

# 令和元年9月期（平成30年10月1日～令和元年9月30日）決算短信

令和元年12月19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. 2019年9月期の運用状況（平成30年10月1日～令和元年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	%
2019年9月期	30,002,105	(100.00)	△865	(0.00)	30,001,240	(100.00)
2018年9月期	30,548,304	(99.95)	14,128	(0.05)	30,562,432	(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
2019年9月期	961,432	1,753,650	1,791,100	923,982
2018年9月期	968,182	2,275,100	2,281,850	961,432

#### (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
2019年9月期	30,150,163	148,923	30,001,240	32,469.14
2018年9月期	30,719,013	156,581	30,562,432	31,788.73

#### (4) 分配金

2019年9月期	1口当たり分配金	2018年9月期	1口当たり分配金
*	*円	*	*円
2018年12月24日	157.021578	2017年12月18日	147.822317
2019年3月18日	134.890887	2018年3月19日	119.976217
2019年6月24日	156.607100	2018年6月18日	136.252684
2019年9月23日	151.354082	2018年9月24日	144.680417

\* 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、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=109.39円の換算率(2019年11月28日に株式会社三菱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, 2019

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

A Unit Investment Trust

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**SPDR S&P 500® ETF Trust**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**September 30, 2019**

**ASSETS**

Investments in unaffiliated issuers, at value (Note 2) .....	\$273,446,316,823
Investments in affiliates of the Trustee and the Sponsor, at value .....	821,033,702
Total Investments .....	<u>274,267,350,525</u>
Cash .....	1,114,827,098
Dividends receivable — unaffiliated issuers (Note 2) .....	236,512,746
Dividends receivable — affiliated issuers (Note 2) .....	2,147,052
Total Assets .....	<u>275,620,837,421</u>

**LIABILITIES**

Payable for investments purchased .....	37,185,683
Payable for units of fractional undivided interest (“Units”) redeemed in-kind .....	317,146
Accrued Trustee expense (Note 3) .....	12,590,011
Accrued Marketing expense (Note 3) .....	22,557,234
Distribution payable .....	1,254,640,965
Accrued expenses and other liabilities .....	34,106,683
Total Liabilities .....	<u>1,361,397,722</u>

<b>NET ASSETS</b> .....	<u>\$274,259,439,699</u>
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**NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:**

Paid in Capital (Note 4) .....	\$292,854,928,423
Total distributable earnings (loss) .....	<u>\$(18,595,488,724)</u>

<b>NET ASSETS</b> .....	<u>\$274,259,439,699</u>
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<b>NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT</b> .....	<u>\$ 296.82</u>
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<b>UNITS OUTSTANDING (UNLIMITED UNITS AUTHORIZED)</b> .....	<u>923,982,116</u>
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**COST OF INVESTMENTS:**

Unaffiliated issuers .....	\$284,405,920,717
Affiliates of the Trustee and the Sponsor (Note 3) .....	904,772,651
Total Cost of Investments .....	<u>\$285,310,693,368</u>

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

# SPDR S&P 500® ETF Trust

## Statements of Operations

	Year Ended 9/30/19	Year Ended 9/30/18	Year Ended 9/30/17
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>			
Dividend income — unaffiliated issuers (Note 2) .....	\$ 5,569,189,037	\$ 4,995,395,848	\$ 4,737,367,911
Dividend income — affiliates of the Trustee and the Sponsor .....	14,842,022	13,606,086	11,842,443
Foreign taxes withheld .....	—	—	(9,787)
Total Investment Income .....	5,584,031,059	5,009,001,934	4,749,200,567
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Trustee expense (Note 3) .....	129,443,668	143,201,038	126,137,525
S&P license fee (Note 3) .....	79,275,442	80,322,526	69,123,020
Marketing expense (Note 3) .....	36,911,835	22,626,082	18,358,255
Legal and audit fees .....	605,028	603,472	241,998
Other expenses .....	1,591,672	4,372,847	2,644,758
Total Expenses .....	247,827,645	251,125,965	216,505,556
Trustee expense waiver .....	—	—	(658,036)
Net Expenses .....	247,827,645	251,125,965	215,847,520
<b>NET INVESTMENT INCOME (LOSS)</b> .....	<b>5,336,203,414</b>	<b>4,757,875,969</b>	<b>4,533,353,047</b>
<b>REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)</b>			
Net realized gain (loss) on:			
Investments — unaffiliated issuers .....	(1,874,707,476)	(631,225,982)	(1,368,210,820)
Investments — affiliates of the Trustee and the Sponsor .....	(2,398,982)	(838,353)	(355,947)
In-kind redemptions — unaffiliated issuers .....	19,405,809,495	37,318,292,156	22,363,636,511
In-kind redemptions — affiliated issuers .....	39,060,086	142,784,439	89,897,379
Net realized gain (loss) .....	17,567,763,123	36,829,012,260	21,084,967,123
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on:			
Investments — unaffiliated issuers .....	(13,388,014,704)	(760,564,842)	12,961,822,882
Investments — affiliates of the Trustee and the Sponsor .....	(33,757,839)	(158,416,456)	113,290,379
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation .....	(13,421,772,543)	(918,981,298)	13,075,113,261
<b>NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)</b> .....	<b>4,145,990,580</b>	<b>35,910,030,962</b>	<b>34,160,080,384</b>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS</b> .....	<b>\$ 9,482,193,994</b>	<b>\$40,667,906,931</b>	<b>\$38,693,433,431</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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## Statements of Changes In Net Assets

	Year Ended 9/30/19	Year Ended 9/30/18	Year Ended 9/30/17
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS</b>			
<b>FROM OPERATIONS:</b>			
Net investment income (loss) .....	\$ 5,336,203,414	\$ 4,757,875,969	\$ 4,533,353,047
Net realized gain (loss) .....	17,567,763,123	36,829,012,260	21,084,967,123
Net change in unrealized appreciation/ depreciation .....	<u>(13,421,772,543)</u>	<u>(918,981,298)</u>	<u>13,075,113,261</u>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS .....</b>	<u>9,482,193,994</u>	<u>40,667,906,931</u>	<u>38,693,433,431</u>
<b>NET EQUALIZATION CREDITS AND CHARGES (NOTE 2) .....</b>	<u>(53,196,888)</u>	<u>2,991,782</u>	<u>57,766,713</u>
<b>DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNITHOLDERS(a) ....</b>	<u>(5,057,184,141)</u>	<u>(4,894,169,793)</u>	<u>(4,709,369,232)</u>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS</b>			
<b>FROM UNIT TRANSACTIONS:</b>			
Proceeds from issuance of Units .....	487,497,849,720	617,352,015,478	457,292,137,220
Cost of Units redeemed .....	(497,053,054,235)	(617,035,693,780)	(445,257,589,858)
Net income equalization (Note 2) .....	<u>53,196,888</u>	<u>(2,991,782)</u>	<u>(57,766,713)</u>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM ISSUANCE AND REDEMPTION OF UNITS .....</b>	<u>(9,502,007,627)</u>	<u>313,329,916</u>	<u>11,976,780,649</u>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS DURING THE PERIOD .....</b>	<u>(5,130,194,662)</u>	<u>36,090,058,836</u>	<u>46,018,611,561</u>
<b>NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD .....</b>	<u>279,389,634,361</u>	<u>243,299,575,525</u>	<u>197,280,963,964</u>
<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF PERIOD(b) .....</b>	<u>\$ 274,259,439,699</u>	<u>\$ 279,389,634,361</u>	<u>\$ 243,299,575,525</u>
<b>UNIT TRANSACTIONS:</b>			
Units sold .....	1,753,650,000	2,275,100,000	1,958,700,000
Units redeemed .....	<u>(1,791,100,000)</u>	<u>(2,281,850,000)</u>	<u>(1,902,150,000)</u>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) .....</b>	<u>(37,450,000)</u>	<u>(6,750,000)</u>	<u>56,550,000</u>

(a) For the period ended September 30, 2017, the distributions to unitholders were \$4,709,369,232 from net investment income. See Note 7 on the notes to financial statements.

(b) Distribution in excess of net investment income amounted to \$(1,093,659,404) as of September 30, 2017. See Note 7 on the notes to financial statements.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# SPDR S&P 500® ETF Trust

## Financial Highlights

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

	Year Ended 9/30/19	Year Ended 9/30/18	Year Ended 9/30/17	Year Ended 9/30/16	Year Ended 9/30/15
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period . . . .</b>	\$ 290.60	\$ 251.30	\$ 216.40	\$ 191.77	\$ 196.98
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income (loss)(a) . . . .	5.71	4.86	4.65	4.27	4.28
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) . . . . .	6.05	39.46	34.97	24.76	(5.47)
Total from investment operations . . . . .	11.76	44.32	39.62	29.03	(1.19)
Net equalization credits and charges(a) . . .	(0.06)	0.00(b)	0.06	0.02	0.08
Contribution by Trustee . . . . .	—	—	—	—	0.03(c)
Less Distributions from:					
Net investment income . . . . .	(5.48)	(5.02)	(4.78)	(4.42)	(4.13)
<b>Net asset value, end of period . . . . .</b>	<u>\$ 296.82</u>	<u>\$ 290.60</u>	<u>\$ 251.30</u>	<u>\$ 216.40</u>	<u>\$ 191.77</u>
<b>Total return(d) . . . . .</b>	4.11%	17.72%	18.44%(e)	15.30%	(0.64)%(f)

#### Ratios and Supplemental Data:

Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . .	\$274,259,440	\$279,389,634	\$243,299,576	\$197,280,964	\$166,683,901
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#### Ratios to average net assets:

Total expenses (excluding Trustee earnings credit and fee waivers) . . .	0.10%	0.10%	0.09%	0.11%	0.11%
Total expenses (excluding Trustee earnings credit) . . . . .	0.10%	0.10%	0.09%	0.11%	0.11%
Net expenses(g) . . . . .	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%
Net investment income (loss) . . . . .	2.03%	1.79%	1.98%	2.07%	2.09%
Portfolio turnover rate(h) . . . . .	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%

- (a) Per Unit numbers have been calculated using the average shares method, which more appropriately presents per Unit data for the year.
- (b) Amount is less than \$0.005 per Unit.
- (c) Contribution paid by the Trustee (State Street Bank and Trust Company) in the amount of \$26,920,521.
- (d) 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. Total return for a period of less than one year is not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.
- (e) Reflects a non-recurring litigation payment received by the Trust from State Street Corp., an affiliate, which amounted to less than \$0.005 per Unit outstanding as of March 20, 2017. This payment resulted in an increase to total return of less than 0.005% for the period ended September 30, 2017.
- (f) Total return would have been lower by 0.01% if the Trustee had not made a contribution.
- (g) Net of expenses waived by the Trustee.
- (h) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions of Units.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# SPDR S&P 500<sup>®</sup> ETF Trust

## Notes to Financial Statements

### September 30, 2019

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#### Note 1 — Organization

SPDR S&P 500<sup>®</sup> 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 is an “Exchange-Traded Fund” the units of which are listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “SPY” and operate under an exemptive order granted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). 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<sup>®</sup> 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.

Effective June 16, 2017, State Street Bank and Trust Company (“SSBT”) resigned as trustee of the Trust. PDR Services, LLC, as sponsor of the Trust (the “Sponsor”), appointed State Street Global Advisors Trust Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SSBT, as trustee of the Trust (the “Trustee”).

The services received, and the trustee fees paid, by the Trust have not changed as a result of the change in the identity of the Trustee. SSBT continues to maintain the Trust’s accounting records, act as custodian and transfer agent to the Trust, and provide administrative services, including the filing of certain regulatory reports.

Under the Amended and Restated Standard Terms and Conditions of the Trust, as amended (the “Trust Agreement”), the Sponsor and 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.

The Sponsor is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Intercontinental Exchange, Inc. (“ICE”). ICE is a publicly-traded entity, trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “ICE.”

#### Note 2 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“U.S. GAAP”) 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 Trust is an investment company under U.S. GAAP and follows the accounting and reporting guidance applicable to investment companies.

#### Security Valuation

The Trust’s investments are valued at fair value each day that the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) is open and, for financial reporting purposes, as of the report date should the reporting period end on a day that the NYSE 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

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## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### September 30, 2019

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

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 the policy 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 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 (“NAV”) and the prices used by the Trust’s underlying index, S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index, which in turn could result in a difference between the Trust’s performance and the performance of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index.

The Trustee values the Trust’s 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.

#### 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 on the ex-dividend date, or when the information becomes available, net of any foreign taxes withheld at source, if any. Non-cash dividends received in the form of stock, if

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

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 characterize a portion of their distributions as a return of capital or capital gain. The Trustee’s policy is to record all REIT distributions as dividend income initially and re-designate a portion to return of capital or capital gain distributions at year end based on information provided by the REIT and/or Trustee’s estimates of such re-designations for which actual information has not yet been reported. 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, if any, to its holders of Units (“Unitholders”) 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 Trustee 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 U.S. federal income tax principles, which may differ from U.S. GAAP. These book-tax differences are primarily due to differing treatments for expired carry forward losses, in-kind transactions, REITs and losses deferred due to wash sales.

U.S. 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. For U.S. GAAP purposes, 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.

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

The Trustee has reviewed the Trust’s tax positions for the open tax years as of September 30, 2019 and has determined that no provision for income tax is required in the Trust’s financial statements. Generally, the Trust’s 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 Trustee has the Trust 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 ended September 30, 2019.

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, 2019, the Trustee reclassified \$19,444,869,581 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, 2019, the Trust had the following capital loss carryforwards that may be utilized to offset any net realized capital gains:

Non-Expiring – Short Term .....	\$ 700,709,060
Non-Expiring – Long Term .....	5,842,521,334

At September 30, 2019, gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments 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 Appreciation (Depreciation)</u>
SPDR S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> ETF Trust . . . .	\$285,368,674,899	\$17,630,053,721	\$28,731,378,095	\$(11,101,324,374)

The tax character of distributions paid during the years ended September 30, 2019, 2018 and 2017 were as follows:

<u>Distributions paid from:</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Ordinary Income .....	\$5,057,184,141	\$4,894,169,793	\$4,709,369,232

As of September 30, 2019, the components of distributable earnings (excluding unrealized appreciation/ (depreciation)) were undistributed ordinary income of \$303,707,011 and undistributed capital gain of \$0.

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

SSBT 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 pays SSBT for such services. The Trustee is 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 weighting

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

structure of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index. For these services, the Trustee received a fee at the following annual rates for the year ended September 30, 2019:

<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, 2019, the Adjustment Amount reduced the Trustee’s fee by \$28,507,217. The Adjustment Amount included an excess of net transaction fees from processing orders of \$6,005,194 and a Trustee earnings credit of \$22,502,023.

The Trustee has voluntarily agreed to waive a portion of its fee, as needed, for one year until February 1, 2020, 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 year ended September 30, 2017 is identified in the Statements of Operations. No amounts were waived for the years ended September 31, 2019 and September 30, 2018. 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 SEC 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 NAV on an annualized basis. The expenses reimbursed to the Sponsor for the years ended September 30, 2019, 2018 and 2017, did not exceed 0.20% per annum. The licensing and marketing fee disclosed below are subject to both the reimbursement from the Trust to the Sponsor and expense limitation of 0.20% of the Trust’s NAV for the years ended September 30, 2019, 2018 and 2017. The Trust reimbursed the Sponsor for \$549,533, \$367,362 and \$245,507 of legal fees for the years ended September 30, 2019, 2018 and 2017, respectively, which are included in Legal and audit fees on the Statements of Operations.

S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (“S&P”), per a license from Standard & Poor’s Financial Services LLC, and State Street Global Advisors Funds Distributors, LLC (“SSGA FD” or the “Marketing Agent”) have entered into a license agreement (the “License Agreement”). The License Agreement grants SSGA FD, an affiliate of the Trustee, a license to use the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index and to use certain trade names and trademarks of S&P in connection with the Trust. The S&P 500<sup>®</sup> 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 SSGA FD for the use of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> 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 November 29, 2031, 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

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

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.

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 \$25,000, 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 values of these investments at September 30, 2019 are listed in the Schedule of Investments.

On March 20, 2017, the Trust received a non-recurring litigation payment of \$661,715 from State Street Corp., an affiliate of the Trustee, which is recorded as a realized gain in the 2017 Statements of Operations.

**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, 2019, the Trust had in-kind contributions, in-kind redemptions, purchases and sales of investment securities of \$192,702,859,903, \$202,225,064,807, \$8,921,019,725, and \$7,348,613,677, respectively. Net realized gain (loss) on investment transactions in the 2019 Statement of Operations includes net gains resulting from in-kind transactions of \$19,444,869,581.

**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

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**Note 6 — Market Risk – (continued)**

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 value of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> Index.

**Note 7 — Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In August 2018, the SEC released its Final Rule on Disclosure Update and Simplification (the "Final Rule") which is intended to simplify an issuer's disclosure compliance efforts by removing redundant or outdated disclosure requirements without significantly altering the mix of information provided to investors. The Trust adopted the Final Rule in 2018 with the most notable impacts being that the Trust is no longer required to present components of distributable earnings on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities or the sources of distributions to Unitholders and the amount of undistributed net investment income on the Statements of Changes in Net Assets.

**Note 8 — Subsequent Events**

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

# Annual Report

September 30, 2018

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

A Unit Investment Trust

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**SPDR S&P 500® ETF Trust**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**September 30, 2018**

**ASSETS**

Investments in unaffiliated issuers, at value (Note 2) .....	\$278,411,497,725
Investments in affiliates of the Trustee and the Sponsor, at value .....	848,986,627
Total Investments .....	279,260,484,352
Cash .....	1,328,068,937
Dividends receivable — unaffiliated issuers (Note 2) .....	230,448,164
Dividends receivable — affiliated issuers (Note 2) .....	2,033,174
Total Assets .....	<u>280,821,034,627</u>

**LIABILITIES**

Payable for investments purchased .....	88,806,440
Payable for units of fractional undivided interest (“Units”) redeemed in-kind .....	1,135,588
Accrued Trustee expense (Note 3) .....	13,468,101
Accrued Marketing expense (Note 3) .....	6,767,583
Distribution payable .....	1,285,818,761
Accrued expenses and other liabilities .....	35,403,793
Total Liabilities .....	<u>1,431,400,266</u>

<b>NET ASSETS</b> .....	<u>\$279,389,634,361</u>
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**NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:**

Paid in capital (Note 4) .....	\$282,986,782,566
Total distributable earnings (loss) .....	(3,597,148,205)

<b>NET ASSETS</b> .....	<u>\$279,389,634,361</u>
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<b>NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT</b> .....	<u>\$ 290.60</u>
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<b>UNITS OUTSTANDING (UNLIMITED UNITS AUTHORIZED)</b> .....	<u>961,432,116</u>
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**COST OF INVESTMENTS:**

Unaffiliated issuers .....	\$275,983,086,915
Affiliates of the Trustee and the Sponsor (Note 3) .....	898,967,737
Total Cost of Investments .....	<u>\$276,882,054,652</u>

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

# SPDR S&P 500® ETF Trust

## Statements of Operations

	Year Ended 9/30/18	Year Ended 9/30/17	Year Ended 9/30/16
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>			
Dividend income — unaffiliated issuers (Note 2) . . .	\$ 4,995,395,848	\$ 4,737,367,911	\$ 3,945,216,356
Dividend income — affiliates of the Trustee and the Sponsor . . . . .	13,606,086	11,842,443	9,522,352
Foreign taxes withheld . . . . .	—	(9,787)	(1,701)
Total Investment Income . . . . .	<u>5,009,001,934</u>	<u>4,749,200,567</u>	<u>3,954,737,007</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Trustee expense (Note 3) . . . . .	143,201,038	126,137,525	103,362,752
S&P license fee (Note 3) . . . . .	80,322,526	69,123,020	55,221,522
Marketing expense (Note 3) . . . . .	22,626,082	18,358,255	36,504,376
Legal and audit fees . . . . .	603,472	241,998	384,056
Other expenses . . . . .	4,372,847	2,644,758	2,221,602
Total Expenses . . . . .	<u>251,125,965</u>	<u>216,505,556</u>	<u>197,694,308</u>
Trustee expense waiver . . . . .	—	(658,036)	(25,222,398)
Net Expenses . . . . .	<u>251,125,965</u>	<u>215,847,520</u>	<u>172,471,910</u>
<b>NET INVESTMENT INCOME (LOSS)</b> . . . . .	<u>4,757,875,969</u>	<u>4,533,353,047</u>	<u>3,782,265,097</u>
<b>REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)</b>			
Net realized gain (loss) on:			
Investments — unaffiliated issuers . . . . .	(631,225,982)	(1,368,210,820)	(1,028,840,743)
Investments — affiliates of the Trustee and the Sponsor . . . . .	(838,353)	(355,947)	26,620,667
In-kind redemptions — unaffiliated issuers . . . . .	37,318,292,156	22,363,636,511	11,251,354,143
In-kind redemptions — affiliated issuers . . . . .	142,784,439	89,897,379	30,680,189
Net realized gain (loss) . . . . .	<u>36,829,012,260</u>	<u>21,084,967,123</u>	<u>10,279,814,256</u>
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on:			
Investments — unaffiliated issuers . . . . .	(760,564,842)	12,961,822,882	10,942,349,396
Investments — affiliates of the Trustee and the Sponsor . . . . .	(158,416,456)	113,290,379	24,374,172
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation . . . . .	<u>(918,981,298)</u>	<u>13,075,113,261</u>	<u>10,966,723,568</u>
<b>NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)</b> . . . . .	<u>35,910,030,962</u>	<u>34,160,080,384</u>	<u>21,246,537,824</u>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS</b> . . . . .	<u>\$40,667,906,931</u>	<u>\$38,693,433,431</u>	<u>\$25,028,802,921</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# SPDR S&P 500® ETF Trust

## Statements of Changes In Net Assets

	Year Ended 9/30/18	Year Ended 9/30/17	Year Ended 9/30/16
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS</b>			
<b>FROM OPERATIONS:</b>			
Net investment income (loss) .....	\$ 4,757,875,969	\$ 4,533,353,047	\$ 3,782,265,097
Net realized gain (loss) .....	36,829,012,260	21,084,967,123	10,279,814,256
Net change in unrealized appreciation/ depreciation .....	(918,981,298)	13,075,113,261	10,966,723,568
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS</b> .....	<u>40,667,906,931</u>	<u>38,693,433,431</u>	<u>25,028,802,921</u>
<b>NET EQUALIZATION CREDITS AND CHARGES (NOTE 2)</b> .....	<u>2,991,782</u>	<u>57,766,713</u>	<u>21,466,005</u>
<b>DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNITHOLDERS(a)</b> ....	<u>(4,894,169,793)</u>	<u>(4,709,369,232)</u>	<u>(3,930,525,113)</u>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS</b>			
<b>FROM UNIT TRANSACTIONS:</b>			
Proceeds from issuance of Units .....	617,352,015,478	457,292,137,220	432,172,352,001
Cost of Units redeemed .....	(617,035,693,780)	(445,257,589,858)	(422,673,566,737)
Net income equalization (Note 2) .....	<u>(2,991,782)</u>	<u>(57,766,713)</u>	<u>(21,466,005)</u>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM ISSUANCE AND REDEMPTION OF UNITS</b> .....	<u>313,329,916</u>	<u>11,976,780,649</u>	<u>9,477,319,259</u>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS DURING THE PERIOD</b> .....	<u>36,090,058,836</u>	<u>46,018,611,561</u>	<u>30,597,063,072</u>
<b>NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD</b> .....	<u>243,299,575,525</u>	<u>197,280,963,964</u>	<u>166,683,900,892</u>
<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF PERIOD(b)</b> .....	<u>\$ 279,389,634,361</u>	<u>\$ 243,299,575,525</u>	<u>\$ 197,280,963,964</u>
<b>UNIT TRANSACTIONS:</b>			
Units sold .....	2,275,100,000	1,958,700,000	2,107,450,000
Units redeemed .....	<u>(2,281,850,000)</u>	<u>(1,902,150,000)</u>	<u>(2,065,000,000)</u>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE)</b> .....	<u>(6,750,000)</u>	<u>56,550,000</u>	<u>42,450,000</u>

(a) For the periods ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, the distributions to shareholders were \$4,709,369,232 and \$3,930,525,113, respectively, from net investment income. See Note 7 on the notes to financial statements.

(b) Distribution in excess of net investment income amounted to \$(1,093,659,404) and \$(985,690,493) as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. See Note 7 on the notes to financial statements.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# SPDR S&P 500® ETF Trust

## Financial Highlights

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

	Year Ended 9/30/18	Year Ended 9/30/17	Year Ended 9/30/16	Year Ended 9/30/15	Year Ended 9/30/14
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b> . . . . .	\$ 251.30	\$ 216.40	\$ 191.77	\$ 196.98	\$ 167.96
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income (loss)(a) . . . . .	4.86	4.65	4.27	4.28	3.60
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) . . . . .	39.46	34.97	24.76	(5.47)	29.03
Total from investment operations . . . . .	44.32	39.62	29.03	(1.19)	32.63
Net equalization credits and charges(a) . . . . .	0.00(b)	0.06	0.02	0.08	0.07
Contribution by Trustee . . . . .	—	—	—	0.03(c)	—
Less Distributions from:					
Net investment income . . . . .	(5.02)	(4.78)	(4.42)	(4.13)	(3.68)
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b> . . . . .	\$ 290.60	\$ 251.30	\$ 216.40	\$ 191.77	\$ 196.98
<b>Total return(d)</b> . . . . .	17.72%	18.44%(e)	15.30%	(0.64)%(f)	19.57%

#### Ratios and Supplemental Data:

Net assets, end of period (in 000s) . . .	\$279,389,634	\$243,299,576	\$197,280,964	\$166,683,901	\$179,915,396
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#### Ratios to average net assets:

Total expenses (excluding Trustee earnings credit and fee waivers) . . .	0.10%	0.09%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%
Total expenses (excluding Trustee earnings credit) . . . . .	0.10%	0.09%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%
Net expenses(g) . . . . .	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%
Net investment income (loss) . . . . .	1.79%	1.98%	2.07%	2.09%	1.93%
Portfolio turnover rate(h) . . . . .	2%	3%	4%	3%	4%

- (a) Per Unit numbers have been calculated using the average shares method, which more appropriately presents per Unit data for the year.
- (b) Amount is less than \$0.005 per Unit.
- (c) Contribution paid by the Trustee (State Street Bank and Trust Company) in the amount of \$26,920,521.
- (d) 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. Total return for a period of less than one year is not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.
- (e) Reflects a non-recurring litigation payment received by the Trust from State Street Corp., an affiliate, which amounted to less than \$0.005 per Unit outstanding as of March 20, 2017. This payment resulted in an increase to total return of less than 0.005% for the period ended September 30, 2017.
- (f) Total return would have been lower by 0.01% if the Trustee had not made a contribution.
- (g) Net of expenses waived by the Trustee.
- (h) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions of Units.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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## Notes to Financial Statements

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#### Note 1 — Organization

SPDR S&P 500<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> 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.

Effective June 16, 2017, State Street Bank and Trust Company (“SSBT”) resigned as trustee of the Trust. PDR Services, LLC, as sponsor of the Trust (the “Sponsor”), appointed State Street Global Advisors Trust Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SSBT, as trustee of the Trust (the “Trustee”).

The services received, and the trustee fees paid, by the Trust will not change as a result of the change in the identity of the Trustee. SSBT continues to maintain the Trust’s accounting records, act as custodian and transfer agent to the Trust, and provide administrative services, including the filing of certain regulatory reports.

Under the Amended and Restated Standard Terms and Conditions of the Trust, as amended (the “Trust Agreement”), the Sponsor and 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.

The Sponsor is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Intercontinental Exchange, Inc. (“ICE”). ICE is a publicly-traded entity, trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “ICE.”

#### Note 2 — Summary of 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 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 Trust is an investment company under U.S. GAAP and follows the accounting and reporting guidance applicable to investment companies.

#### Security Valuation

The Trust’s investments are valued at fair value each day that the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) is open and, for financial reporting purposes, as of the report date should the reporting period end on a day that the NYSE 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 the policy and procedures developed by the Oversight Committee of the Trustee (the “Committee”). The Committee provides oversight of the valuation of investments for the Trust.

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

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 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<sup>®</sup> Index, which in turn could result in a difference between the Trust's performance and the performance of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> 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, 2018 and did not have any transfers between levels for the year ended September 30, 2018.

**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 on the ex-dividend date or when the information becomes

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

available, 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 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 a portion to return of capital or capital gain distributions at year end based on information provided by the REIT and/or Trustee’s estimates of such re-designations for which actual information has not yet been reported. 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, if any, to its holders of Units (“Unitholders”) 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 expired carry forward losses, in-kind transactions, REITs and losses deferred due to wash sales.

U.S. 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. For U.S. GAAP purposes, 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.

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Under tax reform legislation commonly referred to as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the “Tax Act”), a direct REIT shareholder is permitted to claim a 20% deduction for “qualified REIT dividends” (i.e., ordinary REIT dividends other than capital gain dividends and portions of REIT dividends designated as qualified dividend income). The Tax Act does not contain a provision permitting a regulated investment company, such as the Trust, to pass through the special character of “qualified REIT dividends” to its shareholders. Unless future tax guidance addresses this issue, direct investors in REITs will benefit from the deduction, while investors in the Trust will not.

The Trust has reviewed its tax positions for the open tax years as of September 30, 2018 and has determined that no provision for income tax is required in the Trust’s financial statements. Generally, the Trust’s 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 ended September 30, 2018.

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, 2018, the Trust reclassified \$37,461,076,595 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, 2018, the Trust had the following capital loss carryforwards that may be utilized to offset any net realized capital gains:

Non-Expiring – Short Term .....	\$ 602,266,838
Non-Expiring – Long Term .....	4,092,702,446

At September 30, 2018, gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments 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 Appreciation (Depreciation)</u>
SPDR S&P 500® ETF Trust ..	\$276,932,710,045	\$21,902,398,755	\$19,574,624,448	\$2,327,774,307

The tax character of distributions paid during the years ended September 30, 2018, 2017 and 2016 were as follows:

<u>Distributions paid from:</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Ordinary Income .....	\$4,894,169,793	\$4,709,369,232	\$3,930,525,113

As of September 30, 2018, the components of distributable earnings (excluding unrealized appreciation/ (depreciation)) were undistributed ordinary income of \$55,865,533 and undistributed capital gain of \$0.

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#### Note 3 — Transactions with Affiliates of the Trustee and Sponsor

SSBT 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 pays SSBT for such services. The Trustee is 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 weighting structure of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index. For these services, the Trustee received a fee at the following annual rates for the year ended September 30, 2018:

<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, 2018, the Adjustment Amount reduced the Trustee's fee by \$16,844,019. The Adjustment Amount included an excess of net transaction fees from processing orders of \$3,033,517 and a Trustee earnings credit of \$13,810,502.

The Trustee has voluntarily agreed to waive a portion of its fee, as needed, for one year until February 1, 2019, 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, 2017 and 2016 are identified in the Statements of Operations. No amounts were waived for the year ended September 30, 2018. 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 U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), 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 NAV on an annualized basis. The expenses reimbursed to the Sponsor for the years ended September 30, 2018, 2017 and 2016, did not exceed 0.20% per annum. The licensing and marketing fee disclosed below are subject to both the reimbursement from the Trust to the Sponsor and expense limitation of 0.20% of the Trust's NAV. The Trust reimbursed the Sponsor for \$367,362 of legal fees, which are included in Legal and audit fees on the Statements of Operations.

S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC ("S&P"), per a license from Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC, and State Street Global Advisors Funds Distributors, LLC ("SSGA FD" or the "Marketing Agent") have entered into a license agreement (the "License Agreement"). The License Agreement grants SSGA FD, an affiliate of the Trustee, a license to use the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index and to use certain trade names and trademarks of S&P in connection with the Trust. The S&P 500<sup>®</sup> 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 SSGA FD for the use of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> 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

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

the owners of beneficial interests of Units. Currently, the License Agreement is scheduled to terminate on November 29, 2031, 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.

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 \$25,000, 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<sup>®</sup> Index. The market values of these investments at September 30, 2018 are listed in the Schedule of Investments.

On March 20, 2017, the Trust received a non-recurring litigation payment of \$661,715 from State Street Corp., an affiliate of the Trustee, which is recorded as a realized gain in the 2017 Statements of Operations.

**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<sup>®</sup> 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, 2018, the Trust had in-kind contributions, in-kind redemptions, purchases and sales of investment securities of \$241,825,465,731, \$241,514,962,652, \$7,613,680,338, and \$6,583,765,895, respectively. Net realized gain (loss) on investment transactions in the Statements of Operations includes net gains resulting from in-kind transactions of \$37,461,076,595.

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**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 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<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> Index.

**Note 7 — New Accounting Pronouncement**

In August 2018, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2018-13, Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820) — Disclosure Framework — Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement (“ASU 2018-13”) which introduces new fair value disclosure requirements as well as eliminates and modifies certain existing fair value disclosure requirements. ASU 2018-13 would be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Trustee is currently evaluating the impact of this guidance to the Trust. The impact would most likely be limited to changes in the Trust's financial statement disclosures regarding fair value, primarily those disclosures related to transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy.

In August 2018, the SEC released its Final Rule on Disclosure Update and Simplification (the “Final Rule”) which is intended to simplify an issuer's disclosure compliance efforts by removing redundant or outdated disclosure requirements without significantly altering the mix of information provided to investors. The Trust has adopted the Final Rule for the current period with the most notable impacts being that the Trust is no longer required to present components of distributable earnings on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities or the sources of distributions to Unitholders and the amount of undistributed net investment income on the Statements of Changes in Net Assets.

**Note 8 — Subsequent Events**

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