

# 平成 27 年 9 月期（平成 26 年 10 月 1 日～平成 27 年 9 月 30 日）決算短信

平成 27 年 12 月 1 日

ファンド名 SPDR® S&P 500® ETF 上場取引所 東京証券取引所  
 コード番号 1557  
 連動対象指標 S&P 500 指数  
 主要投資資産 有価証券  
 売買単位 1 口  
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## I ファンドの運用状況

### 1. 2015 年 9 月期の運用状況（平成 26 年 10 月 1 日～平成 27 年 9 月 30 日）

#### (1) 資産内訳

(百万円未満四捨五入)

	主要投資資産		現金・その他の資産 (負債控除後)		合計 (純資産)	
	金額	構成比	金額	構成比	金額	構成比
	百万円	%	百万円	%	百万円	%
2015 年 9 月期	20,387,173	(99.90)	19,937	(0.10)	20,407,110	(100.00)
2014 年 9 月期	21,995,274	(99.86)	31,768	(0.14)	22,027,042	(100.00)

#### (2) 設定・交換実績

(千口未満四捨五入)

	前計算期間末 発行済口数(①)	設定口数(②)	交換口数(③)	当計算期間末 発行済口数 (①+②-③)
	千口	千口	千口	千口
2015 年 9 月期	913,382	2,537,300	2,581,500	869,182
2014 年 9 月期	861,082	2,061,700	2,009,400	913,382

#### (3) 基準価額

(百万円未満四捨五入)

	総資産 (①)	負債 (②)	純資産 (③) (①-②)	1 口当たり基準価額 (③/当計算期間末発行済口数)
	百万円	百万円	百万円	円
2015 年 9 月期	20,525,460	118,350	20,407,110	23,478.40
2014 年 9 月期	22,136,555	109,513	22,027,042	24,116.26

#### (4) 分配金

2015 年 9 月期	1 口当たり分配金	2014 年 9 月期	1 口当たり分配金
*	*円	*	*円
2014 年 12 月 23 日	138.94826	2013 年 12 月 24 日	120.01201
2015 年 3 月 24 日	113.95907	2014 年 3 月 25 日	100.95700
2015 年 6 月 23 日	126.11147	2014 年 6 月 24 日	114.67896
2015 年 9 月 22 日	126.52283	2014 年 9 月 23 日	114.98503

\* 各期間における分配のための基準日を記載しております。

\* 日本円への換算は下記(注)記載の換算率で計算されており(小数第五位まで記載)、実際に受益者に分配される金額とは異なることがあります。

(注) 日本円への換算は、1 米ドル=122.43 円の換算率(2015 年 11 月 25 日に株式会社三菱東京 UFJ 銀行が発表した対顧客電信売・買相場の仲値)により計算されています。

### 2. 会計方針の変更

- ① 会計基準等の改正に伴う会計方針の変更  
 ② ①以外の会計方針の変更

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# Annual Report

September 30, 2015

## SPDR<sup>®</sup> S&P<sup>®</sup> 500 ETF Trust

A Unit Investment Trust

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**SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**September 30, 2015**

**ASSETS**

Investments in unaffiliated issuers, at value . . . . .	\$165,994,119,819
Investments in affiliates of the Trustee and the Sponsor, at value . . . . .	526,939,716
Total investments . . . . .	166,521,059,535
Cash . . . . .	932,164,435
Dividends receivable — unaffiliated issuers net of withholding tax . . . . .	195,965,737
Dividends receivable — affiliated issuers . . . . .	1,388,613
Total Assets . . . . .	<u>167,650,578,320</u>

**LIABILITIES**

Payable for units of fractional undivided interest (“Units”) redeemed in-kind . . . . .	180,998
Income distribution payable . . . . .	919,630,875
Accrued Trustee expense (Note 3) . . . . .	5,640,042
Accrued marketing expense (Note 3) . . . . .	16,965,194
Accrued expenses and other liabilities . . . . .	24,260,319
Total Liabilities . . . . .	<u>966,677,428</u>

<b>NET ASSETS</b> . . . . .	<u><u>\$166,683,900,892</u></u>
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**NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:**

Paid in Capital (Note 4) . . . . .	\$193,671,312,074
Distribution in excess of net investment income . . . . .	(919,630,875)
Accumulated net realized loss on investments . . . . .	(5,323,354,476)
Net unrealized depreciation on investments . . . . .	(20,744,425,831)

<b>NET ASSETS</b> . . . . .	<u><u>\$166,683,900,892</u></u>
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<b>NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT</b> . . . . .	<u><u>\$ 191.77</u></u>
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<b>UNITS OUTSTANDING, UNLIMITED UNITS AUTHORIZED</b> . . . . .	<u><u>869,182,116</u></u>
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**COST OF INVESTMENTS:**

Unaffiliated issuers . . . . .	\$186,709,316,445
Affiliates of the Trustee and the Sponsor (Note 3) . . . . .	556,168,921
Total Cost of Investments . . . . .	<u><u>\$187,265,485,366</u></u>

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

# SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust

## Statements of Operations

	<u>For the Year Ended September 30, 2015</u>	<u>For the Year Ended September 30, 2014</u>	<u>For the Year Ended September 30, 2013</u>
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>			
Dividend income — unaffiliated issuers . . . . .	\$ 4,005,208,734	\$ 3,282,246,167	\$ 2,928,179,277
Dividend income — affiliates of the Trustee and the Sponsor . . . . .	8,629,447	7,737,949	7,182,288
Foreign taxes withheld . . . . .	<u>(400,124)</u>	<u>(55,714)</u>	<u>(2,155,873)</u>
Total Investment Income . . . . .	4,013,438,057	3,289,928,402	2,933,205,692
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Trustee expense (Note 3) . . . . .	105,581,093	94,051,423	74,263,542
S&P license fee (Note 3) . . . . .	55,780,384	49,409,863	39,725,196
Marketing expense (Note 3) . . . . .	36,786,924	32,539,910	26,083,464
Legal and audit services . . . . .	558,523	31,642	475,897
Other expenses . . . . .	<u>3,771,679</u>	<u>2,594,912</u>	<u>3,081,480</u>
Total Expenses . . . . .	202,478,603	178,627,750	143,629,579
Trustee expense waiver . . . . .	<u>(28,513,292)</u>	<u>(24,863,548)</u>	<u>(20,385,210)</u>
Net Expenses . . . . .	<u>173,965,311</u>	<u>153,764,202</u>	<u>123,244,369</u>
<b>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</b> . . . . .	<u>3,839,472,746</u>	<u>3,136,164,200</u>	<u>2,809,961,323</u>
<b>REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS</b>			
Net realized gain (loss) on:			
Investment transactions — unaffiliated issuers . . . . .	20,747,712,041	19,553,859,588	16,411,092,129
Investment transactions — affiliates of the Trustee and the Sponsor . . . . .	50,429,127	71,893,864	75,913,401
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:			
Investment transactions — unaffiliated issuers . . . . .	(25,396,805,455)	4,246,483,070	2,965,943,531
Investment transactions — affiliates of the Trustee and the Sponsor . . . . .	<u>(34,779,514)</u>	<u>(15,568,822)</u>	<u>65,931,190</u>
<b>NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS</b> . . . . .	<u>(4,633,443,801)</u>	<u>23,856,667,700</u>	<u>19,518,880,251</u>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS</b> . . . . .	<u>\$ (793,971,055)</u>	<u>\$26,992,831,900</u>	<u>\$22,328,841,574</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust

## Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	<u>For the Year Ended September 30, 2015</u>	<u>For the Year Ended September 30, 2014</u>	<u>For the Year Ended September 30, 2013</u>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS</b>			
<b>RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS:</b>			
Net investment income . . . . .	\$ 3,839,472,746	\$ 3,136,164,200	\$ 2,809,961,323
Net realized gain (loss) on investment transactions . . . . .	20,798,141,168	19,625,753,452	16,487,005,530
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investment transactions . . . .	(25,431,584,969)	4,230,914,248	3,031,874,721
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS . . . . .</b>	<u>(793,971,055)</u>	<u>26,992,831,900</u>	<u>22,328,841,574</u>
<b>NET EQUALIZATION CREDITS AND CHARGES . . . . .</b>	<u>69,539,438</u>	<u>62,384,940</u>	<u>69,879,138</u>
<b>DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNITHOLDERS FROM NET INVESTMENT INCOME . . . . .</b>	<u>(3,768,615,848)</u>	<u>(3,236,399,773)</u>	<u>(2,898,906,428)</u>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM UNIT TRANSACTIONS:</b>			
Proceeds from issuance of Units . . . . .	515,823,857,164	384,831,248,199	421,569,465,638
Cost of Units redeemed . . . . .	(524,519,686,326)	(373,296,420,608)	(414,539,883,142)
Net income equalization (Note 2) . . . . .	(69,539,438)	(62,384,940)	(69,879,138)
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM ISSUANCE AND REDEMPTION OF UNITS . . . . .</b>	<u>(8,765,368,600)</u>	<u>11,472,442,651</u>	<u>6,959,703,358</u>
Contribution by Trustee (Note 3) . . . . .	26,920,521	—	—
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS DURING THE YEAR . . . . .</b>	<u>(13,231,495,544)</u>	<u>35,291,259,718</u>	<u>26,459,517,642</u>
<b>NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR . . . . .</b>	<u>179,915,396,436</u>	<u>144,624,136,718</u>	<u>118,164,619,076</u>
<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR*</b> . . . . .	<u>\$ 166,683,900,892</u>	<u>\$ 179,915,396,436</u>	<u>\$ 144,624,136,718</u>
<b>UNIT TRANSACTIONS:</b>			
Units sold . . . . .	2,537,300,000	2,061,700,000	2,724,700,000
Units redeemed . . . . .	(2,581,500,000)	(2,009,400,000)	(2,684,200,000)
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) . . . . .</b>	<u>(44,200,000)</u>	<u>52,300,000</u>	<u>40,500,000</u>
<b>*INCLUDES DISTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF NET INVESTMENT INCOME . . . . .</b>	<u>\$ (919,630,875)</u>	<u>\$ (804,394,943)</u>	<u>\$ (704,159,370)</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust

## Financial Highlights

### Selected data for a Unit outstanding throughout each year

	For the Year Ended September 30, 2015	For the Year Ended September 30, 2014	For the Year Ended September 30, 2013	For the Year Ended September 30, 2012	For the Year Ended September 30, 2011
<b>Net asset value, beginning of year . . .</b>	\$ 196.98	\$ 167.96	\$ 144.00	\$ 113.12	\$ 114.13
<b>Investment operations:</b>					
Net investment income (1) . . . . .	4.28	3.60	3.36	2.77	2.42
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments . . . . .	(5.47)	29.03	23.91	30.80	(1.16)
Total from investment operations . . . .	(1.19)	32.63	27.27	33.57	1.26
Net equalization credits and charges (1) . . . . .	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.16	0.19
Contribution by Trustee . . . . .	0.03(2)	—	—	—	—
<b>Less distributions from:</b>					
Net investment income . . . . .	(4.13)	(3.68)	(3.39)	(2.85)	(2.46)
<b>Net asset value, end of year . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 191.77</b>	<b>\$ 196.98</b>	<b>\$ 167.96</b>	<b>\$ 144.00</b>	<b>\$ 113.12</b>
<b>Total return (3) . . . . .</b>	<b>(0.64)%(4)</b>	<b>19.57%</b>	<b>19.09%</b>	<b>29.96%</b>	<b>1.01%</b>
<b>Ratios and supplemental data</b>					
<b>Ratio to average net assets:</b>					
Net investment income . . . . .	2.09%	1.93%	2.15%	2.08%	1.92%
Total expenses (5) . . . . .	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%
Total expenses excluding Trustee earnings credit . . . . .	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%
Total expenses excluding Trustee earnings credit and fee waivers . . . . .	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%
Portfolio turnover rate (6) . . . . .	2.77%	3.54%	2.99%	3.80%	3.72%
<b>Net assets, end of year (000's) . . . . .</b>	<b>\$166,683,901</b>	<b>\$179,915,396</b>	<b>\$144,624,137</b>	<b>\$118,164,619</b>	<b>\$80,865,260</b>

(1) Per Unit numbers have been calculated using the average shares method, which more appropriately presents per Unit data for the year.

(2) Contribution paid by the Trustee in the amount of \$26,920,521. (See Note 3).

(3) Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of Units at net asset value per Unit on the first day and a sale at net asset value per Unit on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purposes of this calculation, to be reinvested at the net asset value per Unit on the respective payment dates of the Trust. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.

(4) Total return would have been lower by 0.01% if the Trustee had not made a contribution. (See Note 3).

(5) Net of expenses waived by the Trustee.

(6) Portfolio turnover rate does not include securities received or delivered from processing creations or redemptions of Units.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# **SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust**

## **Notes to Financial Statements**

### **September 30, 2015**

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#### **Note 1 — Organization**

SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust (the “Trust”) is a unit investment trust created under the laws of the State of New York and registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The Trust was created to provide investors with the opportunity to purchase a security representing a proportionate undivided interest in a portfolio of securities consisting of substantially all of the component common stocks, in substantially the same weighting, which comprise the Standard & Poor’s 500<sup>®</sup> Index (the “S&P 500 Index”). Each unit of fractional undivided interest in the Trust is referred to as a “Unit”. The Trust commenced operations on January 22, 1993 upon the initial issuance of 150,000 Units (equivalent to three “Creation Units” — see Note 4) in exchange for a portfolio of securities assembled to reflect the intended portfolio composition of the Trust.

Under the Amended and Restated Standard Terms and Conditions of the Trust, as amended (the “Trust Agreement”), PDR Services, LLC, as sponsor of the Trust (the “Sponsor”), and State Street Bank and Trust Company, as trustee of the Trust (the “Trustee”), are indemnified against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Trust. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Trust enters into contracts that contain general indemnification clauses. The Trust’s maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Trust that have not yet occurred. However, based on experience, the Trustee expects the risk of material loss to be remote.

On November 13, 2013, the Sponsor became an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Intercontinental Exchange, Inc. (“ICE”), following the acquisition of NYSE Holdings LLC (the parent company of the Sponsor) by ICE. As the parent company, ICE is the publicly-traded entity, trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “ICE.”

#### **Note 2 — Significant Accounting Policies**

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Trust in the preparation of its financial statements:

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“U.S. GAAP”) requires the Trustee to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The Trust is an investment company under U.S. GAAP and follows the accounting and reporting guidance applicable to investment companies in Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification 946, Financial Services Investment Companies.

#### **Security Valuation**

The Trust’s investments are valued at fair value each day that the Trust’s listing exchange is open and, for financial reporting purposes, as of the report date should the reporting period end on a day that the Trust’s listing exchange is not open. Fair value is generally defined as the price a fund would receive to sell an asset or pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. By its nature, a fair value price is a good faith estimate of the valuation in a current sale and may not reflect an actual market price. The investments of the Trust are valued pursuant to policies and procedures developed by the oversight committee of the Trustee (the “Committee”). The Committee provides oversight of the valuation of investments for the Trust. Valuation techniques used to value the Trust’s equity investments are as follows:

Equity investments (including preferred stocks) traded on a recognized securities exchange for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the last sale price or official closing price, as applicable, on the

# SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### September 30, 2015

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#### Note 2 — Significant Accounting Policies – (continued)

primary market or exchange on which they trade. Equity investments traded on a recognized exchange for which there were no sales on that day are valued at the last published sale price or at fair value.

In the event that prices or quotations are not readily available or that the application of these valuation methods results in a price for an investment that is deemed to be not representative of the fair value of such investment, fair value will be determined in good faith by the Committee, in accordance with the valuation policy and procedures approved by the Trustee.

Fair value pricing could result in a difference between the prices used to calculate the Trust's net asset value and the prices used by the Trust's underlying index, "S&P 500 Index," which, in turn, could result in a difference between the Trust's performance and the performance of the S&P 500 Index.

The Trust values its assets and liabilities at fair value using a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques, giving the highest priority to readily available unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements) when market prices are not readily available or reliable. The categorization of a value determined for an investment within the hierarchy is based upon the pricing transparency of the investment and is not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with the investment.

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- Level 1 — Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 — Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the assets or liabilities, either directly or indirectly, including quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not considered to be active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability (such as exchange rates, financing terms, interest rates, yield curves, volatilities, prepayment speeds, loss severities, credit risks and default rates) or other market-corroborated inputs; and
- Level 3 — Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, including the Committee's assumptions used in determining the fair value of investments.

Changes in valuation techniques may result in transfers in or out of an assigned level within the fair value hierarchy. Transfers between different levels of the fair value hierarchy are recognized at the end of the reporting period. The Trust did not hold any investments valued using Level 2 or Level 3 inputs as of September 30, 2015 and did not have any transfers between levels for the year ended September 30, 2015.

#### Investment Transactions and Income Recognition

Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date for financial reporting purposes. Dividend income and capital gain distributions, if any, are recognized daily on the ex-dividend date, net of any foreign taxes withheld at source, if any. Non-cash dividends received in the form of stock, if any, are recorded as dividend income at fair value. Distributions received by the Trust may include a return of capital that is estimated by the Trustee. Such amounts are recorded as a reduction of the cost of investments or reclassified to capital gains. The Trust invests in real estate investment trusts ("REITs"). REITs determine the characterization of their income annually and may



# SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### September 30, 2015

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#### Note 2 — Significant Accounting Policies – (continued)

characterize a portion of their distributions as a return of capital or capital gain. The Trust's policy is to record all REIT distributions as dividend income initially and re-designate the prior calendar year's return of capital or capital gain distributions at year end. Realized gains and losses from the sale or disposition of investments are determined using the identified cost method.

#### **Distributions**

The Trust declares and distributes dividends from net investment income to its holders of Units ("unitholders"), if any, quarterly. Capital gain distributions, if any, are generally declared and paid annually. Additional distributions may be paid by the Trust to avoid imposition of federal income and excise tax on any remaining undistributed net investment income and capital gains. The amount and character of income and gains to be distributed are determined in accordance with federal tax regulations which may differ from net investment income and realized gains recognized for U.S. GAAP purposes.

#### **Equalization**

The Trust follows the accounting practice known as "Equalization" by which a portion of the proceeds from sales and costs of reacquiring the Trust's Units, equivalent on a per Unit basis to the amount of distributable net investment income on the date of the transaction, is credited or charged to undistributed net investment income. As a result, undistributed net investment income per Unit is unaffected by sales or reacquisitions of the Trust's Units. Amounts related to Equalization can be found on the Statements of Changes in Net Assets.

#### **Federal Income Taxes**

For U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Trust has qualified as a "regulated investment company" under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (a "RIC"), and intends to continue to qualify as a RIC. As a RIC, the Trust will generally not be subject to U.S. federal income tax for any taxable year on income, including net capital gains, that it distributes to its Unitholders, provided that it distributes on a timely basis at least 90% of its "investment company taxable income" determined prior to the deduction for dividends paid by the Trust (generally, its taxable income other than net capital gain) for such taxable year. In addition, provided that the Trust distributes substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gains during each calendar year, the Trust will not be subject to U.S. federal excise tax. Income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with tax regulations which may differ from U.S. GAAP. These book-tax differences are primarily due to differing treatments for Equalization, in-kind transactions, REITs and losses deferred due to wash sales.

GAAP requires the evaluation of tax positions taken in the course of preparing the Trust's tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are "more-likely-than-not" to be sustained by the applicable tax authority. The Trust recognizes the tax benefits of uncertain tax positions only when the position is more likely than not to be sustained, assuming examination by tax authorities.

The Trust has reviewed its tax positions for the open tax years as of September 30, 2015 and has determined that no provision for income tax is required in the Trust's financial statements. The Trust's federal tax returns for the prior three fiscal years remain subject to examinations by the Trust's major tax jurisdictions, which include the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State of New York. The Trust recognizes interest and penalties, if any, related to tax liabilities as income tax expense in the Statements of Operations. There were no such expenses for the year ending September 30, 2015.

**SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust**  
**Notes to Financial Statements (continued)**  
**September 30, 2015**

**Note 2 — Significant Accounting Policies – (continued)**

No income tax returns are currently under examination. The Trustee has analyzed the relevant tax laws and regulations and their application to the Trust's facts and circumstances and does not believe there are any uncertain tax positions that require recognition of any tax liabilities. Any potential tax liability is also subject to ongoing interpretation of laws by taxing authorities. The tax treatment of the Trust's investments may change over time based on factors including, but not limited to, new tax laws, regulations and interpretations thereof.

During the year ended September 30, 2015, the Trust reclassified \$20,994,772,151 of non-taxable security gains realized from the in-kind redemption of Creation Units (Note 4) as an increase to paid in capital in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

At September 30, 2015, the Trust had the following capital loss carryforwards that may be utilized to offset any net realized gains, expiring September 30:

2016 .....	\$ 917,820,735
2017 .....	2,553,965,847
2018 .....	188,539,023
Non-Expiring – Short Term .....	225,974,901
Non-Expiring – Long Term .....	1,431,208,137

During the tax year ended September 30, 2015, the Trust utilized capital loss carryforwards of \$0 and had \$1,056,971,322 of capital loss carryforwards expire.

At September 30, 2015, gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation based on cost for federal income tax purposes were as follows:

<u>Tax Cost</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Appreciation</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Depreciation</u>	<u>Net Unrealized Depreciation</u>
\$187,271,331,198	\$2,173,839,582	\$22,924,111,245	\$(20,750,271,663)

The tax character of distributions paid during the years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013 were as follows:

<u>Distributions paid from:</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Ordinary Income .....	\$3,768,615,848	\$3,236,399,773	\$2,898,906,428

As of September 30, 2015, the components of distributable earnings (excluding unrealized appreciation/ (depreciation)) were undistributed ordinary income of \$0 and undistributed capital gain of \$0.

**Note 3 — Transactions with the Trustee and Sponsor**

In accordance with the Trust Agreement, the Trustee maintains the Trust's accounting records, acts as custodian and transfer agent to the Trust, and provides administrative services, including the filing of certain regulatory reports. The Trustee is also responsible for determining the composition of the portfolio of securities which must be delivered and/or received in exchange for the issuance and/or redemption of Creation Units of the Trust, and for adjusting the composition of the Trust's portfolio from time to time to conform to changes in the composition and/or

# SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### September 30, 2015

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#### Note 3 — Transactions with the Trustee and Sponsor – (continued)

weighting structure of the S&P 500 Index. For these services, the Trustee received a fee at the following annual rates for the year ended September 30, 2015:

<u>Net asset value of the Trust</u>	<u>Fee as a percentage of net asset value of the Trust</u>
\$0 – \$499,999,999	0.10% per annum plus or minus the Adjustment Amount
\$500,000,000 – \$2,499,999,999	0.08% per annum plus or minus the Adjustment Amount
\$2,500,000,000 and above	0.06% per annum plus or minus the Adjustment Amount

The adjustment amount (the “Adjustment Amount”) is the sum of (a) the excess or deficiency of transaction fees received by the Trustee, less the expenses incurred in processing orders for the creation and redemption of Units and (b) the amounts earned by the Trustee with respect to the cash held by the Trustee for the benefit of the Trust. During the year ended September 30, 2015, the Adjustment Amount reduced the Trustee’s fee by \$5,379,678. The Adjustment Amount included an excess of net transaction fees from processing orders of \$4,617,041 and a Trustee earnings credit of \$762,637.

The Trustee has voluntarily agreed to waive a portion of its fee, as needed, for one year until February 1, 2016, so that the total operating expenses would not exceed 0.0945% per annum of the daily Net Asset Value (“NAV”) of the Trust. The total amount of such waivers by the Trustee for the years ended September 30, 2015, September 30, 2014 and September 30, 2013 are identified in the Statements of Operations. The Trustee has not entered into an agreement with the Trust to recapture waived fees in subsequent periods, and the Trustee may discontinue the voluntary waiver.

In accordance with the Trust Agreement and under the terms of an exemptive order issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission, dated December 30, 1997, the Sponsor is reimbursed by the Trust for certain expenses up to a maximum of 0.20% of the Trust’s net asset value on an annualized basis. The expenses reimbursed to the Sponsor for the years ended October 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 did not exceed 0.20% per annum.

S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (“S&P”), per a license from Standard & Poor’s Financial Services LLC, and State Street Global Markets, LLC (“SSGM” or the “Marketing Agent”) have entered into a license agreement (the “License Agreement”). The License Agreement grants SSGM, an affiliate of the Trustee, a license to use the S&P 500 Index and to use certain trade names and trademarks of S&P in connection with the Trust. The S&P 500 Index also serves as the basis for determining the composition of the Trust’s portfolio. The Trustee (on behalf of the Trust), the Sponsor and NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca”) have each received a sublicense from SSGM for the use of the S&P 500 Index and certain trade names and trademarks in connection with their rights and duties with respect to the Trust. The License Agreement may be amended without the consent of any of the owners of beneficial interests of Units. Currently, the License Agreement is scheduled to terminate on December 31, 2017, but its term may be extended without the consent of any of the owners of beneficial interests of Units. Pursuant to such arrangements and in accordance with the Trust Agreement, the Trust reimburses the Sponsor for payment of fees under the License Agreement to S&P equal to 0.03% of the daily size of the Trust (based on Unit closing price and outstanding Units) plus an annual license fee of \$600,000.

The Sponsor has entered into an agreement with the Marketing Agent pursuant to which the Marketing Agent has agreed to market and promote the Trust. The Marketing Agent is reimbursed by the Sponsor for the expenses it

# SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### September 30, 2015

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#### **Note 3 — Transactions with the Trustee and Sponsor – (continued)**

incurs for providing such services out of amounts that the Trust reimburses the Sponsor. Expenses incurred by the Marketing Agent include, but are not limited to: printing and distribution of marketing materials describing the Trust, associated legal, consulting, advertising and marketing costs and other out-of-pocket expenses.

ALPS Distributors, Inc. (the “Distributor”) serves as the distributor of the Units. The Sponsor pays the Distributor for its services a flat annual fee of \$35,000, and the Trust does not reimburse the Sponsor for this fee.

#### **Investments in Affiliates of the Trustee and the Sponsor**

The Trust has invested in companies that are considered affiliates of the Trustee (State Street Corp.) and the Sponsor (ICE). Such investments were made according to the representative portion of the S&P 500 Index. The market value of these investments at September 30, 2015 are listed in the Schedule of Investments.

#### **Contribution from the Trustee**

On July 20, 2015, the Trustee made a cash contribution to the Trust in connection with the correction of a class action processing error.

#### **Note 4 — Unitholder Transactions**

Units are issued and redeemed by the Trust only in Creation Unit size aggregations of 50,000 Units. Such transactions are only permitted on an in-kind basis, with a separate cash payment that is equivalent to the undistributed net investment income per Unit (income equalization) and a balancing cash component to equate the transaction to the NAV per Unit of the Trust on the transaction date. There is a transaction fee payable to the Trustee in connection with each creation and redemption of Creation Units made through the clearing process (the “Transaction Fee”). The Transaction Fee is non-refundable, regardless of the NAV of the Trust. The Transaction Fee is the lesser of \$3,000 or 0.10% (10 basis points) of the value of one Creation Unit at the time of creation per participating party per day, regardless of the number of Creation Units created or redeemed on such day. The Transaction Fee is currently \$3,000. For creations and redemptions outside the clearing process, including orders from a participating party restricted from engaging in transactions in one or more of the common stocks that are included in the S&P 500 Index, an additional amount not to exceed three (3) times the Transaction Fee applicable for one Creation Unit is charged per Creation Unit per day.

#### **Note 5 — Investment Transactions**

For the year ended September 30, 2015, the Trust had in-kind contributions, in-kind redemptions, purchases and sales of investment securities of \$203,381,038,879, \$212,149,481,404, \$6,238,069,055, and \$5,052,074,589, respectively. Net realized gain (loss) on investment transactions in the Statements of Operations includes net gains resulting from in-kind transactions of \$20,925,560,095.

#### **Note 6 — Market Risk**

In the normal course of business, the Trust invests in securities and enters into transactions where risks exist due to fluctuations in the market (market risk). Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

An investment in the Trust involves risks similar to those of investing in any fund of equity securities, such as market fluctuations caused by such factors as economic and political developments, changes in interest rates and

**SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust**  
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**Note 6 — Market Risk – (continued)**

perceived trends in stock prices. The value of a Unit will decline, more or less, in correlation with any decline in value of the S&P 500 Index. The values of equity securities could decline generally or could underperform other investments. The Trust would not sell an equity security because the security's issuer was in financial trouble unless that security was removed from the S&P 500 Index.

**Note 7 — Subsequent Events**

The Trustee has evaluated the impact of all subsequent events of the Trust through the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued and has determined that there were no subsequent events requiring adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements.

# **SPDR® S&P 500® ETF Trust**

## **A Unit Investment Trust**

### **Annual Report**

**September 30, 2014**

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**SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**September 30, 2014**

**ASSETS**

Investments in unaffiliated issuers, at value . . . . .	\$179,109,047,577
Investments in affiliates of the Trustee and the Sponsor, at value . . . . .	546,866,386
Total investments . . . . .	179,655,913,963
Cash . . . . .	897,429,515
Receivable for investments sold; when issued security . . . . .	48,275,257
Dividends receivable — unaffiliated issuers net of withholding tax . . . . .	206,225,582
Dividends receivable — affiliated issuers . . . . .	2,046,093
<b>Total Assets . . . . .</b>	<b>180,809,890,410</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Payable for units of fractional undivided interest (“Units”) redeemed in-kind . . . . .	1,240,571
Income distribution payable . . . . .	846,803,867
Accrued Trustee expense (Note 3) . . . . .	5,862,067
Accrued marketing expense (Note 3) . . . . .	17,964,869
Accrued expenses and other liabilities . . . . .	22,622,600
<b>Total Liabilities . . . . .</b>	<b>894,493,974</b>

<b>NET ASSETS . . . . .</b>	<b>\$179,915,396,436</b>
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**NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:**

Paid in Capital (Note 4) . . . . .	\$182,270,886,444
Distribution in excess of net investment income . . . . .	(804,394,943)
Accumulated net realized gain on investments . . . . .	(6,238,254,203)
Net unrealized appreciation on investments . . . . .	4,687,159,138

<b>NET ASSETS . . . . .</b>	<b>\$179,915,396,436</b>
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<b>NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 196.98</b>
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<b>UNITS OUTSTANDING, UNLIMITED UNITS AUTHORIZED . . . . .</b>	<b>913,382,116</b>
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**COST OF INVESTMENTS:**

Unaffiliated issuers . . . . .	\$174,427,438,748
Affiliates of the Trustee and the Sponsor (Note 3) . . . . .	541,316,077
<b>Total Cost of Investments . . . . .</b>	<b>\$174,968,754,825</b>

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

# SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust

## Statements of Operations

	<u>For the Year Ended September 30, 2014</u>	<u>For the Year Ended September 30, 2013</u>	<u>For the Year Ended September 30, 2012</u>
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>			
Dividend income — unaffiliated issuers . . . . .	\$ 3,282,246,167	\$ 2,928,179,277	\$ 2,135,559,412
Dividend income — affiliates of the Trustee and the Sponsor . . . . .	7,737,949	7,182,288	6,306,634
Foreign taxes withheld . . . . .	(55,714)	(2,155,873)	—
Total Investment Income . . . . .	<u>3,289,928,402</u>	<u>2,933,205,692</u>	<u>2,141,866,046</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Trustee expense (Note 3) . . . . .	94,051,423	74,263,542	55,224,103
S&P license fee (Note 3) . . . . .	49,409,863	39,725,196	30,163,235
Marketing expense (Note 3) . . . . .	32,539,910	26,083,464	19,708,823
Legal and audit services . . . . .	31,642	475,897	895,131
Other expenses . . . . .	2,594,912	3,081,480	2,692,302
Total Expenses . . . . .	<u>178,627,750</u>	<u>143,629,579</u>	<u>108,683,594</u>
Trustee expense waiver . . . . .	(24,863,548)	(20,385,210)	(15,559,404)
Net Expenses . . . . .	<u>153,764,202</u>	<u>123,244,369</u>	<u>93,124,190</u>
<b>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</b> . . . . .	<u>3,136,164,200</u>	<u>2,809,961,323</u>	<u>2,048,741,856</u>
<b>REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS</b>			
Net realized gain (loss) on:			
Investment transactions — unaffiliated issuers . . . . .	19,553,859,588	16,411,092,129	8,742,019,176
Investment transactions — affiliates of the Trustee and the Sponsor . . . . .	71,893,864	75,913,401	(418,387)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:			
Investment transactions — unaffiliated issuers . . . . .	4,246,483,070	2,965,943,531	13,032,032,478
Investment transactions — affiliates of the Trustee and the Sponsor . . . . .	(15,568,822)	65,931,190	35,928,935
<b>NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS</b> . . . . .	<u>23,856,667,700</u>	<u>19,518,880,251</u>	<u>21,809,562,202</u>
<b>NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS</b> . . . . .	<u>\$26,992,831,900</u>	<u>\$22,328,841,574</u>	<u>\$23,858,304,058</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



# SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust

## Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	<u>For the Year Ended September 30, 2014</u>	<u>For the Year Ended September 30, 2013</u>	<u>For the Year Ended September 30, 2012</u>
<b>INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS:</b>			
Net investment income .....	\$ 3,136,164,200	\$ 2,809,961,323	\$ 2,048,741,856
Net realized gain (loss) on investment transactions .....	19,625,753,452	16,487,005,530	8,741,600,789
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investment transactions ....	4,230,914,248	3,031,874,721	13,067,961,413
<b>NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS .....</b>	<u>26,992,831,900</u>	<u>22,328,841,574</u>	<u>23,858,304,058</u>
<b>NET EQUALIZATION CREDITS AND CHARGES .....</b>	<u>62,384,940</u>	<u>69,879,138</u>	<u>115,422,459</u>
<b>DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNITHOLDERS FROM NET INVESTMENT INCOME .....</b>	<u>(3,236,399,773)</u>	<u>(2,898,906,428)</u>	<u>(2,209,395,148)</u>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM UNIT TRANSACTIONS:</b>			
Proceeds from issuance of Units .....	384,831,248,199	421,569,465,638	412,781,633,972
Cost of Units redeemed .....	(373,296,420,608)	(414,539,883,142)	(397,131,183,744)
Net income equalization (Note 2) .....	(62,384,940)	(69,879,138)	(115,422,459)
<b>NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS FROM ISSUANCE AND REDEMPTION OF UNITS .....</b>	<u>11,472,442,651</u>	<u>6,959,703,358</u>	<u>15,535,027,769</u>
<b>NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS DURING THE YEAR .....</b>	<u>35,291,259,718</u>	<u>26,459,517,642</u>	<u>37,299,359,138</u>
<b>NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR .....</b>	<u>144,624,136,718</u>	<u>118,164,619,076</u>	<u>80,865,259,938</u>
<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR*</b> .....	<u>\$ 179,915,396,436</u>	<u>\$ 144,624,136,718</u>	<u>\$ 118,164,619,076</u>
<b>UNIT TRANSACTIONS:</b>			
Units sold .....	2,061,700,000	2,724,700,000	3,116,800,000
Units redeemed .....	(2,009,400,000)	(2,684,200,000)	(3,011,050,000)
<b>NET INCREASE .....</b>	<u>52,300,000</u>	<u>40,500,000</u>	<u>105,750,000</u>
<b>*INCLUDES UNDISTRIBUTED (DISTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF) NET INVESTMENT INCOME .....</b>	<u>\$ (804,394,943)</u>	<u>\$ (704,159,370)</u>	<u>\$ (615,214,265)</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust**  
**Financial Highlights**  
**Selected data for a Unit outstanding throughout each year**

	For the Year Ended September 30, 2014	For the Year Ended September 30, 2013	For the Year Ended September 30, 2012	For the Year Ended September 30, 2011	For the Year Ended September 30, 2010
<b>Net asset value, beginning of year . . .</b>	\$ 167.96	\$ 144.00	\$ 113.12	\$ 114.13	\$ 105.73
<b>Investment operations:</b>					
Net investment income(1) . . . . .	3.60	3.36	2.77	2.42	2.20
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments . . . . .	29.03	23.91	30.80	(1.16)	8.24
Total from investment operations . . . . .	32.63	27.27	33.57	1.26	10.44
Net equalization credits and charges(1) . . . . .	0.07	0.08	0.16	0.19	0.16
<b>Less distributions from:</b>					
Net investment income . . . . .	(3.68)	(3.39)	(2.85)	(2.46)	(2.20)
<b>Net asset value, end of year . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 196.98</b>	<b>\$ 167.96</b>	<b>\$ 144.00</b>	<b>\$ 113.12</b>	<b>\$ 114.13</b>
<b>Total return(2) . . . . .</b>	<b>19.57%</b>	<b>19.09%</b>	<b>29.96%</b>	<b>1.01%</b>	<b>10.08%</b>
<b>Ratios and supplemental data</b>					
<b>Ratio to average net assets:</b>					
Net investment income . . . . .	1.93%	2.15%	2.08%	1.92%	1.98%
Total expenses(3) . . . . .	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%
Total expenses excluding Trustee earnings credit . . . . .	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%
Total expenses excluding Trustee earnings credit and fee waivers . . . . .	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%
Portfolio turnover rate(4) . . . . .	3.54%	2.99%	3.80%	3.72%	5.38%
<b>Net assets, end of year (000's) . . . . .</b>	<b>\$179,915,396</b>	<b>\$144,624,137</b>	<b>\$118,164,619</b>	<b>\$80,865,260</b>	<b>\$78,190,881</b>

- (1) Per Unit numbers have been calculated using the average shares method, which more appropriately presents per Unit data for the year.
- (2) Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of Units at net asset value per Unit on the first day and a sale at net asset value per Unit on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purposes of this calculation, to be reinvested at the net asset value per Unit on the respective payment dates of the Trust. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.
- (3) Net of expenses waived by the Trustee.
- (4) Portfolio turnover rate does not include securities received or delivered from processing creations or redemptions of Units.

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

# **SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust**

## **Notes to Financial Statements**

### **September 30, 2014**

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#### **Note 1 — Organization**

SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust (the “Trust”) is a unit investment trust created under the laws of the State of New York and registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The Trust was created to provide investors with the opportunity to purchase a security representing a proportionate undivided interest in a portfolio of securities consisting of substantially all of the component common stocks, in substantially the same weighting, which comprise the Standard & Poor’s 500® Index (the “S&P 500 Index”). Each unit of fractional undivided interest in the Trust is referred to as a “Unit”. The Trust commenced operations on January 22, 1993 upon the initial issuance of 150,000 Units (equivalent to three “Creation Units” — see Note 4) in exchange for a portfolio of securities assembled to reflect the intended portfolio composition of the Trust.

Under the Amended and Restated Standard Terms and Conditions of the Trust, as amended (the “Trust Agreement”), PDR Services, LLC, as sponsor of the Trust (the “Sponsor”), and State Street Bank and Trust Company, as trustee of the Trust (the “Trustee”), are indemnified against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Trust. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Trust enters into contracts that contain general indemnification clauses. The Trust’s maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Trust that have not yet occurred. However, based on experience, the Trust expects the risk of material loss to be remote.

On November 13, 2013, Intercontinental Exchange, Inc. (formerly known as IntercontinentalExchange Group, Inc.) (“ICE”) announced the completion of its acquisition of NYSE Holdings LLC (the parent company of the Sponsor, formerly known as NYSE Euronext Holdings LLC) (“NYSE Holdings”). Upon the closing of the acquisition, Intercontinental Exchange Holdings, Inc. (formerly known as IntercontinentalExchange, Inc.) and NYSE Holdings became wholly owned subsidiaries of ICE. As the parent company, ICE is the publicly-traded entity, trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “ICE”.

#### **Note 2 — Significant Accounting Policies**

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Trust in the preparation of its financial statements:

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The financial statements are presented in United States dollars.

#### **Security Valuation**

The value of the Trust’s portfolio securities is based on the market price of the securities, which generally means a valuation obtained from an exchange or other market (or based on a price quotation or other equivalent indication of value supplied by an exchange or other market) or a valuation obtained from an independent pricing service. If a security’s market price is not readily available or does not otherwise accurately reflect the fair value of the security, the security will be valued by another method that the Trustee believes will better reflect fair value in accordance with the Trust’s valuation policies and procedures. The Trustee has adopted procedures concerning securities valuation pursuant to which an Oversight Committee makes determinations as to whether market quotations are not readily available or do not otherwise accurately reflect the fair value of the security. The Oversight Committee, or a subgroup thereof, subject to oversight by the Trustee, may use fair value pricing in a variety of circumstances,

# SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### September 30, 2014

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#### Note 2 — Significant Accounting Policies – (continued)

including but not limited to, situations when trading in a security has been suspended or halted. Fair value pricing involves subjective judgments and it is possible that the fair value determination for a security is materially different than the value that could be received on the sale of the security.

The Trust continues to follow the authoritative guidance for fair value measurements and the fair value option for financial assets and financial liabilities. The guidance establishes a hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that the most observable inputs be used when available. The guidance establishes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

- Level 1 — quoted prices in active markets for identical investments
- Level 2 — other significant observable inputs (including, but not limited to, quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)
- Level 3 — significant unobservable inputs (including the Trust's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

Investments that use Level 2 or Level 3 inputs may include, but are not limited to: (i) an unlisted security related to corporate actions; (ii) a restricted security (*i.e.*, one that may not be publicly sold without registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended); (iii) a security whose trading has been suspended or which has been de-listed from its primary trading exchange; (iv) a security that is thinly traded; (v) a security in default or bankruptcy proceedings for which there is no current market quotation; (vi) a security affected by currency controls or restrictions; and (vii) a security affected by a significant event (*i.e.*, an event that occurs after the close of the markets on which the security is traded but before the time as of which the Trust's net assets are computed and that may materially affect the value of the Trust's investments). Examples of events that may be "significant events" are government actions, natural disasters, armed conflicts, acts of terrorism and significant market fluctuations.

Fair value pricing could result in a difference between the prices used to calculate the Trust's NAV and the prices used by the S&P 500 Index, which, in turn, could result in a difference between the Trust's performance and the performance of the S&P 500 Index. The inputs or methodology used for valuation are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those investments. The types of inputs used to value each security are identified in the Schedule of Investments, which also includes a breakdown of the Trust's investments by industry.

The Trust did not hold any investments valued using Level 2 or Level 3 inputs as of September 30, 2014 and did not have any transfers between levels for the year ended September 30, 2014.

#### **Investment Risk**

The Trust's investments are exposed to risks, such as market risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

An investment in the Trust involves risks similar to those of investing in any fund of equity securities, such as market fluctuations caused by such factors as economic and political developments, changes in interest rates and perceived trends in stock prices. The value of a Unit will decline, more or less, in correlation with any decline in

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#### **Note 2 — Significant Accounting Policies – (continued)**

value of the S&P 500 Index. The values of equity securities could decline generally or could underperform other investments. The Trust would not sell an equity security because the security's issuer was in financial trouble unless that security was removed from the S&P 500 Index.

#### **Investment Transactions**

Investment transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized gains and losses from the sale or disposition of securities are recorded on the identified cost basis. Dividend income, which may be subject to withholding tax, is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

#### **Distributions to Unitholders**

The Trust declares and distributes dividends from net investment income to its holders of Units ("Unitholders") quarterly. The Trust declares and distributes net realized capital gains, if any, at least annually.

#### **Equalization**

The Trust follows the accounting practice known as "Equalization" by which a portion of the proceeds from sales and costs of reacquiring the Trust's Units, equivalent on a per Unit basis to the amount of distributable net investment income on the date of the transaction, is credited or charged to undistributed net investment income. As a result, undistributed net investment income per Unit is unaffected by sales or reacquisitions of the Trust's Units. Amounts related to Equalization can be found on the Statement of Changes in Net Assets.

#### **U.S. Federal Income Tax and Certain Other Tax Matters**

For U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Trust has qualified as a "regulated investment company" under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (a "RIC"), and intends to continue to qualify as a RIC. As a RIC, the Trust will generally not be subject to U.S. federal income tax for any taxable year on income, including net capital gains, that it distributes to its Unitholders, provided that it distributes on a timely basis at least 90% of its "investment company taxable income" determined prior to the deduction for dividends paid by the Trust (generally, its taxable income other than net capital gain) for such taxable year. In addition, provided that the Trust distributes substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gains during each calendar year, the Trust will not be subject to U.S. federal excise tax.

Accounting Standards Codification 740, Income Taxes ("ASC 740") established financial accounting and disclosure requirements for recognition and measurement of tax positions taken, and whether those tax positions are more likely than not to be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authority based on the technical merits of the position. The Trust has not recognized any liabilities relating to tax positions considered to be uncertain tax positions for the current year or prior years. The Trust may be subject to potential examinations by certain taxing authorities for all open tax years (the current and prior years, as applicable). Any potential tax liability is also subject to ongoing interpretation of laws by taxing authorities. The tax treatment of the Trust's investments may change over time based on factors including, but not limited to, new tax laws, regulations and interpretations thereof.

The Trust has reviewed the tax positions for the open tax years as of September 30, 2014 and has determined that no provision for income tax is required in the Trust's financial statements. The Trust's U.S. federal tax returns for the prior three fiscal years remain subject to examination by the Trust's major tax jurisdictions, which include the

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United States of America and the State of New York. The Trust would recognize interest and penalties, if any, related to tax liabilities as income tax expense in the Statements of Operations. There were no such expenses for the year ending September 30, 2014.

At September 30, 2014, the Trust had the following capital loss carryforwards that may be utilized to offset any net realized gains, expiring September 30 of the year indicated:

2015 .....	\$1,056,971,322
2016 .....	917,820,735
2017 .....	2,553,965,847
2018 .....	188,539,023
Non-Expiring – Short Term .....	416,362,178
Non-Expiring – Long Term .....	1,096,002,821

During the tax year ended September 30, 2014, the Trust utilized capital loss carryforwards of \$0 and had \$1,174,140,896 of capital loss carryforwards expire.

During the year ended September 30, 2014, the Trust reclassified \$20,045,595,976 of non-taxable security gains realized from the in-kind redemption of Creation Units (Note 4) as an increase to paid in capital in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. At September 30, 2014, the cost of investments for U.S. federal income tax purposes was \$174,977,347,102. Gross unrealized appreciation was \$9,145,606,731 and gross unrealized depreciation was \$4,467,039,870, resulting in net unrealized appreciation of \$4,678,566,861.

The tax character of distributions paid during the years ended September 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were as follows:

<u>Tax Year of Distribution</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Ordinary Income .....	\$3,236,399,773	\$2,898,906,428	\$2,209,395,148

As of September 30, 2014, the components of distributable earnings (excluding unrealized appreciation/ (depreciation)) were undistributed ordinary income of \$42,408,924 and undistributed net capital gain of \$0.

Net capital losses realized by the Trust after October 31 and ordinary losses realized by the Trust after December 31 may be deferred and treated as occurring on the first day of the following fiscal year. The Trust elected for U.S. federal income tax purposes to defer the following current year post October 31 and post December 31 losses, as applicable, as though the losses were incurred on the first day of the next fiscal year:

Post October Loss Deferral .....	\$0
Late Year Ordinary Loss Deferral .....	0

**Note 3 — Transactions with the Trustee and Sponsor**

In accordance with the Trust Agreement, the Trustee maintains the Trust's accounting records, acts as custodian and transfer agent to the Trust, and provides administrative services, including the filing of certain regulatory reports. The Trustee is also responsible for determining the composition of the portfolio of securities which must be delivered and/or received in exchange for the issuance and/or redemption of Creation Units of the Trust, and for adjusting the composition of the Trust's portfolio from time to time to conform to changes in the composition

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#### Note 3 — Transactions with the Trustee and Sponsor – (continued)

and/or weighting structure of the S&P 500 Index. For these services, the Trustee received a fee at the following annual rates for the year ended September 30, 2014:

<u>Net asset value of the Trust</u>	<u>Fee as a percentage of net asset value of the Trust</u>
\$0 – \$499,999,999	0.10% per annum plus or minus the Adjustment Amount
\$500,000,000 – \$2,499,999,999	0.08% per annum plus or minus the Adjustment Amount
\$2,500,000,000 and above	0.06% per annum plus or minus the Adjustment Amount

The Adjustment Amount is the sum of (a) the excess or deficiency of transaction fees received by the Trustee, less the expenses incurred in processing orders for the creation and redemption of Units and (b) the amounts earned by the Trustee with respect to the cash held by the Trustee for the benefit of the Trust. During the year ended September 30, 2014, the Adjustment Amount reduced the Trustee’s fee by \$4,168,306. The Adjustment Amount included an excess of net transaction fees from processing orders of \$3,644,973 and a Trustee earnings credit of \$523,333.

The Trustee has voluntarily agreed to waive a portion of its fee, as needed, for one year until February 1, 2015, so that the total operating expenses would not exceed 0.0945% per annum of the daily NAV of the Trust. The total amount of such waivers by the Trustee for the years ended September 30, 2012, September 30, 2013 and September 30, 2014 are identified in the Statements of Operations. The Trustee has not entered into an agreement with the Trust to recapture waived fees in subsequent periods and the Trustee may discontinue the voluntary waiver.

S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (“S&P”), per a license from Standard & Poor’s Financial Services LLC, and State Street Global Markets, LLC (“SSGM” or the “Marketing Agent”) have entered into a License Agreement. The License Agreement grants SSGM, an affiliate of the Trustee, a license to use the S&P 500 Index and to use certain trade names and trademarks of S&P in connection with the Trust. The S&P 500 Index also serves as a basis for determining the composition of the Trust’s portfolio. The Trustee (on behalf of the Trust), the Sponsor and NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca”) have each received a sublicense from SSGM for the use of the S&P 500 Index and certain trade names and trademarks in connection with their rights and duties with respect to the Trust. The License Agreement may be amended without the consent of any of the owners of beneficial interests of Units. Currently, the License Agreement is scheduled to terminate on December 31, 2017, but its term may be extended without the consent of any of the owners of beneficial interests of Units. Pursuant to such arrangements and in accordance with the Trust Agreement, the Trust reimburses the Sponsor for payment of fees under the License Agreement to S&P equal to 0.03% of the daily size of the Trust (based on Unit closing price and outstanding Units) plus an annual license fee of \$600,000.

The Sponsor has entered into an agreement with the Marketing Agent pursuant to which the Marketing Agent has agreed to market and promote the Trust. The Marketing Agent is reimbursed by the Sponsor for the expenses it incurs for providing such services out of amounts that the Trust reimburses the Sponsor. Expenses incurred by the Marketing Agent include, but are not limited to: printing and distribution of marketing materials describing the Trust, associated legal, consulting, advertising and marketing costs and other out-of-pocket expenses.



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**Note 3 — Transactions with the Trustee and Sponsor – (continued)**

**Investments in Affiliates of the Trustee and the Sponsor**

SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust has invested in State Street Corp., which is considered an affiliate of the Trustee, and Intercontinental Group, Inc., which is considered an affiliate of the Sponsor. Such investments were made according to the representative portion of the S&P 500 Index. The market value of these investments at September 30, 2014 is listed in the Schedule of Investments.

**Note 4 — Unitholder Transactions**

Units are issued and redeemed by the Trust only in Creation Unit size aggregations of 50,000 Units. Such transactions are only permitted on an in-kind basis, with a separate cash payment that is equivalent to the undistributed net investment income per Unit (income equalization) and a balancing cash component to equate the transaction to the NAV per Unit of the Trust on the transaction date. There is a transaction fee payable to the Trustee in connection with each creation and redemption of Creation Units made through the clearing process (“Transaction Fee”). The Transaction Fee is non-refundable, regardless of the NAV of the Trust. The Transaction Fee is the lesser of \$3,000 or 0.10% (10 basis points) of the value of one Creation Unit at the time of creation per participating party per day, regardless of the number of Creation Units created or redeemed on such day. The Transaction Fee is currently \$3,000. For creations and redemptions outside the clearing process, including orders from a participating party restricted from engaging in transactions in one or more of the common stocks that are included in the S&P 500 Index, an additional amount not to exceed three (3) times the Transaction Fee applicable for one Creation Unit is charged per Creation Unit per day.

**Note 5 — Investment Transactions**

For the year ended September 30, 2014, the Trust had in-kind contributions, in-kind redemptions, purchases and sales of investment securities of \$171,984,211,083, \$160,517,711,791, \$5,958,935,567 and \$5,766,195,390, respectively. Net realized gain (loss) on investment transactions in the Statements of Operations includes net gains resulting from in-kind transactions of \$20,056,112,897.