of Fund shareholders upon approval by the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Tidal Trust II (the "Trust") and 60 days' written notice to shareholders.

# **Principal Investment Strategies**

# There is no guarantee that the Fund's investment strategy will be properly implemented, and an investor may lose some or all of its investment.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of the value of its assets, plus borrowings for investment purposes, in (i) the equity securities of Crypto Industry Companies, (ii) options contracts on Crypto Industry Companies and on Crypto Industry ETFs, (iii) Underlying Funds and (iv) options contracts on Underlying Funds.

For purposes of the foregoing, the Fund defines a "Crypto Industry Company" as a company that derives 50% or more of its revenue in one or more of the following proprietary sectors: (i) crypto asset mining, (ii) blockchain technology development (e.g., companies providing infrastructure and tools for blockchain networks), (iii) crypto asset trading platforms, (iv) digital wallet providers, (v) decentralized finance (DeFi) platforms, (vi) companies involved in the development of smart contract technology, (vii) manufacturers and distributors of hardware related to crypto asset (e.g., mining rigs, hardware wallets, and other related equipment), (viii) companies providing blockchain-as-a-service (BaaS), (ix) interactive platforms and services related to NFTs (non-fungible tokens), (x) crypto asset cross-border payments, (xi) crypto asset tokenization, and (xii) crypto asset decentralized lending. A "Crypto Industry Company" also

includes a company that holds at least \$50 million of crypto assets on its balance sheet. The Fund defines a "Crypto Industry ETF" as a passively managed U.S.-listed ETF that seeks to track the performance of a Crypto Industry Index. Lastly, the Fund defines an "Crypto Industry Index" as a benchmark that tracks the performance of a selection of Crypto Industry Companies.

The Fund's "80%" policy is non-fundamental and can be changed without shareholder approval. However, Fund shareholders would be given at least 60 days' notice prior to any such change.

# **Crypto Industry Companies**

The Fund invests in companies involved in the crypto asset industry, and the Fund is therefore exposed to the crypto asset industry and its unique characteristics, such as the use of blockchain technology. Generally, a blockchain is an immutable transaction ledger maintained within a distributed network of peer nodes. The immutability of the blockchain means that once an entry is accepted onto the ledger, it cannot be deleted or changed. A public, permissionless blockchain is a type of blockchain that is open to anyone who wishes to participate, without requiring permission from any central authority. It is decentralized and operates based on a consensus mechanism that ensures trust and security without the need for intermediaries.

The first blockchain/crypto asset was bitcoin, which was developed to be a decentralized, peer-to-peer electric cash network; disintermediating centralized monetary systems. Each block contains a list of transactions that, once verified and added to the blockchain through a consensus process known as "proof of work," which may take an hour or more, becomes irreversible and tamper-evident. This proof of work process occurs through "mining." Mining involves miners using a sophisticated computer program to repeatedly solve complex mathematical problems on specialized computer hardware. Miners authenticate and bundle bitcoin transactions sequentially into files called "blocks." Because each solved block contains a reference to the previous block, they form a chronological "chain" back to the first bitcoin transaction. A miner's proposed block is added to the blockchain once a majority of the nodes on the network confirm the miner's work. A miner that is successful in adding a block to the blockchain is automatically awarded a fixed amount of bitcoin for its efforts plus any transaction fees paid by transferors whose transactions are recorded in the block. This reward system is the means by which new bitcoin enter circulation.

The bitcoin network allows people to exchange tokens of value, called bitcoin, which are recorded on a public transaction ledger known as the Bitcoin Blockchain. Each bitcoin is associated with a set of unique cryptographic "keys", in the form of a string of numbers and letters, which allow whoever is in possession of the private key to assign that bitcoin in a transfer that the bitcoin network will recognize. One or more private keys control the transfer or "spending" of bitcoin from an associated public address. To use bitcoin, a user or a service provider must have access to keys that identify it for its transactions (similar to an ATM card and its related PIN). Bitcoin users keep their keys in electronic "wallets" that can be maintained on their computers, mobile phones, specialized hardware wallets, or wallets provided by online custodians.

While the bitcoin network allows for the exchange of bitcoin, a token of value, there are other blockchains that are designed to support different uses. For example, the Ethereum Network also allows users to write and implement smart contracts—that is, general-purpose code that executes on every computer in the network and can instruct the exchange of information and value based on a sophisticated set of logical conditions.

Bitcoin (and other crypto assets) can be used to pay for goods and services, although they are not currently widely accepted for such purpose, or they can be converted to fiat currencies, such as the U.S. dollar, at rates determined on digital asset trading platforms that enable trading in bitcoin or in individual end-user-to-end-user transactions under a barter system. Blockchain technology has since evolved to allow for greater programmability, which has resulted in a wide array of use cases, including smart contracts, without sacrificing the blockchains three core tenants: decentralization, security, and scalability.

#### **Crypto Asset Exposure**

# Information About Bitcoin

As noted above, the Fund does not invest directly in bitcoin or any other digital assets. The Fund does not invest in or seek direct exposure to the current "spot" or cash price of bitcoin. Investors seeking direct exposure to the price of bitcoin should consider an investment other than the Fund. The following provides an overview of bitcoin, the Bitcoin Blockchain, the relationship between the two, as well as their use cases.

#### Bitcoin Description:

Bitcoin, the first and most well-known modern digital asset, operates on a decentralized network using blockchain technology to facilitate secure and anonymous transactions. Bitcoin represents a digital asset that functions as a medium of exchange utilizing cryptographic protocols to secure transactional processes, control the creation of additional units, and verify the transfer of assets. Its operation on a decentralized blockchain network ensures both transparency and immutability of records, without the need for a central authority. This innovative technology underpinning bitcoin allows for peer-to-peer transactions and provides a framework for digital scarcity, making bitcoin a unique investment commodity within the digital asset landscape. Although bitcoin is called a crypto or digital currency, it is not presently accepted widely as a means of payment.

## Bitcoin Blockchain Description:

The Bitcoin Blockchain constitutes a decentralized, digital ledger technology that chronologically and publicly records all bitcoin transactions. As noted above, this technology is characterized by its use of blocks, which are structurally linked in a chain through cryptographic hashes. Each block contains a list of transactions that, once verified and added to the blockchain through a consensus process known as proof of work, which may take an hour or more, becomes irreversible and tamper-evident. The integrity, transparency, and security of the transactional data are maintained autonomously within the bitcoin network, eliminating the necessity for central oversight and facilitating trust in a peer-to-peer system.

# The Relationship between Bitcoin and Bitcoin Blockchain:

Bitcoin is a digital asset that operates on the Bitcoin Blockchain, a decentralized and cryptographic ledger system. The Bitcoin Blockchain underpins the entire bitcoin network, providing a secure and transparent mechanism for recording bitcoin transactions. Each bitcoin transaction is verified by network participants and permanently recorded on the Bitcoin Blockchain, ensuring the integrity and traceability of the digital asset. Thus, while bitcoin serves as a medium of exchange or store of value, the Bitcoin Blockchain acts as the immutable record-keeping system that facilitates and authenticates the circulation and ownership of bitcoin. This symbiotic relationship ensures that bitcoin operates in a trustless and decentralized manner, with the Bitcoin Blockchain maintaining bitcoin's history and scarcity.

#### Bitcoin and Bitcoin Blockchain Use Cases:

Bitcoin and the Bitcoin Blockchain serve as innovative financial instruments within the digital economy, offering multiple use cases. However, their adoption has been limited. Key applications include:

- 1. **Decentralized Transactions:** Bitcoin facilitates peer-to-peer financial transactions globally without the need for intermediaries, reducing transaction costs and times. This feature makes it an attractive option for cross-border transfers and remittances. Bitcoin and the Bitcoin Blockchain were designed to be used as an alternative general purpose payment system and while bitcoin may be an attractive option for cross border transfers and remittances, it is presently not widely used as a means of payment.
- 2. **Store of Value:** Due to its limited supply and decentralized nature, bitcoin is perceived as a digital alternative to traditional stores of value like gold, potentially serving as a hedge against inflation and currency devaluation.
- 3. **Smart Contracts:** While primarily associated with other blockchain platforms, the Bitcoin Blockchain can execute smart contracts—self-executing contractual agreements with the terms directly written into code—thereby enabling automated and conditional transactions.
- 4. **Asset Tokenization**: The Bitcoin Blockchain provides a platform for tokenizing assets, converting rights to an asset into a digital token on the blockchain. This can include real estate, stocks, or other forms of assets, enhancing liquidity and market efficiency. At this time this functionality is limited. Unlike the scripting language of blockchain platforms like Ethereum, the scripting language of the Bitcoin Blockchain is not Turing complete, and thus more limited in terms of the types of smart contracts it can support.
- 5. **Digital Identity Verification**: Leveraging the security and immutability of the Bitcoin Blockchain, companies can develop digital identity verification systems, enhancing privacy and reducing identity theft. At this time this functionality is limited.

#### Information About Ether

As noted above, the Fund does not invest directly in ether or any other digital assets. The Fund does not invest in or seek direct exposure to the current "spot" or cash price of ether. Investors seeking direct exposure to the price of ether should consider an investment other than the Fund.

# **Ether Description**

Ether is a digital asset which serves as the unit of account on an open-source, decentralized, peer-to-peer computer network. Ether may be used to pay for goods and services, stored for future use, or converted to a government-issued currency. As of the date of this Prospectus, the adoption of ether for these purposes has been limited. The value of ether is not backed by any government, corporation, or other identified body.

The value of ether is determined in part by the supply of and demand for, ether in the markets for exchange that have been organized to facilitate the trading of ether. Ether is the second largest digital asset by market capitalization behind bitcoin.

Ether is maintained on the decentralized, open source, peer-to-peer computer network ("Ethereum Network"). No single entity owns or operates the Ethereum Network. The Ethereum Network is accessed through software and governs the creation and movement of ether. The source code for the Ethereum Network is open-source, and anyone can contribute to its development.

#### Ethereum Network

The infrastructure of the Ethereum Network is collectively maintained by participants in the Ethereum Network, which include validators, developers, and users. Validators validate transactions and are currently compensated for that service in ether, as determined by the Ethereum Protocol. Developers maintain and contribute updates to the Ethereum Network's source code. Users access the Ethereum Network using open-source software. Anyone can be a user, developer, or validator.

Ether is maintained on a digital transaction ledger commonly known as a "blockchain." A blockchain is a type of shared and continually reconciled database, stored in a decentralized manner on the computers of certain users of the digital asset and is protected by cryptography. The Ethereum blockchain contains a record and history for each ether transaction.

The Ethereum blockchain allows for the creation of decentralized applications that are supported by a transaction protocol referred to as "smart contracts," which includes the cryptographic operations that verify and secure ether transactions. A smart contract operates by a pre-defined set of rules (i.e., "if/then statements") that allows it to automatically execute code on the Ethereum Network. Such actions taken by the pre-defined set of rules are not necessarily contractual in nature but are intended to eliminate the need for a third party to carry out code execution on behalf of users, making the system decentralized, allowing decentralized application developers to create a wide range of applications. Requiring payment in Ether on the Ethereum Network incentivizes developers to write quality applications and increases the efficiency of the Ethereum Network because wasteful code costs more. It also ensures that the Ethereum Network remains economically viable by compensating people for their contributed computational resources.

#### **Ethereum Protocol**

The Ethereum Protocol is an open source project with no official company or group in control. Anyone can review the underlying code and suggest changes. Because there is no central authority, the release of updates to the Ethereum Protocol source code by developers does not guarantee that the updates will be automatically adopted by the other participants. Users and validators must accept any changes made to the source code by downloading the proposed modification and that modification is effective only with respect to those ether users and validators who choose to download it. As a practical matter, a modification to the source code becomes part of the Ethereum Network only if it is accepted by validators that collectively represent a supermajority (two-thirds) of the cumulative validations on the Ethereum blockchain.

If a modification is accepted by only a portion of users and validators, a division will occur such that one network will run the premodification source code and the other network will run the modified source code. Such a division is known as a "fork."

New ether is created through "staking" of ether by validators. Validators are required to stake ether in order to perform validation activities and then, as a reward, earn newly created ether. Validation activities include verifying transactions, storing data, and adding to the Ethereum blockchain. Further, with its collective computing power on the distributed network, the Ethereum network provides the ability to execute peer-to-peer transactions to realize, via smart contracts, automatic, conditional transfer of value and information, including money, voting rights, and property.

# **Options Overlay Strategies**

As noted above under the Fund's principal investment strategy disclosures, the Fund is managed using various options strategies. The following describes the options strategies that the Adviser plans to implement at various times to manage the Fund's assets. The Fund's options strategies using options contracts will generally be "covered." That is, the Fund will implement an options strategy on an Underlying Security that the Fund owns, or the Fund will have a synthetic long exposure to the Underlying Security. Alternatively, for Options Strategies involving an index, the Fund will implement inherently covered Options Strategies, such as credit spreads.

To achieve a synthetic long exposure to an Underlying Security, the Fund will buy the Underlying Security's call options and, simultaneously, sell the Underlying Security's put options to try to replicate the price movements of the Underlying Security. The call options purchased by the Fund and the put options sold by the Fund will generally have two-month to one-year terms and strike prices that are approximately equal to then-current share price of the Underlying Security at the time the contracts are purchased and sold, respectively. The combination of the long call options and sold put options provides the Fund with investment exposure equal to approximately 100% of an Underlying Security for the duration of the applicable options exposure.

# 1. Selling Calls

**Strategy Overview**: Selling calls involves writing call options on a security, aiming to generate additional income from the premium received. This strategy profits if the security's share price remains below the strike price.

#### **Market Movement Scenarios:**

- 1. **Security Increases in Value**: If the security's share price rises above the strike price, the Fund will benefit up to the level of the strike price and will then be capped on additional gains. This is because the gains of the long exposure to the underlying security are offset by the cost to cover the written call option.
- 2. **Security Remains the Same**: If the security's share price remains the same or appreciates up to the premium of the written call option, the call option will expire worthless, and the Fund keeps the premium received as profit.
- 3. **Security Decreases in Value**: If the security's share price decreases, the call option will expire worthless, and the Fund keeps the premium received as profit.

# 2. Selling Credit Spreads

**Strategy Overview**: Selling credit spreads involves writing a call option at one strike price and buying another call option at a higher strike price or writing a put option at one strike price and buying another put option at a lower strike price. This strategy limits the potential loss compared to selling an option outright by capping it at the difference between the strike prices minus the net premium received.

# • Market Movement Scenarios (Call Example):

- 1. **Security Increases in Value**: If the security's share price rises above the higher strike price, the option position will lose the difference between the strike prices minus the net premium received. Between strikes, the option position loses the difference between the security's share price and the lower strike.
- 2. **Security Remains the Same**: If the security's share price remains the same, both options will expire worthless, and the Fund keeps the net premium received as profit.
- 3. **Security Decreases in Value**: If the security's share price decreases, both options will expire worthless, and the Fund keeps the net premium received as profit.

# • Market Movement Scenarios (Put Example):

- 1. **Security increases in Value**: If the security's share price increases, both options will expire worthless, and the Fund keeps the net premium received as profit.
- 2. **Security Remains the Same**: If the security's share price remains the same, both options will expire worthless, and the Fund keeps the net premium received as profit.
- 3. **Security decreases in Value**: If the security's share price decreases below the higher strike price, the Fund's loss is capped at the difference between the strike prices minus the net premium received. Between strikes the option position loses the difference between the security's share price and the lower strike.

# 3. Selling Diagonal Call Spreads

**Strategy Overview**: Selling diagonal call spreads involves selling a call option with a nearer expiration date and buying a call option with a later expiration date at a different strike price. This strategy aims to benefit from the time decay (see below) of the nearer-term option.

• Time decay is the reduction in an option's value as the time to its expiration date approaches. An option's decay accelerates as its expiration date gets closer because there is less time for an investor to earn a profit from that option.

# Market Movement Scenarios (at the max maturity date of the options):

- 1. **Security Increases in Value**: If the security's share price rises above the higher strike price, the option position's loss is capped at the difference between the strike prices minus the net premium received. Between strikes the option position loses the difference between the security's share price and the lower strike.
- 2. **Security Remains the Same**: If the security's share price remains the same, both options will expire worthless, and the Fund keeps the net premium received as profit.
- 3. **Security Decreases in Value**: If the security's share price decreases, both options will expire worthless, and the Fund keeps the net premium received as profit.

#### 4. Cash-Secured Out of the Money Put Selling

**Strategy Overview**: Cash-secured put selling involves selling put options at a strike price below the market while holding enough cash to buy the security at the strike price if assigned. This strategy generates income from the premium received.

#### **Market Movement Scenarios:**

- 1. **Security Increases in Value**: If the security's share price rises higher than the strike of the put option, the put option will expire worthless, and the Fund keeps the premium received.
- 2. **Security Remains the Same**: If the security's share price remains the same, the put option will expire worthless, and the Fund keeps the premium received.
- 3. **Security Decreases in Value**: If the security's share price decreases, the Fund may be assigned the security (i.e., the Fund will need to purchase the security) at the strike price, but the Fund effectively buys it at a lower net price due to the premium received.

# 5. Selling Calendar Call Spreads

**Strategy Overview**: Selling calendar call spreads involves selling a short-term option and buying a longer-term option at the same strike price. This strategy benefits from the faster time decay of the short-term option.

# Market Movement Scenarios (between the two maturity dates):

- 1. **Security Increases in Value**: If the security's share price rises above the strike, the short-term option will be covered at a loss, minus the premium received, but the long-term option increases in value, offsetting some losses.
- 2. **Security Remains the Same (below the strike)**: If the security's share price remains the same, the short-term option expires worthless, and the Fund profits from the time decay differential; however, the long-term option will experience some decay resulting in an offsetting loss.
- 3. **Security Decreases in Value**: If the security's share price decreases, the short-term option expires worthless, and the Fund profits from the time decay differential; however, the long-term option will experience some decay resulting in an offsetting loss.

#### 6. Selling Collars

**Strategy Overview**: Selling collars involves selling a call option and buying a put option to limit volatility against significant price movements, aiming to generate income from the premium received while limiting potential losses.

# **Market Movement Scenarios:**

- 1. **Security Increases in Value**: If the security's share price rises above the call strike price, the call option position loses the difference between the security's share price and strike price.
- 2. **Security Remains the Same**: If the security's share price remains the same, both options expire worthless, and the Fund keeps the premium received from the call option, but offset by the loss of premium paid on the put option.
- 3. **Security Decreases in Value**: If the security's share price falls below the put strike price, the put option position gains the difference between the security's share price and strike price of the long put option, as well as earning the premium from the sold call option.

# Additional Information Related to the Cayman Subsidiary

The Subsidiary is not registered under the 1940 Act, and, unless otherwise noted in this Prospectus, is not subject to all the investor protections of the 1940 Act. However, the Fund wholly owns and controls its Subsidiary, making it unlikely that the Subsidiary will take action contrary to the interests of the Fund and its shareholders. The Board has oversight responsibility for the investment activities of the Fund, including its investment in its Subsidiary, and the Fund's role as sole shareholder of its Subsidiary.

The principal investment strategies and risks of the Subsidiary are also principal investment strategies and risks of the Fund and therefore the principal investment strategies and principal risk disclosures of the registration statement reflect the operations of the Fund and its subsidiaries, including the Subsidiary, on a consolidated basis.

The investment adviser to the Subsidiary complies with provisions of the 1940 Act relating to investment advisory contracts (Section 15) as if each were an investment adviser to the Fund under Section 2(a)(20) of the 1940 Act; provided, however, that for purposes of complying with Section 15(c), the reviews of the Fund's and its Subsidiary's investment advisory agreements may be combined.

The Subsidiary complies with the 1940 Act provisions relating to affiliated transactions and custody (Section 17). The Subsidiary's custodian is U.S. Bank. The Fund complies with the provisions of the 1940 Act governing capital structure and leverage (Section 18) on an aggregate basis with the Subsidiary so that the Fund treats the Subsidiary's debt as its own for purposes of Section 18. The Fund does not intend to create or acquire primary control of any entity which engages in investment activities in securities or other assets, other than entities it wholly-owns.

The financial statements of the Subsidiary will be consolidated with the Fund's financial statements in the Fund's annual and semi-annual reports.

# **Reverse Repurchase Agreements**

As noted above, the Fund may use reverse repurchase agreements, a form of borrowing where it sells securities and agrees to buy them back later at a higher price, allowing it to use the sale proceeds for other investments. This practice results in a loss for the Fund as it repurchases the securities at a higher price. To qualify as a regulated investment company (RIC) under the Internal Revenue Code, the Fund ensures its investment in the Subsidiary does not exceed 25% of its total assets at the end of each fiscal quarter. During other times of the year, this investment may exceed 25%.

To manage its asset exposure to the Subsidiary, the Fund may use short-term Treasury Bills it owns (and purchase additional Treasury Bills if necessary) to engage in reverse repurchase agreements, which function as loans to the Fund. These loans increase the Fund's gross assets, helping it meet the Asset Diversification Test. When entering a reverse repurchase agreement, the Fund will either (i) comply with Section 18 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 by maintaining asset coverage of at least 300% of the value of the reverse repurchase agreement; or (ii) treat the reverse repurchase agreement transactions as derivative transactions under Rule 18f-4 of the 1940 Act, adhering to the applicable value-at-risk based limit on leverage risk.

# **Investments by Registered Investment Companies**

Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act restricts investments by investment companies in the securities of other investment companies. However, registered investment companies are permitted to invest in other investment companies beyond the limits set forth in Section 12(d)(1) in rules under the 1940 Act, subject to certain conditions. The Fund may rely on Rule 12d1-4 of the 1940 Act, which provides an exemption from Section 12(d)(1) that allows the Fund to invest beyond the limits set forth in Section 12(d)(1) if the Fund satisfies certain conditions specified in Rule 12d1-4, including, among other conditions, that the Fund and its advisory group will not control (individually or in the aggregate) an acquired fund (e.g., hold more than 25% of the outstanding voting securities of an acquired fund that is a registered open-end management investment company).

#### **Temporary Defensive Strategies**

For temporary defensive purposes during adverse market, economic, political, or other conditions, the Fund may invest in a manner that is inconsistent with its principal investment strategies, including investments in cash or cash equivalents or short-term instruments such as commercial paper, money market mutual funds, or short-term U.S. government securities. Taking a temporary defensive position may result in the Fund not achieving its investment objective.

# Principal Risks of Investing in the Fund

There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives. The following information is in addition to, and should be read along with, the description of the Fund's principal investment risks in the section titled "Fund Summary— Principal Investment Risks" above. The principal risks are presented in alphabetical order to facilitate finding particular risks and comparing them with those of other funds. Each risk summarized below is considered a "principal risk" of investing in the Fund, regardless of the order in which it appears.

**Bitcoin Investment Risks.** The Fund's indirect investment in bitcoin, through investment in Underlying Funds and/or options on Underlying Funds, exposes it to the unique risks of this emerging innovation. Bitcoin's price is highly volatile, and its market is influenced by the changing bitcoin network, fluctuating acceptance levels, and unpredictable usage trends. Not being a legal tender and operating outside central authority systems like banks, bitcoin faces potential government restrictions. For instance, some countries may limit or ban bitcoin transactions, negatively impacting its market value.

The risks associated with bitcoin include the possibility of fraud, theft, market manipulation, and security breaches in trading platforms. A small group of large bitcoin holders, known as "whales," can significantly influence bitcoin's price and may have the ability to manipulate the price. The largely unregulated nature of bitcoin and its trading venues heightens risks of fraudulent activities and market manipulation, which could affect bitcoin's price. For example, if a group of miners gains control over a majority of the bitcoin network, they could manipulate transactions to their advantage. Historical instances have seen bitcoin trading venues shut down due to fraud or security breaches, often leaving investors without recourse and facing significant losses.

Updates to bitcoin's software, proposed by developers, can lead to the creation of new digital assets, or "forks," if not broadly adopted. This can impact bitcoin's demand and the Fund's performance. The extreme volatility of bitcoin's market price can result in shareholder losses. Furthermore, the operation of bitcoin trading platforms may be disrupted or cease altogether due to various issues, further affecting bitcoin's price and the Fund's investments.

The value of bitcoin has historically been subject to significant speculation, making trading and investing in bitcoin reliant on market sentiment rather than traditional fundamental analysis.

Bitcoin's price can be influenced by events unrelated to its security or utility, including instability in other speculative areas of the crypto/blockchain space, potentially leading to substantial declines in its value.

Risks associated with crypto asset trading platforms include fragmentation, regulatory non-compliance, and the possibility of enforcement actions by regulatory authorities, which could impact the valuation of bitcoin-linked derivatives held by the Fund.

The security of the Bitcoin Blockchain may be compromised if a single miner or group controls more than 50% of the network's hashing power, where hashing power refers to the computational capacity used to validate and secure transactions on the blockchain.

Proposed changes to the bitcoin protocol may not be universally adopted, leading to the creation of competing blockchains (forks) with different assets and participants, exemplified by past forks like Bitcoin Cash and Bitcoin SV.

The Bitcoin Blockchain protocol may contain vulnerabilities that attackers could exploit to disrupt its operation, potentially compromising the security and reliability of the network.

Emerging alternative public blockchains, particularly those emphasizing privacy through technologies like zero-knowledge cryptography, pose risks and challenges to the dominance of the Bitcoin Blockchain as a payment system.

Common impediments to adopting the Bitcoin Blockchain as a payment network include slow transaction processing, variability in transaction fees, and the volatility of bitcoin's price, which may deter widespread adoption by businesses and consumers.

The development and use of "Layer II solutions" are critical for the scalability and functionality of the Bitcoin Blockchain, but they also introduce risks such as off-chain transaction execution, which could affect transparency and security. Layer II solutions are off-chain protocols that improve scalability and reduce transaction costs by processing transactions outside the main blockchain network.

Adoption and use of other blockchains supporting advanced applications like smart contracts present challenges to the dominance of the Bitcoin Blockchain, potentially impacting its long-term relevance and utility in the evolving landscape of blockchain technology.

Cayman Subsidiary Risk. By investing in the Subsidiary, the Fund is indirectly exposed to the risks associated with the Subsidiary's investments. The investments held by the Subsidiary are subject to the same economic risks that apply to similar investments if held directly by the Fund. The Subsidiary is not registered under the 1940 Act, and, unless otherwise noted in this Prospectus, is not subject to all the investor protections of the 1940 Act. Changes in the laws of the United States and the Cayman Islands could result in the inability of the Fund and/or the Subsidiary to continue to operate as it does currently and could adversely affect the Fund. For example, the Cayman Islands does not currently impose any income, corporate or capital gains tax or withholding tax on the Subsidiary. If Cayman Islands law changes such that the Subsidiary must pay Cayman Islands taxes, Fund shareholders would likely suffer decreased investment returns. In addition, the Subsidiary is also subject to many of the risks to which the Fund is subject, such as tax risks, commodity related risks, and market and data risks.

Commodity-Linked Derivatives Tax Risk. The tax treatment of commodity-linked derivative instruments, such as options on certain Underlying Funds, may be adversely affected by changes in legislation, regulations, or other legally binding authority. As a RIC, the Fund must derive at least 90% of its gross income each taxable year from certain qualifying sources of income under the Code. If, as a result of any adverse future legislation, U.S. Treasury regulations, and/or guidance issued by the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS"), the income of the Fund from certain commodity-linked derivatives, including income from the Fund's investments in the Subsidiary, were treated as non-qualifying income, the Fund may fail to qualify as RIC and/or be subject to federal income tax at the Fund level. The uncertainty surrounding the treatment of certain derivative instruments under the qualification tests for a RIC may limit the Fund's use of such derivative instruments.

The Fund intends to limit its investment in the Subsidiary to no more than 25% of the value of its total assets in order to satisfy certain asset diversification requirements for taxation as a regulated investment company. The Fund intends to manage the exposure to the Subsidiary so that the Fund's investments in the Subsidiary do not exceed 25% of the total assets at the end of any quarter. If the Fund's investments in the Subsidiary were to exceed 25% of the Fund's total assets at the end of a tax quarter, the Fund, generally, has a grace period to cure such lack of compliance. If the Fund fails to timely cure, it may no longer be eligible to be treated as a RIC.

Counterparty Risk. The Fund is subject to counterparty risk by virtue of its investments in options contracts. Transactions in some types of derivatives, including options, are required to be centrally cleared ("cleared derivatives"). In a transaction involving cleared derivatives, the Fund's counterparty is a clearing house rather than a bank or broker. Since the Fund is not a member of clearing houses

and only members of a clearing house ("clearing members") can participate directly in the clearing house, the Fund will hold cleared derivatives through accounts at clearing members. In cleared derivatives positions, the Fund will make payments (including margin payments) to and receive payments from a clearing house through their accounts at clearing members. Customer funds held at a clearing organization in connection with any options contracts are held in a commingled omnibus account and are not identified to the name of the clearing member's individual customers. As a result, assets deposited by the Fund with any clearing member as margin for options may, in certain circumstances, be used to satisfy losses of other clients of the Fund's clearing member. In addition, although clearing members guarantee performance of their clients' obligations to the clearing house, there is a risk that the assets of the Fund might not be fully protected in the event of the clearing member's bankruptcy, as the Fund would be limited to recovering only a pro rata share of all available funds segregated on behalf of the clearing member's customers for the relevant account class. Each Fund is also subject to the risk that a limited number of clearing members are willing to transact on the Fund's behalf, which heightens the risks associated with a clearing member's default. If a clearing member defaults the Fund could lose some or all of the benefits of a transaction entered into by the Fund with the clearing member. If the Fund cannot find a clearing member to transact with on the Fund's behalf, the Fund may be unable to effectively implement its investment strategy.

Crypto Industry Risk. Investing in the Crypto Industry involves substantial risks, including but not limited to market volatility, regulatory changes, technological obsolescence, and security vulnerabilities. Crypto Industry companies typically face significant volatility due to the nascent and rapidly evolving nature of the sector. High research and capital expenditures are common, which can result in substantial variability in profitability, or even sustained losses. The industry is intensely competitive, with technological advancements occurring at a rapid pace, potentially rendering existing products or services obsolete. These companies are heavily reliant on digital and intellectual property, including proprietary blockchain technology and cryptographic algorithms, and may be adversely affected by the loss, theft, or impairment of these assets. Furthermore, the Crypto Industry is subject to a complex and constantly changing legal, regulatory, and political landscape, which can have a substantial impact on the profitability and viability of companies within the sector. Regulatory actions or unfavorable legal rulings could significantly hinder operations or market access. Additionally, security breaches, hacking incidents, or failures in the underlying technology of a crypto asset or blockchain could have devastating effects on the issuer, particularly if the compromised asset or technology is central to the issuer's business model. The Crypto Industry has been, and may continue to be, dependent on speculation. The identification and classification of Crypto Industry companies can be challenging, as the boundaries of the industry are often unclear and subject to interpretation.

- Blockchain Risk. Companies involved in the crypto asset industry are subject to the risks associated with blockchain technology, the occurrence of which could negatively impact the value of such companies. These risks include (i) the risk that the integrity and viability of the consensus mechanism of the blockchain fails; (ii) the risk that the blockchain's capacity to execute and settle transactions in a timely and predictable manner is compromised; (iii) the open source nature of blockchain technology which makes it vulnerable to being "forked" by users and miners/validators (i.e., creation of a new competing blockchain when a significant portion of the miners/validators adopts updates to the existing blockchain protocol); and (iv) development of so-called Layer 2 networks, including the "Lightning Network," which are separate blockchains built on top of "Layer 1" blockchains, like the Bitcoin Blockchain, for the purpose of augmenting the throughput of the Layer 1 blockchain. Layer 2 blockchains are a relatively new and still developing technology and include certain risks, such as the potential for hacks, bugs or failures.
- Crypto Asset Trading Platform Risk. Companies involved in the crypto asset industry are subject to the risks associated with crypto asset trading platforms. Crypto asset trading platforms and other trading venues on which crypto assets trade are relatively new and, in most cases, largely unregulated and may therefore be more exposed to market manipulation, fraud and failure than established, regulated exchanges for securities, derivatives and other currencies. Crypto asset trading platforms may (and in certain cases have) become subject to enforcement actions by regulatory authorities.

**Derivatives Risk.** The Fund's derivative investments have risks, including the imperfect correlation between the value of such instruments and the underlying assets; the loss of principal, including the potential loss of amounts greater than the initial amount invested in the derivative instrument; the possible default of the other party to the transaction; and illiquidity of the derivative investments. Use of derivatives could also result in a loss if the counterparty to the transaction does not perform as promised, including because of such counterparty's bankruptcy or insolvency. This risk may be greater during volatile market conditions. Other risks include the inability to close out a position because the trading market becomes illiquid (particularly in the OTC markets) or the availability of counterparties becomes limited for a period of time. In addition, the presence of speculators in a particular market could lead to price distortions.

Certain of the Fund's transactions in derivatives could also affect the amount, timing, and character of distributions to shareholders, which may result in the Fund realizing more short-term capital gain and ordinary income subject to tax at ordinary income tax rates than it would if it did not engage in such transactions, which may adversely impact such Fund's after-tax returns.

In addition, the Fund's investments in derivatives are subject to the following risks:

Options Contracts. The use of options contracts involves investment strategies and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. The prices of options are volatile and are influenced by, among other things, actual

and anticipated changes in the value of the underlying instrument, including the anticipated volatility, which are affected by fiscal and monetary policies and by national and international political, changes in the actual or implied volatility or the reference asset, the time remaining until the expiration of the option contract and economic events. For the Fund in particular, the value of the options contracts in which it invests are substantially influenced by the value of the Underlying Security. The Fund may experience substantial downside from specific option positions and certain option positions held by the Fund may expire worthless. The options held by the Fund are exercisable at the strike price on their expiration date. As an option approaches its expiration date, its value typically increasingly move with the value of the underlying instrument. However, prior to such date, the value of an option generally does not increase or decrease at the same rate at the underlying instrument. There may at times be an imperfect correlation between the movement in the values of options contracts and the underlying instrument, and there may at times not be a liquid secondary market for certain options contracts. The value of the options held by the Fund will be determined based on market quotations or other recognized pricing methods. The Fund may also write call and put options, which includes the risk that the underlying instrument appreciates or depreciates sufficiently over the period to offset the net premium received by the Fund for the written option, resulting in a loss to the Fund. Additionally, to the extent the Fund maintains indirect exposure to an Underlying Security through the use of options contracts, as the options contracts it holds are exercised or expire it will enter into new options contracts, a practice referred to as "rolling." If the expiring options contracts do not generate proceeds enough to cover the cost of entering into new options contracts, the Fund may experience losses.

**Distribution Risk.** As part of the Fund's investment objectives, the Fund seeks to provide current monthly income. There is no assurance that the Fund will make a distribution in any given month. If the Fund makes distributions, the amounts of such distributions will likely vary greatly from one distribution to the next. Additionally, monthly distributions, if any, may consist of returns of capital, which would decrease the Fund's NAV and trading price over time. As a result, an investor may suffer significant losses to their investment.

Economic and Market Risk. Economies and financial markets throughout the world are becoming increasingly interconnected, which increases the likelihood that events or conditions in one country or region will adversely impact markets or issuers in other countries or regions. Securities in the Fund's portfolio may underperform in comparison to securities in the general financial markets, a particular financial market, or other asset classes, due to a number of factors, including inflation (or expectations for inflation), deflation (or expectations for deflation), interest rates, global demand for particular products or resources, market instability, financial system instability, debt crises and downgrades, embargoes, tariffs, sanctions and other trade barriers, regulatory events, other governmental trade or market control programs and related geopolitical events. In addition, the value of the Fund's investments may be negatively affected by the occurrence of global events such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters or events, country instability, and infectious disease epidemics or pandemics. The imposition by the U.S. of tariffs on goods imported from foreign countries and reciprocal tariffs levied on U.S. goods by those countries also may lead to volatility and instability in domestic and foreign markets.

Emerging Markets Risk. All of the risks of investing in foreign securities are heightened by investing in emerging markets. Emerging market countries may have less established economies and may face greater social, economic, regulatory and political risks, and may have smaller or more limited capital markets, which could contribute to increased volatility or more difficulty in determining the value or liquidity of holdings. Securities issued by companies in emerging markets are subject to a greater risk of market interventions, inflationary or deflationary forces, and potentially more monetary policy influences which can affect a security's value.

#### ETF Risks.

Authorized Participants, Market Makers, and Liquidity Providers Concentration Risk. The Fund has a limited number of financial institutions that are authorized to purchase and redeem Shares directly from the Fund (known as "Authorized Participants" or "APs"). In addition, there may be a limited number of market makers and/or liquidity providers in the marketplace. To the extent either of the following events occur, Shares may trade at a material discount to NAV and possibly face delisting: (i) APs exit the business or otherwise become unable to process creation and/or redemption orders and no other APs step forward to perform these services; or (ii) market makers and/or liquidity providers exit the business or significantly reduce their business activities and no other entities step forward to perform their functions.

Cash Redemption Risk. Each Fund's investment strategy may require it to redeem Shares for cash or to otherwise include cash as part of its redemption proceeds. For example, the Fund may not be able to redeem in-kind certain securities held by the Fund (e.g., derivative instruments). In such a case, the Fund may be required to sell or unwind portfolio investments to obtain the cash needed to distribute redemption proceeds. This may cause the Fund to recognize a capital gain that it might not have recognized if it had made a redemption in-kind. As a result, the Fund may pay out higher annual capital gain distributions than if the in-kind redemption process was used. By paying out higher annual capital gain distributions, investors may be subjected to increased capital gains taxes. Additionally, there may be brokerage costs or taxable gains or losses that may be imposed on the Fund in connection with a cash redemption that may not have occurred if the Fund had made a redemption in-kind. These costs could decrease the value of the Fund to the extent they are not offset by a transaction fee payable by an AP.

Costs of Buying or Selling Shares. Due to the costs of buying or selling Shares, including brokerage commissions imposed by brokers and bid-ask spreads, frequent trading of Shares may significantly reduce investment results and an investment in Shares may not be advisable for investors who anticipate regularly making small investments.

*Management Risk*. The Fund is subject to management risk because it is an actively managed portfolio. In managing the Fund's investment portfolio, the portfolio managers will apply investment techniques and risk analyses that may not produce the desired result. There can be no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective.

Shares May Trade at Prices Other Than NAV. As with all ETFs, Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. Although it is expected that the market price of Shares will approximate the Fund's NAV, there may be times when the market price of Shares is more than the NAV intra-day (premium) or less than the NAV intra-day (discount) due to supply and demand of Shares or during periods of market volatility. This risk is heightened in times of market volatility, periods of steep market declines, and periods when there is limited trading activity for Shares in the secondary market, in which case such premiums or discounts may be significant.

Trading. Although Shares are listed on a national securities exchange, such as the applicable Exchange, and may be traded on U.S. exchanges other than the applicable Exchange, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for the Shares will develop or be maintained or that the Shares will trade with any volume, or at all, on any stock exchange. In stressed market conditions, the liquidity of Shares may begin to mirror the liquidity of the Fund's underlying portfolio holdings, which can be significantly less liquid than Shares. Shares trade on the applicable Exchange at a market price that may be below, at or above the Fund's NAV. Trading in Shares on the applicable Exchange may be halted due to market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in Shares inadvisable. In addition, trading in Shares on an Exchange is subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility pursuant to the applicable Exchange's "circuit breaker" rules. There can be no assurance that the requirements of the applicable Exchange necessary to maintain the listing of the Fund will continue to be met or will remain unchanged.

Ether Investment Risks. The Fund's indirect investment in ether, through investment in Underlying Funds and/or options on Underlying Funds, exposes it to the unique risks of this emerging innovation. Ether is a relatively new and is subject to unique and substantial risks. The market for ether is subject to rapid price swings, changes and uncertainty. The further development of the Ethereum Network and the acceptance and use of ether are subject to a variety of factors that are difficult to evaluate. The slowing, stopping or reversing of the development of the Ethereum Network or the acceptance of ether may adversely affect the price and liquidity of ether. Ether is subject to the risk of fraud, theft, manipulation or security failures, operational or other problems that impact ether trading venues. Additionally, if one or a coordinated group of validators were to gain control of 33% or more of staked ether (i.e., ether that is deposited to support the Ethereum Network), they would have the ability to execute extensive attacks, manipulate transactions and fraudulently obtain ether. If such a validator or group of validators were to gain control of one-third of staked ether, they could halt payments. A significant portion of ether is held by a small number of holders sometimes referred to as "whales". Transactions by these holders may influence the price of ether.

The value of ether may be substantially dependent on speculation, such that trading and investing in ether generally may not be based on fundamental analysis. The exposure of ether to instability and other speculative parts of the blockchain crypto industry, such as an event that is not necessarily related to the security or utility of the Etherum Network, can nonetheless precipitate a significant decline in the price of ether. There are risks related to fragmentation and lack of regulatory compliance with regard to crypto asset trading platforms. The crypto asset trading platforms upon which ether is traded and which may serve as a pricing source of the valuation of ether linked derivatives held by an Underlying Fund are or may become subject to enforcement actions by regulatory authorities.

Unlike the exchanges for more traditional assets, such as equity securities and futures contracts, ether and ether trading venues are largely unregulated. As a result of the lack of regulation, individuals or groups may engage in fraud or market manipulation (including using social media to promote ether in a way that artificially increases the price of ether). Investors may be more exposed to the risk of theft, fraud and market manipulation than when investing in more traditional asset classes. Over the past several years, a number of ether trading venues have been closed due to fraud, failure or security breaches. Investors in ether may have little or no recourse should such theft, fraud or manipulation occur and could suffer significant losses.

The realization of any of these risks could result in a decline in the acceptance of ether and consequently a reduction in the value of ether, ether futures, Underlying Funds and the Fund.

Additionally, legal or regulatory changes may negatively impact the operation of the Ethereum Network or restrict the use of ether. For example, if ether were determined to be or were expected to be determined to be a security under the federal securities laws, it is possible certain trading venues would no longer facilitate trading in ether, trading in ether futures may become significantly more volatile and/or completely halted, and the value of an investment in the Underlying Funds and/or the Fund could decline significantly and without warning, including to zero.

Finally, the creation of a "fork" (as described above) or a substantial giveaway of ether (sometimes referred to as an "air drop") may result in significant and unexpected declines in the value of ether, ether futures, Underlying Funds and the Fund. A fork may be intentional, such as the 'Merge.' The 'Merge' refers to protocol changes altering the method by which transactions are validated.

The market for ether futures may be less developed, and potentially less liquid and more volatile, than more established futures markets. While the ether futures market has grown substantially since ether futures commenced trading, there can be no assurance that this growth will continue. The price for ether futures contracts is based on a number of factors, including the supply of and the demand for ether futures contracts. Market conditions and expectations, regulatory limitations or limitations imposed by the listing exchanges or futures commission merchants ("FCMs") (e.g., margin requirements, position limits, and accountability levels), collateral requirements, availability of counterparties, and other factors each can impact the supply of and demand for ether futures contracts, which can impact the Underlying Funds.

Market conditions and expectations, margin requirements, position limits, accountability levels, collateral requirements, availability of counterparties, and other factors may also limit the Underlying Funds' ability to achieve their desired exposure to ether futures contracts, thereby impacting the Fund. If the Underlying Funds are unable to achieve their targeted exposure, the Fund may not be able to meet its investment objective and the Fund's returns may be different or lower than expected. Additionally, collateral requirements may require Underlying Funds to liquidate their positions, potentially incurring losses and expenses, when it otherwise would not do so. Investing in derivatives like ether futures may be considered aggressive and may expose the Underlying Funds, and thereby the Fund, to significant risks. These risks include counterparty risk and liquidity risk.

The performance of ether futures contracts, in general, has historically been highly correlated to the performance of ether. However, there can be no guarantee this will continue. Transaction costs (including the costs associated with futures investing), position limits, the availability of counterparties and other factors may impact the cost of ether futures contracts and decrease the correlation between the performance of ether futures contracts and ether, over short or even long-term periods. In addition, the performance of back-month futures contracts (i.e., futures contracts whose delivery dates are relatively far in the future) is likely to differ more significantly from the performance of the spot prices of ether. To the extent the Underlying Funds are invested in back-month ether future contracts, their performance, and thereby the performance of the Fund, should be expected to deviate more significantly from the performance of ether.

Equity Market Risk. The equity securities held in the Fund's portfolio may experience sudden, unpredictable drops in value or long periods of decline in value. This may occur because of factors that affect securities markets generally or factors affecting specific issuers, industries, or sectors in which the Fund invests. Common stocks, such as those held by the Fund, are generally exposed to greater risk than other types of securities, such as preferred stock and debt obligations, because common stockholders generally have inferior rights to receive payment from issuers. Securities in the Fund's portfolio may underperform in comparison to securities in the general financial markets, a particular financial market, or other asset classes, due to a number of factors. Factors that could impact the market value of an equity security include a company's business performance, investor perceptions, stock market trends and general economic conditions.

**Foreign Investment Risk.** The Fund will invest in foreign securities, including non-U.S. dollar-denominated securities traded outside of the United States and U.S. dollar-denominated securities of foreign issuers traded in the United States. Returns on investments in foreign securities could be more volatile than, or trail the returns on, investments in U.S. securities. Investments in foreign securities, including investments in American Depositary Receipts (ADRs), European Depositary Receipts (EDRs) and Global Depositary Receipts (GDRs), are subject to special risks, including the following:

- Foreign Securities Risk. Investments in non-U.S. securities involve risks that may not be present with investments in U.S. securities. For example, investments in non-U.S. securities may be subject to risk of loss due to foreign currency fluctuations or to political or economic instability. There may be less information publicly available about a non-U.S. issuer than a U.S. issuer. Non-U.S. issuers may be subject to different accounting, auditing, financial reporting and investor protection standards than U.S. issuers. Changes to the financial condition or credit rating of foreign issuers may also adversely affect the value of the Fund's securities. Investments in non-U.S. securities may be subject to withholding or other taxes and may be subject to additional trading, settlement, custodial, and operational risks. Because legal systems differ, there is also the possibility that it will be difficult to obtain or enforce legal judgments in some countries. Since foreign exchanges may be open on days when the Fund does not price its Shares, the value of the securities in the Fund's portfolio may change on days when shareholders will not be able to purchase or sell the Fund's Shares. Conversely, Shares may trade on days when foreign exchanges are closed. Investment in foreign securities may involve higher costs than investment in U.S. securities, including higher transaction and custody costs as well as the imposition of additional taxes by foreign governments. Each of these factors can make investments in the Fund more volatile and potentially less liquid than other types of investments.
- Depositary Receipt Risk. Depositary receipts involve risks similar to those associated with investments in foreign securities and certain additional risks. Depositary receipts listed on U.S. exchanges are issued by banks or trust companies and entitle the holder to all dividends and capital gains that are paid out on the underlying foreign shares ("Underlying Shares"). When the Fund invests in depositary receipts as a substitute for an investment directly in the

Underlying Shares, the Fund is exposed to the risk that the depositary receipts may not provide a return that corresponds precisely with that of the Underlying Shares. The Fund may invest in unsponsored depositary receipts. The issuers of unsponsored depositary receipts are not obligated to disclose material information in the United States and, therefore, there may be less information available regarding such issuers and there may not be a correlation between such information and the value of the depositary receipts.

**High Portfolio Turnover Risk.** The Fund may actively and frequently trade all or a significant portion of the securities in its portfolio. A high portfolio turnover rate increases transaction costs, which may increase the Fund's expenses. Frequent trading may also cause adverse tax consequences for investors in the Fund due to an increase in short-term capital gains.

**Inflation Risk.** Inflation risk is the risk that the value of assets or income from investments will be less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the present value of the Fund's assets and distributions, if any, may decline.

#### Market Capitalization Risk.

- Large-Capitalization Investing. The securities of large-capitalization companies may be relatively mature compared to smaller companies and therefore subject to slower growth during times of economic expansion. Large-capitalization companies may also be unable to respond quickly to new competitive challenges, such as changes in technology and consumer tastes.
- Mid-Capitalization Investing. The securities of mid-capitalization companies may be more vulnerable to adverse issuer, market, political, or economic developments than securities of large-capitalization companies. The securities of mid-capitalization companies generally trade in lower volumes and are subject to greater and more unpredictable price changes than large-capitalization stocks or the stock market as a whole.
- Small-Capitalization Investing. The securities of small-capitalization companies may be more vulnerable to adverse issuer, market, political, or economic developments than securities of large- or mid-capitalization companies. The securities of small-capitalization companies generally trade in lower volumes and are subject to greater and more unpredictable price changes than large- or mid-capitalization stocks or the stock market as a whole. There is typically less publicly available information concerning smaller-capitalization companies than for larger, more established companies.

**NAV Erosion Risk Due to Distributions.** If the Fund makes a distribution, the Fund's NAV will typically drop by the amount of the distribution on the related ex-dividend date. The repeated payment of distributions, if any, by the Fund may significantly erode the Fund's NAV and trading price over time. As a result, an investor may suffer significant losses to their investment.

**New Fund Risk.** The Fund is recently organized with limited operating history. As a result, prospective investors have a limited track record or history on which to base their investment decisions. There can be no assurance that the Fund will grow to or maintain an economically viable size.

**Non-Diversification Risk.** Because the Fund is "non-diversified," it may invest a greater percentage of its assets in the securities of a single issuer or a smaller number of issuers than if it was a diversified fund. As a result, a decline in the value of an investment in a single issuer or a smaller number of issuers could cause the Fund's overall value to decline to a greater degree than if the Fund held a more diversified portfolio.

**Operational Risk.** Each Fund is subject to risks arising from various operational factors, including, but not limited to, human error, processing and communication errors, errors of the Fund's service providers, counterparties or other third-parties, failed or inadequate processes and technology or systems failures. Each Fund relies on third-parties for a range of services, including custody. Any delay or failure relating to engaging or maintaining such service providers may affect the Fund's ability to meet its investment objective. Although the Fund and the Fund's investment advisor seek to reduce these operational risks through controls and procedures, there is no way to completely protect against such risks.

Reverse Repurchase Agreement Risk. Similar to borrowing, reverse repurchase agreements provide the Fund with cash for investment purposes, which creates leverage and subjects the Fund to the risks of leverage. Reverse repurchase agreements also involve the risk that the other party may fail to return the securities in a timely manner or at all. The Fund could lose money if it is unable to recover the securities and/or if the value of collateral held by the Fund, including the value of the investments made with cash collateral, is less than the value of securities.

**Tax Risk.** The Fund intends to treat any income received by the Subsidiary as "qualifying income" under the provisions of the Code applicable to RICs. The IRS has issued numerous private letter rulings ("PLRs") provided to third parties not associated with the Fund or its affiliates (which only those parties may rely on as precedent) concluding that similar arrangements resulted in qualifying income.

Many of such PLRs have now been revoked by the IRS. In March of 2019, the IRS published Regulations that concluded that income from a corporation similar to the Subsidiary would be qualifying income. Although the Regulations do not require distributions from the Subsidiary, the Fund intends to cause the Subsidiary to make distributions that would allow the Fund to make timely distributions to its shareholders and to meet the requirement that the Subsidiary have a value not in excess of 25% of the Fund's value at the close of a quarter. The Fund generally will be required to include in its own taxable income the income of the Subsidiary for a tax year, regardless of whether the Fund receives a distribution of the Subsidiary's income in that tax year, and this income would nevertheless be subject to the distribution requirement for qualification as a regulated investment company and would be taken into account for purposes of the 4% excise tax. In addition, to comply with the asset diversification test applicable to a RIC, the Fund will attempt to ensure that the value of options and Underlying Funds it holds whose value is determined by reference to a specific underlying asset (bitcoin or ether) is never 25% of the total value of Fund assets at the close of any quarter. If the Fund's investments in Underlying Funds or options whose value is determined by reference to a specific underlying asset were to exceed 25% of the Fund's total assets at the end of a tax quarter, the Fund, generally, has a grace period to cure such lack of compliance. If the Fund fails to timely cure, it may no longer be eligible to be treated as a RIC.

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

**Underlying Fund Risk.** The Fund's investment strategy, involving indirect exposure to bitcoin and ether through one or more Underlying Funds, is subject to the risks associated with bitcoin and ether. Shareholders in the Fund bear both their proportionate share of expenses in the Fund and, indirectly, the expenses of the Underlying Funds.

- Underlying Bitcoin and Ether Fund Risks: Investing in an Underlying Fund that focuses on bitcoin or ether, either through direct holdings or indirectly via derivatives like futures contracts and swaps, carries significant risks. These risks include high market volatility, which can be influenced by technological advancements, regulatory changes, and broader economic factors. When trading derivatives, liquidity risks and counterparty risks are substantial. Managing futures contracts can be complex and may affect the performance of an Underlying Fund. The use of swap transactions is a highly specialized activity, which involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. Additionally, each Underlying Fund, and consequently the Fund, is dependent on blockchain technology, which brings technological and cybersecurity risks, along with custodial challenges for securely storing digital assets. The constantly evolving regulatory and legal landscape presents continuous compliance and valuation difficulties. Risks related to market concentration and network issues in the digital asset sector further add complexity. Moreover, operational intricacies in managing digital assets and potential market volatility can lead to losses for each Underlying Fund.
- Potentially No 1940 Act Protections. It is expected that one or more Underlying Funds will not be registered as an investment company subject to the 1940 Act. In addition, Underlying Funds that invest directly in bitcoin or ether are not subject to the 1940 Act. Accordingly, investors in such an Underlying Fund would not have the protections expressly provided by that statute, including: provisions preventing Underlying Fund insiders from managing an Underlying Fund to their benefit and to the detriment of shareholders; provisions preventing an Underlying Fund from issuing securities having inequitable or discriminatory provisions; provisions preventing management by irresponsible persons; provisions preventing the use of unsound or misleading methods of computing Underlying Fund earnings and asset value; provisions prohibiting suspension of redemptions (except under limited circumstances); provisions limiting fund leverage; provisions imposing a fiduciary duty on fund managers with respect to receipt of compensation for services; and provisions preventing changes in an Underlying Fund's character without the consent of shareholders. Although the Fund invests in one or more Underlying Funds only indirectly, the Fund's investments are expected to be subject to loss as a result of these risks.

**U.S. Government and U.S. Agency Obligations Risk.** The Fund may invest in securities issued by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities. U.S. Government obligations include securities issued or guaranteed as to principal and interest by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities, such as the U.S. Treasury. Payment of principal and interest on U.S. Government obligations may be backed by the full faith and credit of the United States or may be backed solely by the issuing or guaranteeing agency or instrumentality itself. In the latter case, the investor must look principally to the agency or instrumentality issuing or guaranteeing the obligation for ultimate repayment, which agency or instrumentality may be privately owned. There can be no assurance that the U.S. Government would provide financial support to its agencies or instrumentalities (including government-sponsored enterprises) where it is not obligated to do so.

#### PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS INFORMATION

Information about the Fund's daily portfolio holdings will be available on the Fund's website at https://www.nicholasx.com.

A complete description of the Fund's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the Fund's portfolio holdings is available in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information ("SAI").

#### MANAGEMENT

#### **Investment Adviser**

Tidal Investments LLC, a Tidal Financial Group company, located at 234 West Florida Street, Suite 203, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204, is an SEC-registered investment adviser and a Delaware limited liability company. Tidal was founded in March 2012 and Tidal is dedicated to understanding, researching and managing assets within the expanding ETF universe. As of April 30, 2025, Tidal had assets under management of approximately \$30.51 billion and served as the investment adviser or sub-adviser for 236 registered funds.

Tidal serves as investment adviser to the Fund and has overall responsibility for the general management and administration of the Fund pursuant to an investment advisory agreement with the Trust, on behalf of the Fund (the "Advisory Agreement"). The Adviser provides oversight of the Sub-Adviser and review of the Sub-Adviser's performance. The Adviser is also responsible for trading portfolio securities and financial instruments for the Fund and the Subsidiary, including selecting broker-dealers to execute purchase and sale transactions. The Adviser also arranges for sub-advisory, transfer agency, custody, fund administration, and all other related services necessary for the Fund to operate. For the services it provides to the Fund, the Fund pays the Adviser a unitary management fee, which is calculated daily and paid monthly, at an annual rate of 0.99% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

Under the Advisory Agreement, in exchange for a single unitary management fee from the Fund, the Adviser has agreed to pay all expenses incurred by the Fund except for interest charges on any borrowings made for investment purposes, dividends and other expenses on securities sold short, taxes, brokerage commissions and other expenses incurred in placing orders for the purchase and sale of securities and other investment instruments, acquired fund fees and expenses, accrued deferred tax liability, extraordinary expenses, distribution fees and expenses paid by the Fund under any distribution plan adopted pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act, and the unitary management fee payable to the Adviser (collectively, the "Excluded Expenses").

The Adviser also serves as the investment adviser to the Subsidiary, a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of the Fund, organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands as an exempted company, pursuant to an investment advisory agreement with the Subsidiary (the "Subsidiary Advisory Agreement"). The Adviser does not receive additional compensation for its services to the Subsidiary. The investment advisory agreement between the Adviser and the Subsidiary was approved by the Board. However, because the Subsidiary is not registered under the 1940 Act, it is not subject to the regulatory protections of the 1940 Act and the Fund, as an investor in the Subsidiary, will not have all of the protections offered to investors in registered investment companies. Because the Fund wholly owns and controls the Subsidiary, and the Adviser is subject to the oversight of the Board, it is unlikely that the Subsidiary will take action contrary to the interests of the Fund or its shareholders. Additionally, as part of the Board's consideration of the Advisory Agreement between the Trust and the Adviser, the Board will also consider the Adviser's performance with regard to the Subsidiary.

# **Investment Sub-Adviser**

#### **Nicholas Wealth**

Nicholas Wealth, LLC ("Nicholas Wealth"), located at 218 Roswell Street NE Marietta, Georgia 30060 serves as an investment subadviser to the Fund pursuant to an investment sub-advisory agreement with the Adviser ("Sub-Advisory Agreement"). Nicholas Wealth was founded in May 2016, is an investment advisor registered with the SEC, and provides investment advisory services to investment advisors and high net worth individuals. As of April 30, 2025, Nicholas Wealth had approximately \$421 million in assets under management.

Nicholas Wealth is jointly responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund's portfolio, including determining the securities purchased and sold by the Fund, subject to the supervision of the Adviser and the Board. For its services, Nicholas Wealth is paid a fee by the Adviser, which fee is calculated daily and paid monthly, at an annual rate of 0.05% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

The Sub-Adviser also serves as the investment sub-adviser to the Subsidiary pursuant to an investment sub-advisory agreement with the Adviser (the "Subsidiary Sub-Advisory Agreement"). The Sub-Adviser does not receive additional compensation for its services to the Subsidiary. The Subsidiary Sub-Advisory Agreement was approved by the Board.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's approval of the Fund's Advisory Agreement and Sub-Advisory Agreement will be available in the Fund's annual report to shareholders on Form N-CSR for the period ended October 31, 2025.

#### Portfolio Managers

The following individuals (each, a "Portfolio Manager") have served as portfolio managers of the Fund and the Subsidiary since their inception in 2025.

David Nicholas, Portfolio Manager for Nicholas Wealth

Mr. Nicholas is the CEO and Founder of Nicholas Wealth. Mr. Nicholas has over 18 years of experience in the financial industry. Prior to founding Nicholas Wealth in 2016, Mr. Nicholas spent 4 years as the President & Founder of Nicholas & Company, Inc, where he provided insurance and capital preservation strategies to retirees. Mr. Nicholas received his Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from Kennesaw State University and a Master's degree in Financial Planning from the University of Georgia.

Jay Pestrichelli, Portfolio Manager for the Adviser

Mr. Pestrichelli joined the Adviser in 2025 and is Chief Trading Officer of the Adviser's ETF Trading and Portfolio Management team. Mr. Pestrichelli has over 30 years of experience in the financial markets. Prior to joining the Adviser, Mr. Pestrichelli co-founded ZEGA Financial LLC ("ZEGA") where he led the development and execution of ZEGA's investment strategies since its inception in 2011. He is also the author of the best-selling book "Buy & Hedge: The Five Iron Rules for Investing Over the Long Term." Prior to founding ZEGA, Mr. Pestrichelli spent 12 years managing and growing the online trading business for TD Ameritrade from 1999 to 2010. Mr. Pestrichelli has a Bachelor degree in Behavioral Science from Concordia College.

Scott Snyder, Portfolio Manager for the Adviser

Scott Snyder joined the Adviser in 2025 as SVP of Trading. Mr. Snyder has over 40 years of experience in the financial markets and more specifically in the options market. Mr. Snyder led the trading team at ZEGA before joining Tidal. He started his career in 1983 and for 20 years was an independent market maker on the floor of the Chicago Board Options Exchange (CBOE). In 2003, Mr. Snyder joined thinkorswim as Chief Options Strategist for a subsidiary of thinkorswim advisors. Mr. Snyder then helped lead the trading, execution platform support and option education business for TD Ameritrade and then Schwab from 2009 to 2024.

Christopher P. Mullen, Portfolio Manager for the Adviser

Christopher P. Mullen serves as Portfolio Manager at the Adviser, having joined the firm in January 2024. From September 2019 to December 2023, he was a Portfolio Manager at Vest Financial LLC, where he managed exchange-traded funds, mutual funds and retirement fund portfolios. Mr. Mullen previously served as a Senior Portfolio Analyst at ProShares Advisors LLC from September 2016 until September 2019. Prior to that, Mr. Mullen served as associate portfolio manager at USCF Investments LLC from February 2013 to September 2016. Mr. Mullen received a Master of Business Administration from the University of Maryland. He also holds a dual bachelor's degree in global politics and history from Marquette University.

The Fund's SAI provides additional information about each Portfolio Manager's compensation structure, other accounts that each Portfolio Manager manages, and each Portfolio Manager's ownership of Shares.

#### **Fund Sponsors**

The Adviser has entered into a fund sponsorship agreement with each of Nicholas Wealth and ZEGA (each, a "Sponsor," and together the "Sponsors") pursuant to which each Sponsor is a sponsor to the Fund. Under this arrangement, each Sponsor has agreed to provide financial support (as described below) to the Fund. In turn, the Adviser has agreed to share with Sponsor a portion of profits, if any, generated by the Fund's Advisory Fee. Every month, the Advisory Fees, which are unitary management fees, for the Fund are calculated and paid to the Adviser.

If the amount of the unitary management fee for the Fund exceeds the Fund's operating expenses (including the sub-advisory fees) and the Adviser-retained amount, the Adviser pays the net total to Sponsors. The amounts paid to Sponsors represent any remaining profits from the Advisory Fee.

During months when the funds generated by the unitary management fee are insufficient to cover the entire sub-advisory fees, that amount is automatically waived (and any such waiver is not subject to recoupment).

Further, if the amount of the unitary management fee for the Fund is less than the Fund's operating expenses and the Adviser-retained amount, each Sponsor is obligated to reimburse the Adviser for a portion of the shortfall.

# HOW TO BUY AND SELL SHARES

The Fund issues and redeems Shares only in Creation Units at the NAV per share next determined after receipt of an order from an AP. Only APs may acquire Shares directly from the Fund, and only APs may tender their Shares for redemption directly to the Fund, at NAV. APs must be a member or participant of a clearing agency registered with the SEC and must execute a Participant Agreement that

has been agreed to by the Distributor (defined below), and that has been accepted by the Fund's transfer agent, with respect to purchases and redemptions of Creation Units. Once created, Shares trade in the secondary market in quantities less than a Creation Unit.

In order to purchase Creation Units of the Fund, an AP must generally deposit a designated portfolio of equity securities (the "Deposit Securities") and/or a designated amount of U.S. cash. Purchases and redemptions of Creation Units primarily with cash, rather than through in-kind delivery of portfolio securities, may cause the Fund to incur certain costs. These costs could include brokerage costs or taxable gains or losses that it might not have incurred if it had made redemption in-kind. These costs could be imposed on the Fund, and thus decrease the Fund's NAV, to the extent that the costs are not offset by a transaction fee payable by an AP.

Most investors buy and sell Shares in secondary market transactions through brokers. Individual Shares are listed for trading on the secondary market on the Exchange and can be bought and sold throughout the trading day like other publicly traded securities.

When buying or selling Shares through a broker, you will incur customary brokerage commissions and charges, and you may pay some or all of the spread between the bid and the offer price in the secondary market on each leg of a round trip (purchase and sale) transaction. In addition, because secondary market transactions occur at market prices, you may pay more than NAV when you buy Shares, and receive less than NAV when you sell those Shares.

#### **Book Entry**

Shares are held in book-entry form, which means that no stock certificates are issued. The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") or its nominee is the record owner of all outstanding Shares.

Investors owning Shares are beneficial owners as shown on the records of DTC or its participants. DTC serves as the securities depository for all Shares. DTC's participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and other institutions that directly or indirectly maintain a custodial relationship with DTC. As a beneficial owner of Shares, you are not entitled to receive physical delivery of stock certificates or to have Shares registered in your name, and you are not considered a registered owner of Shares. Therefore, to exercise any right as an owner of Shares, you must rely upon the procedures of DTC and its participants. These procedures are the same as those that apply to any other securities that you hold in book-entry or "street name" through your brokerage account.

# **Frequent Purchases and Redemptions of Shares**

The Fund imposes no restrictions on the frequency of purchases and redemptions of Shares. In determining not to approve a written, established policy, the Board evaluated the risks of market timing activities by Fund shareholders. Purchases and redemptions by APs, who are the only parties that may purchase or redeem Shares directly with the Fund, are an essential part of the ETF process and help keep Share trading prices in line with the NAV. As such, the Fund accommodates frequent purchases and redemptions by APs. However, the Board has also determined that frequent purchases and redemptions for cash may increase tracking error and portfolio transaction costs and may lead to the realization of capital gains. To minimize these potential consequences of frequent purchases and redemptions, the Fund employs fair value pricing and may impose transaction fees on purchases and redemptions of Creation Units to cover the custodial and other costs incurred by the Fund in effecting trades. In addition, the Fund and the Adviser reserve the right to reject any purchase order at any time.

## **Determination of Net Asset Value**

The Fund's NAV is calculated as of the scheduled close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), generally 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time, each day the NYSE is open for regular business. The NAV for the Fund is calculated by dividing the Fund's net assets by its Shares outstanding.

In calculating its NAV, the Fund generally values its assets on the basis of market quotations, last sale prices, or estimates of value furnished by a pricing service or brokers who make markets in such instruments. If such information is not available for a security or other asset held by the Fund or is determined to be unreliable, the security or other asset will be valued at fair value estimates under guidelines established by the Adviser (as described below).

# Fair Value Pricing

The Board has designated the Adviser as the "valuation designee" for the Fund under Rule 2a-5 of the 1940 Act, subject to its oversight. The Adviser has adopted procedures and methodologies, which have been approved by the Board, to fair value Fund investments whose market prices are not "readily available" or are deemed to be unreliable. For example, such circumstances may arise when: (i) an investment has been delisted or has had its trading halted or suspended; (ii) an investment's primary pricing source is unable or unwilling to provide a price; (iii) an investment's primary trading market is closed during regular market hours; or (iv) an investment's value is materially affected by events occurring after the close of the investment's primary trading market. Generally, when fair valuing an investment, the Adviser will take into account all reasonably available information that may be relevant to a particular valuation including, but not limited to, fundamental analytical data regarding the issuer, information relating to the issuer's business, recent trades or offers of the investment, general and/or specific market conditions, and the specific facts giving rise to the need to fair value the

investment. Fair value determinations are made in good faith and in accordance with the fair value methodologies included in the Adviser's valuation procedures. The Adviser will fair value Fund investments whose market prices are not "readily available" or are deemed to be unreliable. Due to the subjective and variable nature of fair value pricing, there can be no assurance that the Adviser will be able to obtain the fair value assigned to the investment upon the sale of such investment.

# Investments by Other Registered Investment Companies in the Fund

Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act restricts investments by registered investment companies in the securities of other investment companies, including Shares. Registered investment companies are permitted to invest in the Fund beyond the limits set forth in Section 12(d)(1), subject to certain terms and conditions set forth by rule under the 1940 Act, including that such investment companies enter into an agreement with the Fund.

## Delivery of Shareholder Documents - Householding

Householding is an option available to certain investors of the Fund. Householding is a method of delivery, based on the preference of the individual investor, in which a single copy of certain shareholder documents can be delivered to investors who share the same address, even if their accounts are registered under different names. Householding for the Fund is available through certain broker-dealers. If you are interested in enrolling in householding and receiving a single copy of prospectuses and other shareholder documents, please contact your broker-dealer. If you are currently enrolled in householding and wish to change your householding status, please contact your broker-dealer.

# DIVIDENDS, DISTRIBUTIONS, AND TAXES

#### **Dividends and Distributions**

The Fund intends to pay out dividends and interest income, if any, on a weekly basis, and distribute any net realized capital gains to its shareholders at least annually. The Fund will declare and pay income and capital gain distributions, if any, in cash. Distributions in cash may be reinvested automatically in additional whole Shares only if the broker through whom you purchased Shares makes such option available. Your broker is responsible for distributing the income and capital gain distributions to you.

#### Taxes

The following discussion is a summary of some important U.S. federal income tax considerations generally applicable to investments in the Fund. Your investment in the Fund may have other tax implications. Please consult your tax advisor about the tax consequences of an investment in Shares, including the possible application of foreign, state, and local tax laws.

The Fund intends to qualify each year for treatment as a regulated investment company (a "RIC") under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). If it meets certain minimum distribution requirements, a RIC is not subject to tax at the fund-level on income and gains from investments that are timely distributed to shareholders. However, the Fund's failure to qualify as a RIC or to meet minimum distribution requirements would result (if certain relief provisions were not available) in fund-level taxation and, consequently, a reduction in income available for distribution to shareholders.

Unless your investment in Shares is made through a tax-exempt entity or tax-advantaged account, such as an IRA plan, you need to be aware of the possible tax consequences when the Fund makes distributions, when you sell your Shares listed on the Exchange, and when you purchase or redeem Creation Units (institutional investors only).

The following general discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax consequences is based on provisions of the Code and the regulations issued thereunder as in effect on the date of this Prospectus. New legislation, as well as administrative changes or court decisions, may significantly change the conclusions expressed herein, and may have a retroactive effect with respect to the transactions contemplated herein.

## **Taxes on Distributions**

For federal income tax purposes, distributions of net investment income are generally taxable to shareholders as ordinary income or qualified dividend income. Taxes on distributions of net capital gains (if any) are determined by how long the Fund owned the investments that generated them, rather than how long a shareholder has owned their Shares. Sales of assets held by the Fund for more than one year generally result in long-term capital gains and losses, and sales of assets held by the Fund for one year or less generally result in short-term capital gains and losses. Distributions of the Fund's net capital gain (the excess of net long-term capital gains over net short-term capital losses) that are reported by the Fund as capital gain dividends ("Capital Gain Dividends") will be taxable as long-term capital gains to shareholders. Distributions of short-term capital gain will generally be taxable to shareholders as ordinary income. Dividends and distributions are generally taxable to you whether you receive them in cash or reinvest them in additional Shares.

Distributions reported by the Fund as "qualified dividend income" are generally taxed to non-corporate shareholders at rates applicable to long-term capital gains, provided certain holding period and other requirements are met. "Qualified dividend income" generally is income derived from dividends paid by U.S. corporations or certain foreign corporations that are either incorporated in a U.S. possession

or eligible for tax benefits under certain U.S. income tax treaties. In addition, dividends that the Fund receives in respect of stock of certain foreign corporations may be qualified dividend income if that stock is readily tradable on an established U.S. securities market. Corporate shareholders may be entitled to a dividends-received deduction for the portion of dividends they receive from the Fund that are attributable to dividends received by the Fund from U.S. corporations, subject to certain limitations.

Shortly after the close of each calendar year, you will be informed of the character of any distributions received from the Fund.

In addition to the federal income tax, certain individuals, trusts, and estates may be subject to a Net Investment Income ("NII") tax of 3.8%. The NII tax is imposed on the lesser of: (i) a taxpayer's investment income, net of deductions properly allocable to such income; or (ii) the amount by which such taxpayer's modified adjusted gross income exceeds certain thresholds (\$250,000 for married individuals filing jointly, \$200,000 for unmarried individuals and \$125,000 for married individuals filing separately). The Fund's distributions are includable in a shareholder's investment income for purposes of this NII tax. In addition, any capital gain realized by a shareholder upon a sale or redemption of Fund shares is includable in such shareholder's investment income for purposes of this NII tax.

In general, your distributions are subject to federal income tax for the year in which they are paid. Certain distributions paid in January, however, may be treated as paid on December 31 of the prior year. Distributions are generally taxable to you even if they are paid from income or gains earned by the Fund before your investment (and thus were included in the Shares' NAV when you purchased your Shares).

You may wish to avoid investing in the Fund shortly before a dividend or other distribution, because such a distribution will generally be taxable to you even though it may economically represent a return of a portion of your investment.

If you are neither a resident nor a citizen of the United States or if you are a foreign entity, distributions (other than Capital Gain Dividends) paid to you by the Fund will generally be subject to a U.S. withholding tax at the rate of 30%, unless a lower treaty rate applies. The Fund may, under certain circumstances, report all or a portion of a dividend as an "interest-related dividend" or a "short-term capital gain dividend," which would generally be exempt from this 30% U.S. withholding tax, provided certain other requirements are met.

Under the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA"), the Fund may be required to withhold a generally nonrefundable 30% tax on distributions of net investment income paid to (A) certain "foreign financial institutions" unless such foreign financial institution agrees to verify, monitor, and report to the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") the identity of certain of its account-holders, among other items (or unless such entity is otherwise deemed compliant under the terms of an intergovernmental agreement between the United States and the foreign financial institution's country of residence), and (B) certain "non-financial foreign entities" unless such entity certifies to the Fund that it does not have any substantial U.S. owners or provides the name, address, and taxpayer identification number of each substantial U.S. owner, among other items. This FATCA withholding tax could also affect the Fund's return on its investments in foreign securities or affect a shareholder's return if the shareholder holds its Fund shares through a foreign intermediary. You are urged to consult your tax adviser regarding the application of this FATCA withholding tax to your investment in the Fund and the potential certification, compliance, due diligence, reporting, and withholding obligations to which you may become subject in order to avoid this withholding tax.

The Fund (or a financial intermediary, such as a broker, through which a shareholder owns Shares) generally is required to withhold and remit to the U.S. Treasury a percentage of the taxable distributions and sale or redemption proceeds paid to any shareholder who fails to properly furnish a correct taxpayer identification number, who has underreported dividend or interest income, or who fails to certify that they are not subject to such withholding.

# Taxes When Shares are Sold on the Exchange

Any capital gain or loss realized upon a sale of Shares generally is treated as a long-term capital gain or loss if Shares have been held for more than one year and as a short-term capital gain or loss if Shares have been held for one year or less. However, any capital loss on a sale of Shares held for six months or less is treated as long-term capital loss to the extent of Capital Gain Dividends paid with respect to such Shares. Any loss realized on a sale will be disallowed to the extent Shares are acquired, including through reinvestment of dividends, within a 61-day period beginning 30 days before and ending 30 days after the sale of substantially identical Shares.

# **Taxes on Purchases and Redemptions of Creation Units**

An AP having the U.S. dollar as its functional currency for U.S. federal income tax purposes who exchanges securities for Creation Units generally recognizes a gain or a loss. The gain or loss will be equal to the difference between the value of the Creation Units at the time of the exchange and the exchanging AP's aggregate basis in the securities delivered plus the amount of any cash paid for the Creation Units. An AP who exchanges Creation Units for securities will generally recognize a gain or loss equal to the difference between the exchanging AP's basis in the Creation Units and the aggregate U.S. dollar market value of the securities received, plus any cash received for such Creation Units. The IRS may assert, however, that a loss that is realized upon an exchange of securities for Creation Units may not be currently deducted under the rules governing "wash sales" (for an AP who does not mark-to-market their

holdings) or on the basis that there has been no significant change in economic position. Persons exchanging securities should consult their own tax advisor with respect to whether wash sale rules apply and when a loss might be deductible.

Any capital gain or loss realized upon redemption of Creation Units is generally treated as long-term capital gain or loss if Shares comprising the Creation Units have been held for more than one year and as a short-term capital gain or loss if such Shares have been held for one year or less.

The Fund may include a payment of cash in addition to, or in place of, the delivery of a basket of securities upon the redemption of Creation Units. The Fund may sell portfolio securities to obtain the cash needed to distribute redemption proceeds. This may cause the Fund to recognize investment income and/or capital gains or losses that it might not have recognized if it had completely satisfied the redemption in-kind. As a result, the Fund may be less tax efficient if it includes such a cash payment in the proceeds paid upon the redemption of Creation Units.

# **Taxation of the Subsidiary**

There is, at present, no direct taxation in the Cayman Islands and interest, dividends and gains payable to the Subsidiary will be received free of all Cayman Islands taxes. The Subsidiary is registered as an "exempted company" pursuant to the Companies Law (as amended). The Subsidiary has received an undertaking from the Governor in Cabinet of the Cayman Islands to the effect that, for a period of twenty years from the date of the undertaking, no law that thereafter is enacted in the Cayman Islands imposing any tax or duty to be levied on profits, income or on gains or appreciation, or any tax in the nature of estate duty or inheritance tax, will apply to any property comprised in or any income arising under the Subsidiary, or to the shareholders thereof, in respect of any such property or income.

A foreign corporation, such as the Subsidiary, generally is not subject to federal income tax unless it is engaged in the conduct of a trade or business in the United States. With respect to its investments in the United States, the Subsidiary intends to operate in a manner that is expected to meet the requirements of a safe harbor under section 864(b)(2) of the Code, under which it may trade in stocks or securities or certain commodities for its own account without being deemed to be engaged in a U.S. trade or business. If, however, certain of the Subsidiary's activities did not meet those safe harbor requirements, it might be considered as engaging in such a trade or business. There can be no assurance that the Subsidiary will not recognize any taxable effectively connected income. The imposition of U.S. federal tax on the Subsidiary's effectively connected income could significantly reduce the Fund's returns. The federal income tax treatment of the Fund's income from the Subsidiary also may be adversely affected by future legislation, regulations, and/or other guidance issued by the Internal Revenue Service that could affect the character, timing of recognition, and/or amount of the Fund's taxable income and/or net capital gains and, therefore, the distributions it makes.

# **Important Tax Considerations When Purchasing Fund Shares**

If you are investing through a taxable account, you should carefully consider the timing of your investment relative to the Fund's distribution schedule. Purchasing Fund shares shortly before a distribution may increase your tax liability, a situation commonly referred to as "buying a dividend."

When the Fund makes a distribution, its share price typically drops by an amount roughly equal to the distribution. As a hypothetical example, if you invest \$5,000 to purchase 250 shares at \$20 per share on December 15, and the Fund pays a \$1 per share distribution on December 16, the share price would adjust to \$19 (ignoring market fluctuations). Although your total investment value remains \$5,000 (250 shares × \$19 in share value plus 250 shares × \$1 distribution), you would owe taxes on the \$250 distribution, even if you reinvest the distribution rather than receiving it in cash.

Distributions are taxable to shareholders even if they are paid from income or gains realized by the Fund before you invested, and even if they were reflected in the purchase price of the shares. Consequently, you may incur taxes on income or gains that accrued before your investment, without corresponding benefit.

Unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged account, such as an IRA or an employer-sponsored retirement plan, you may wish to avoid purchasing Fund shares shortly before a distribution. You can minimize the potential tax impact by reviewing the Fund's distribution schedule prior to investing. When available, information about the Fund's distribution schedule can be found on the Fund's website at www.nicholasx.com.

The foregoing discussion summarizes some of the possible consequences under current federal tax law of an investment in the Fund. It is not a substitute for personal tax advice. You also may be subject to foreign, state, and local tax on Fund distributions and sales of Shares. Consult your personal tax advisor about the potential tax consequences of an investment in Shares under all applicable tax laws. For more information, please see the section entitled "Federal Income Taxes" in the SAI.

# DISTRIBUTION

Foreside Fund Services, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Foreside Financial Group (dba ACA Group) (the "Distributor"), the Fund's distributor, is a broker-dealer registered with the SEC. The Distributor distributes Creation Units for the Fund on an agency basis and does not maintain a secondary market in Shares. The Distributor has no role in determining the policies of the Fund or the securities that are purchased or sold by the Fund. The Distributor's principal address is Three Canal Plaza, Suite 100, Portland, Maine 04101.

The Board has adopted a Distribution (Rule 12b-1) Plan (the "Plan") pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act. In accordance with the Plan, the Fund is authorized to pay an amount up to 0.25% of its average daily net assets each year to pay distribution fees for the sale and distribution of its Shares.

No Rule 12b-1 fees are currently paid by the Fund, and there are no plans to impose these fees. However, in the event Rule 12b-1 fees are charged in the future, because the fees are paid out of Fund assets on an ongoing basis, over time these fees will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than certain other types of sales charges.

#### PREMIUM/DISCOUNT INFORMATION

When available, information regarding how often Shares traded on the Exchange at a price above (i.e., at a premium) or below (i.e., at a discount) the NAV of the Fund can be found on the Fund's website at www.nicholasx.com

#### ADDITIONAL NOTICES

Shares are not sponsored, endorsed, or promoted by the Exchange. The Exchange is not responsible for, nor has it participated in the determination of, the timing, prices, or quantities of Shares to be issued, nor in the determination or calculation of the equation by which Shares are redeemable. The Exchange has no obligation or liability to owners of Shares in connection with the administration, marketing, or trading of Shares.

Without limiting any of the foregoing, in no event shall the Exchange have any liability for any lost profits or indirect, punitive, special, or consequential damages even if notified of the possibility thereof.

The Adviser, the Sub-Adviser, the Fund and the Subsidiary make no representation or warranty, express or implied, to the owners of Shares or any member of the public regarding the advisability of investing in securities generally or in the Fund particularly.

The Third Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust ("Declaration of Trust") provides a detailed process for the bringing of derivative or direct actions by shareholders in order to permit legitimate inquiries and claims while avoiding the time, expense, distraction, and other harm that can be caused to the Fund or its shareholders as a result of spurious shareholder demands and derivative actions. Prior to bringing a derivative action, a demand by three unrelated shareholders must first be made on the Fund's Trustees. The Declaration of Trust details various information, certifications, undertakings and acknowledgments that must be included in the demand. Following receipt of the demand, the trustees have a period of 90 days, which may be extended by an additional 60 days, to consider the demand. If a majority of the Trustees who are considered independent for the purposes of considering the demand determine that maintaining the suit would not be in the best interests of the Fund, the Trustees are required to reject the demand and the complaining shareholders may not proceed with the derivative action unless the shareholders are able to sustain the burden of proof to a court that the decision of the Trustees not to pursue the requested action was not a good faith exercise of their business judgment on behalf of the Fund. The Declaration of Trust further provides that shareholders owning Shares representing no less than a majority of the Fund's outstanding shares must join in bringing the derivative action. If a demand is rejected, the complaining shareholders will be responsible for the costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by the Fund in connection with the consideration of the demand, if a court determines that the demand was made without reasonable cause or for an improper purpose. If a derivative action is brought in violation of the Declaration of Trust, the shareholders bringing the action may be responsible for the Fund's costs, including attorneys' fees, if a court determines that the action was brought without reasonable cause or for an improper purpose. The Declaration of Trust provides that no shareholder may bring a direct action claiming injury as a shareholder of the Trust, or any Fund, where the matters alleged (if true) would give rise to a claim by the Trust or by the Trust on behalf of the Fund, unless the shareholder has suffered an injury distinct from that suffered by the shareholders of the Trust, or the Fund, generally. Under the Declaration of Trust, a shareholder bringing a direct claim must be a shareholder of the Fund with respect to which the direct action is brought at the time of the injury complained of or have acquired the shares afterwards by operation of law from a person who was a shareholder at that time. The Declaration of Trust further provides that the Fund shall be responsible for payment of attorneys' fees and legal expenses incurred by a complaining shareholder only if required by law, and any attorneys' fees that the Fund is obligated to pay shall be calculated using reasonable hourly rates. These provisions do not apply to claims brought under the federal securities laws.

The Declaration of Trust also requires that actions by shareholders against the Fund be brought exclusively in a federal or state court located within the State of Delaware. This provision will not apply to claims brought under the federal securities laws. Limiting shareholders' ability to bring actions only in courts located in Delaware may cause shareholders economic hardship to litigate the action in those courts, including paying for travel expenses of witnesses and counsel, requiring retaining local counsel, and may limit shareholders' ability to bring a claim in a judicial forum that shareholders find favorable for disputes, which may discourage such actions.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

This section would ordinarily include Financial Highlights. The Financial Highlights table is intended to help you understand the Fund's performance for the Fund's periods of operations. Because the Fund has not yet commenced operations as of the date of this Prospectus, no Financial Highlights are shown.

#### **Nicholas Crypto Income ETF**

Adviser	Tidal Investments LLC 234 West Florida Street, Suite 203 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204	Sub-Adviser	Nicholas Wealth Management 218 Roswell Street NE Marietta, Georgia 30060
Distributor	Foreside Fund Services, LLC Three Canal Plaza, Suite 100 Portland, Maine 04101	Administrator	Tidal ETF Services LLC 234 West Florida Street, Suite 203 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204
Custodian	U.S. Bank National Association 1555 N. Rivercenter Dr. Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212	Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm	Cohen & Company, Ltd. 1835 Market Street, Suite 310 Philadelphia, PA 19103
Sub- Administrator, Fund Accountant, and Transfer Agent	U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, doing business as U.S. Bank Global Fund Services 615 East Michigan Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202	Legal Counsel	Sullivan & Worcester LLP 1251 Avenue of the Americas 19 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10020

Investors may find more information about the Fund in the following documents:

**Statement of Additional Information:** The Fund's SAI provides additional details about the investments of the Fund and certain other additional information. A current SAI dated June 10, 2025, as supplemented from time to time, is on file with the SEC and is herein incorporated by reference into this Prospectus. It is legally considered a part of this Prospectus.

**Annual/Semi-Annual Reports:** Additional information about the Fund's investments is available in the Fund's annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders, and in Form N-CSR. In the annual report you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Fund's performance after the first fiscal year the Fund is in operation. In Form N-CSR, you will find the Fund's annual and semi-annual financial statements.

When available, you can obtain free copies of these documents, request other information or make general inquiries about the Fund by contacting the Fund at Nicholas Crypto Income ETF, c/o U.S. Bank Global Fund Services, P.O. Box 701, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201-0701 or calling (855) 563-6900.

Shareholder reports, the Fund's current Prospectus and SAI and other information about the Fund will be available:

- Free of charge from the SEC's EDGAR database on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov; or
- Free of charge from the Fund's Internet website at www.nicholasx.com; or
- For a duplicating fee, by e-mail request to publicinfo@sec.gov.

The SAI and other information are also available from a financial intermediary (such as a broker-dealer or bank) through which the Fund's shares may be purchased or sold.

(SEC Investment Company Act File No. 811-23793)