

Return Stacked<sup>®</sup> Bonds & Merger Arbitrage ETF

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## PROSPECTUS

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## Return Stacked<sup>®</sup> Bonds & Merger Arbitrage ETF – Fund Summary

#### **Investment Objective**

Return Stacked<sup>®</sup> Bonds & Merger Arbitrage ETF (the "Fund") seeks long-term capital appreciation.

## Fees and Expenses of the Fund

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

Annual Fund Operating Expenses <sup>(1)</sup> (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your	
investment)	
Management Fees	0.95%
Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees	0.00%
Other Expenses (includes dividends and interest expense on short sales) <sup>(2)</sup>	0.02%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	0.97%

(1) The Fund's adviser will pay, or require a sub-adviser to pay, all of the Fund's expenses, except for the following: advisory and sub-advisory fees, interest charges on any borrowings made for investment purposes, dividends and other expenses on securities sold short, taxes, brokerage commissions and other expenses incurred in placing orders for the purchase and sale of securities and other investment instruments, acquired fund fees and expenses, accrued deferred tax liability, distribution fees and expenses paid by the Fund under any distribution plan adopted pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1949 (the "1940 Act"), litigation expenses, and other non-routine or extraordinary expenses.

<sup>(2)</sup> Based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.

## **Expense Example**

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

1 Year	3 Years
\$99	\$309

## **Portfolio Turnover**

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

#### **Principal Investment Strategies**

The Fund is an exchange-traded fund ("ETF") that employs a hybrid management approach to achieve its investment objective by investing in two complementary strategies: an actively managed Bond strategy and a passively managed Merger Arbitrage strategy. The Fund uses leverage to "stack" the total return of holdings in the Fund's Bond strategy together with the potential returns of the Fund's Merger Arbitrage strategy. Essentially, one dollar invested in the Fund provides approximately one dollar of exposure to the Fund's Merger Arbitrage strategy. So, the return of the Merger Arbitrage strategy (minus the cost of financing) is essentially stacked on top of the returns of the Bond strategy.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets, plus borrowings for investment purposes, in (a) the Bond strategy (as described below) and (b) the Merger Arbitrage strategy (as described below).

• **Bond strategy**: The Fund will invest in U.S. Treasury securities, U.S. Treasury ETFs, and/or futures contracts on U.S. Treasury securities.

• Merger Arbitrage strategy: The Fund will invest in U.S. equity securities with both long and short exposures. The Fund may either invest directly in U.S. equity securities or access them via derivative contracts (i.e., via options and swaps). The Fund may invest in or have exposure to securities issued by small-, mid-, and large-capitalization issuers. The Fund may also invest in cash or cash equivalents, such as money market funds, similar cash management vehicles, and ultra short-term bond ETFs.

The Fund will target a 100% exposure to each of its Bond strategy and its Merger Arbitrage strategy. For more information, see the section in the Fund's Prospectus titled "Additional Information About the Fund's Principal Investment Strategies."

#### **Bond Strategy:**

Through its actively managed Bond strategy, the Fund seeks to capture the total return of the broad U.S. Treasury market with the objective of long-term capital appreciation. To do so, the Fund will primarily invest in U.S. Treasury futures, which are contracts for the purchase and sale of U.S. government notes or bonds for future delivery. The Fund will invest in futures contracts on U.S. Treasuries with maturities ranging from 2 to 30 years, with a target duration of 2 to 8 years.

The Fund may also invest directly in U.S. Treasury securities, including Treasury bills, notes, and bonds across the yield curve with a target duration of 2 to 8 years, as well as broad-based U.S. Treasury ETFs, which are ETFs that are designed to provide broad exposure to U.S. Treasuries. The Fund's sub-adviser, Newfound Research LLC ("Newfound" or the "Sub-Adviser"), will favor low-cost bond ETFs that provide exposure to the overall U.S. Treasury market, and which are highly liquid.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund's notional exposure to the Bond strategy will represent approximately 100% of the Fund's net assets.

Note: Notional value is the total underlying amount of a derivatives trade. Leverage allows an investor (like the Fund) to use a small amount of money to gain exposure to a larger (and potentially, a much larger) amount. So, notional value reflects the total value of a trade, not the cost (or market value) of taking the trade. In addition, duration refers to the average life of a debt instrument and serves as a measure of that instrument's interest rate risk. In general, when interest rates increase, the prices of fixed income securities decrease. Generally speaking, the longer an asset's duration, the more sensitive the asset will be to changes in interest rates. For example, if interest rates increase by 1%, the market value of a bond portfolio with a duration of three years would decline by approximately 3%.

#### Merger Arbitrage Strategy - Overview:

Through its passively managed Merger Arbitrage strategy, the Fund's portfolio allocated to this strategy will seek to generally track the performance of the AlphaBeta Merger Arbitrage Index ("Underlying Index"). In seeking to generally track the Underlying Index, the Fund's Merger Arbitrage strategy portfolio will invest in U.S. equities (including large-, medium-, and smallcapitalization companies) with both long and short exposures. The Fund may either invest directly in U.S. equity securities or access them via derivative contracts (i.e. via options and swaps). The Fund may also gain access to the Underlying Index via a total return swap. The Underlying Index is owned, calculated, administered, and disseminated by AlphaBeta Investment Indices Ltd. ("Index Provider").

#### Merger Arbitrage Strategy – Underlying Index:

The Underlying Index employs a merger arbitrage strategy designed to capture the difference (the "spread") between the trading price of a target company's stock (the "Target") after the public announcement of a merger, takeover, tender offer, leveraged buyout, or other reorganization, and the price that the acquiring company (the "Acquirer") has agreed to pay for that stock. Only companies involved in publicly announced transactions are eligible for inclusion in the Underlying Index.

To select its constituents, the Underlying Index assesses several factors, including the probability of the merger's completion based on a pricing model that incorporates statistically significant factors that are relevant to deal completion, such as the market capitalization of the acquirer, the payment method, estimated quality of the acquirer, whether both parties have mutually agreed to the terms of the deal, and measures of market concentration. The estimated probability of a deal's completion is used to calculate its estimated expected return of the deal, which is used to compare the relative attractiveness of the transaction compared to others in the arbitrage universe.

The Underlying Index may also hold significant cash or cash equivalents, such as money market funds, similar cash management vehicles, and ultra short-term bond ETFs. Cash allocations typically occur when there are insufficient eligible Targets for inclusion or when a transaction represented by a Target has been consummated or abandoned. During periods of market stress or low merger and acquisition activity, the availability of suitable transactions may be significantly limited, potentially impacting the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective.

To be considered for the Underlying Index, a merger or acquisition deal must involve a Target company traded on major U.S. stock exchanges, with a deal value over \$50 million and a deal premium below 50%. The Target must have an average daily turnover

exceeding \$1 million, and neither the Target nor the Acquirer (nor their ultimate parent companies) can be based in Russia or China. For cash-and-stock deals, the Acquirer must also be U.S.-traded and the deal must not require a shareholder vote by the Acquirer. Deals are included if they have at least an 85% estimated probability of completion and an estimated expected return above the risk-free rate plus 4%.

The Underlying Index can hold up to 20 deals, with a maximum leverage of 200% long and 200% short. Each deal starts with a 12.5% allocation, adjustable upon inclusion, and cannot exceed 12.5% of the Index on reconstitution. New deals are added as they are announced, with weightings based on the type of deal (cash-only or cash-and-stock). Weights can be adjusted to reduce estimated downside risk. The Fund's Merger Arbitrage strategy may, at times, not be able to track the Underlying Index due to regulatory constraints that apply to the Fund but not the Index. For example, if, over certain periods, the Underlying Index reaches leverage levels that are incompatible with Rule 18f-4 under the 1940 Act, a rule which limits the amount of exposure funds can achieve through derivatives, the Fund will be unable to track the Underlying Index during those periods, which may limit the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective.

The Underlying Index assumes that a completed deal is removed from the index the day after its completion, which may not always align with the Fund's Merger Arbitrage strategy.

The Index reconstitutes based on events such as the addition or removal of deals, deal cancellation, or completion. Deals may be removed to make room for more attractive deals or if pending for over 300 days. Other factors like market conditions or corporate events can also trigger deal removal at the discretion of the Underlying Index's Index Committee.

For more information about the Underlying Index, see "Additional Information About the Fund" below.

#### Merger Arbitrage Strategy – Fund Implementation:

To gain exposure to the Underlying Index, the Fund will establish long positions in shares of Targets either directly or indirectly through the use of derivative contracts (i.e., via options and swaps). When a transaction involves the exchange of an Acquirer's common stock, the Fund will, in accordance with the Underlying Index, include short exposure in the Acquirer's stock at the deal's exchange ratio (the rate at which the Target's shares are exchanged for the Acquirer's shares). This short exposure (selling borrowed stock with the expectation of buying it back at a lower price) is designed to lock in the current deal spread and hedge against the risk of a decline in the deal value due to a decline Acquirer's stock price. The Fund enters into a short sale by selling a security it has borrowed (typically from a broker or other institution) or by using derivatives, such as swaps, to gain short exposure. Additionally, the Fund may access the Underlying Index through a total return swap (a derivative contract that exchanges the total return of an asset) rather than investing directly in the individual constituents of the Underlying Index.

Although the Fund generally expects to replicate (or hold all components of) the Underlying Index, the Fund reserves the right to use representative sampling to track the Underlying Index.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund's exposure to the Merger Arbitrage strategy will represent approximately 100% of the Fund's net assets. The Fund's Merger Arbitrage strategy may involve levered exposure to U.S. equities.

#### **Collateral**

The Fund will invest in collateral, including U.S. Government securities (such as bills, notes and bonds issued by the U.S. Treasury) and money market funds. The collateral investments are designed to provide liquidity, serve as margin, or otherwise collateralize the Fund's investments in derivative instruments (i.e., futures and swaps). The Fund's allocation to collateral will generally range between 5% and 25% under normal circumstances.

The Fund's investment strategies may include active and frequent trading. The Fund is classified as a "non-diversified" investment company under the 1940 Act and, therefore, may invest a greater percentage of its assets in a particular issuer than a diversified fund.

#### **Principal Investment Risks**

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

Each risk summarized below is considered a "principal risk" of investing in the Fund, regardless of the order in which they appear.

**Derivatives Risk**. Derivatives are financial instruments that derive value from the underlying reference asset or assets, such as stocks, bonds, commodities, currencies, funds (including ETFs), interest rates or indexes. The Fund's investments in derivatives may pose risks in addition to, and greater than, those associated with directly investing in securities or other ordinary investments, including risk related

to the market, imperfect correlation with underlying investments or the Fund's other portfolio holdings, higher price volatility, lack of availability, counterparty risk, liquidity, valuation and legal restrictions. The use of derivatives is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. The use of derivatives may result in larger losses or smaller gains than directly investing in the underlying reference asset(s). Because derivatives often require only a limited initial investment, the use of derivatives may expose the Fund to losses in excess of those amounts initially invested. In addition, the Fund's investments in derivatives are subject to the following risks:

- *Futures Contracts.* Risks of futures contracts include: (i) an imperfect correlation between the value of the futures contract and the underlying asset; (ii) possible lack of a liquid secondary market; (iii) the inability to close a futures contract when desired; (iv) losses caused by unanticipated market movements, which may be unlimited; (v) an obligation for the Fund to make daily cash payments to maintain its required margin, particularly at times when the Fund may have insufficient cash; and (vi) unfavorable execution prices from rapid selling.
- Options Contracts. The use of options contracts involves investment strategies and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. The prices of options are volatile and are influenced by, among other things, actual and anticipated changes in the value of the underlying instrument, including the anticipated volatility, which are affected by fiscal and monetary policies and by national and international political, changes in the actual or implied volatility or the reference asset, the time remaining until the expiration of the option contract and economic events.
- Swap Agreements. Swap agreements involve the risk that the party with whom the Fund has entered into the swap will default on its obligation to pay the Fund. Additionally, certain unexpected market events or significant adverse market movements could result in the Fund not holding enough assets to be able to meet its obligations under the agreement. Such occurrences may negatively impact the Fund's ability to implement its principal investment strategies and could result in losses to the Fund.

**Equity Market Risk.** By virtue of the Fund's investments in or exposure to equity securities, the Fund is subject to equity market risk. Common stocks are generally exposed to greater risk than other types of securities, such as preferred stock and debt obligations, because common stockholders generally have inferior rights to receive payment from specific issuers. Equity securities may experience sudden, unpredictable drops in value or long periods of decline in value. This may occur because of factors that affect securities markets generally or factors affecting specific issuers, industries, or sectors in which the Fund invests.

#### Market Capitalization Risk.

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

**Bond Risks**. The Fund will be subject to bond and fixed income risks through its investments in U.S. Treasury securities, U.S. Treasury ETFs, or investments in U.S. Treasury futures contracts. Changes in interest rates generally will cause the value of fixed-income and bond instruments held by Fund to vary inversely to such changes. Prices of longer-term fixed-income instruments generally fluctuate more than the prices of shorter-term fixed income instruments as interest rates change. Fixed-income instruments that are fixed-rate are generally more susceptible than floating rate loans to price volatility related to changes in prevailing interest rates. The prices of floating rate fixed-income instruments tend to have less fluctuation in response to changes in interest rates, but will have some fluctuation, particularly when the next interest rate adjustment on such security is further away in time or adjustments are limited in amount over time. The Fund may invest in short-term securities that, when interest rates decline, affect the Fund's yield as these securities mature or

are sold and the Fund purchases new short-term securities with lower yields. An obligor's willingness and ability to pay interest or to repay principal due in a timely manner may be affected by, among other factors, its cash flow.

**Interest Rate Risk:** Interest rate risk is the risk that prices of fixed income securities generally increase when interest rates decline and decrease when interest rates increase. The Fund may lose money if short-term or long-term interest rates rise sharply or otherwise change in a manner not anticipated by the Sub-Adviser.

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

Leverage Risk. As part of the Fund's principal investment strategy, the Fund will make investments in futures contracts. These derivative instruments provide the economic effect of financial leverage by creating additional investment exposure to the underlying instrument, as well as the potential for greater loss. You could lose all or substantially all of your investment in the Fund should the Fund's trading positions suddenly turn unprofitable. The net asset value of the Fund while employing leverage will be more volatile and sensitive to market movements.

**Short Sale Risk.** The Fund enters into a short sale by selling a security it has borrowed (typically from a broker or other institution). If the market price of a security increases after the Fund borrows the security, the Fund will suffer a (potentially unlimited) loss when it replaces the borrowed security at the higher price. In certain cases, purchasing a security to cover a short position can itself cause the price of the security to rise further, thereby exacerbating the loss. In addition, the Fund may not always be able to borrow the security at a particular time or at an acceptable price. Short sales also involve transaction and financing costs that will reduce potential Fund gains and increase potential Fund losses. In addition, the Underlying Funds in which the Fund invests may also enter into short sales, and the Fund will bear the risk of such use.

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

**U.S. Government Obligations Risk.** The Fund may invest in securities issued by the U.S. government. U.S. Government obligations include securities issued or guaranteed as to principal and interest by the U.S. Government, such as the U.S. Treasury. Payment of principal and interest on U.S. Government obligations may be backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Although U.S. Treasuries are backed by the U.S. government, those government policies may change both in terms of the payment of interest and in the payment of principal. Furthermore, while holding a Treasury until maturity can guarantee principal, selling a treasury prior to maturity or buying a treasury subsequent to issue date may put principal at risk.

**Index Strategy Risk.** The Fund's Merger Arbitration strategy is linked to an Index maintained by the Index Provider that exercises complete control over the Index. The Index Provider may delay or add a rebalance date, which may adversely impact the performance of the Fund and the correlation of the Fund's Merger Arbitration portfolio to the Index. In addition, there is no guarantee that the methodology used by the Index Provider to identify constituents for the Index will achieve its intended result or positive performance. Errors in Index data, Index computations or the construction of the Index in accordance with its methodology may occur from time to time and may not be identified and/or corrected for a period of time or at all, which may have an adverse impact on the Fund.

**Models and Data Risk.** The composition of the Merger Arbitration Index is heavily dependent on proprietary quantitative models as well as information and data supplied by third parties ("Models and Data"). When Models and Data prove to be incorrect or incomplete, any decisions made in reliance thereon may lead to the inclusion or exclusion of securities from the Index universe that would have been excluded or included had the Models and Data been correct and complete. If the composition of the Index reflects such errors, the Fund's Merger Arbitration portfolio can be expected to also reflect the errors.

**Passive Investment Risk.** The Fund's Merger Arbitration strategy is passively managed. The Fund's Merger Arbitration portfolio is generally invested in the securities and financial instruments included in, or representative of, its Index regardless of its investment merit. As a result, the Fund's performance may be adversely affected by a general decline in the market segments relating to its Index.

**Merger-Arbitrage Risk.** Merger-arbitrage investing involves the risk that the outcome of a proposed event, whether it be a merger, reorganization, or other event, will prove incorrect and that the Fund's return on the investment will be negative, or that the expected event may be delayed or completed on terms other than those originally proposed, which may cause the Fund to lose money or fail to achieve a desired rate of return.

**Tracking Error Risk.** While the Fund's Merger Arbitration portfolio generally seeks to track the performance, before fees and expenses, of the Index, the performance of the Fund's Merger Arbitration portfolio and its Index may differ from each other for a variety of reasons. For example, the Fund incurs operating expenses and portfolio transaction costs not incurred by the Index. In addition, the

Fund may not be fully invested in the securities and financial instruments of the Index at all times or may hold securities and financial instruments not included in the Index. Also, the Fund may not be able to track the Index for certain periods due to regulatory constraints applicable to the Fund but not the Index.

**Management Risk.** The Fund's Bond strategy is actively-managed and may not meet its investment objective based on the Sub-Adviser's success or failure to implement the Bond strategy for the Fund.

**Underlying ETFs Risks.** The Fund will incur higher and duplicative expenses because it invests in ETFs (Underlying ETFs). There is also the risk that the Fund may suffer losses due to the investment practices of the Underlying ETFs. The Fund will be subject to substantially the same risks as those associated with the direct ownership of securities held by the Underlying ETFs. Additionally, the market price of the shares of an Underlying ETF in which the Fund invests will fluctuate based on changes in the net asset value as well as changes in the supply and demand of its shares in the secondary market. It is also possible that an active secondary market for an Underlying ETF's shares may not develop, and market trading in the shares of the Underlying ETF may be halted under certain circumstances. Underlying ETFs are also subject to the "ETF Risks" described below.

**Counterparty Risk.** Counterparty risk is the likelihood or probability that a party involved in a transaction might default on its contractual obligation. Where the Fund enters into derivative contracts that are exchange-traded, the Fund is subject to the counterparty risk associated with the Fund's clearing broker or clearinghouse. Relying on a counterparty exposes the Fund to the risk that a counterparty will not settle a transaction in accordance with its terms and conditions because of a dispute over the terms of the contract (whether or not bona fide) or because of a credit or liquidity problem, thus causing the Fund to suffer a loss. If a counterparty defaults on its payment obligations to the Fund, this default will cause the value of an investment in the Fund to decrease. In addition, to the extent the Fund deals with a limited number of counterparties, it will be more susceptible to the credit risks associated with those counterparties.

# The remaining principal risks are presented in alphabetical order. Each risk summarized below is considered a "principal risk" of investing in the Fund, regardless of the order in which it appears.

#### ETF Risks.

- Authorized Participants, Market Makers, and Liquidity Providers Concentration Risk. The Fund has a limited number of financial institutions that are authorized to purchase and redeem Shares directly from the Fund (known as "Authorized Participants" or "APs"). In addition, there may be a limited number of market makers and/or liquidity providers in the marketplace. To the extent either of the following events occur, Shares may trade at a material discount to NAV and possibly face delisting: (i) APs exit the business or otherwise become unable to process creation and/or redemption orders and no other APs step forward to perform these services; or (ii) market makers and/or liquidity providers exit the business or significantly reduce their business activities and no other entities step forward to perform these activities in times of market stress could inhibit the effectiveness of the arbitrage process in maintaining the relationship between the underlying value of the Fund's portfolio securities and the Fund's market price. This reduced effectiveness could result in Fund shares trading at a premium or discount to its NAV and also greater than normal intraday bid-ask spreads.
- Cash Redemption Risk. An ETF's investment strategy may require it to redeem its shares for cash or to otherwise include cash as part of its redemption proceeds. For example, an ETF may not be able to redeem in-kind certain securities held by the ETF (e.g., derivative instruments). In such a case, the ETF may be required to sell or unwind portfolio investments to obtain the cash needed to distribute redemption proceeds. This may cause the ETF to recognize a capital gain that it might not have recognized if it had made a redemption in-kind. As a result, the ETF may pay out higher annual capital gain distributions than if the in-kind redemption process was used. By paying out higher annual capital gain distributions, investors may be subjected to increased capital gains taxes.
- *Costs of Buying or Selling Shares.* Due to the costs of buying or selling Shares, including brokerage commissions imposed by brokers and bid-ask spreads, frequent trading of Shares may significantly reduce investment results and an investment in Shares may not be advisable for investors who anticipate regularly making small investments.
- Shares May Trade at Prices Other Than NAV. As with all ETFs, Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. Although it is expected that the market price of Shares will approximate the Fund's NAV, there may be times when the market price of Shares is more than the NAV intra-day (premium) or less than the NAV intra-day (discount) due to supply and demand of Shares or during periods of market volatility and there may be widening bid-ask spreads. This risk is heightened in times of market volatility, periods of steep market declines, and periods when there is limited trading activity for Shares in the secondary market, in which case such premiums or discounts may be significant and there may be furthering widening bid-ask spreads.

Trading. Although Shares are listed for trading on a national securities exchange, such as Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange"), and may be traded on U.S. exchanges other than the Exchange, there can be no assurance that Shares will trade with any volume, or at all, on any stock exchange. In stressed market conditions, the liquidity of Shares may begin to mirror the liquidity of the Fund's portfolio holdings, which can be significantly less liquid than Shares.

**General Market Risk**. Economies and financial markets throughout the world are becoming increasingly interconnected, which increases the likelihood that events or conditions in one country or region will adversely impact markets or issuers in other countries or regions. Securities in the Fund's portfolio may underperform in comparison to securities in the general financial markets, a particular financial market, or other asset classes, due to a number of factors, including inflation (or expectations for inflation), interest rates, global demand for particular products or resources, natural disasters or events, pandemic diseases, terrorism, regulatory events, and government controls.

**Market Events Risk.** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities and other financial instruments. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, inflation (or expectations of inflation), deflation (or expectations of deflation), changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, general market liquidity, regulatory events, other governmental trade or market control programs and related geopolitical events. In addition, the value of the Fund's investments may be negatively affected by the occurrence of global events such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters or events, country instability, and infectious disease epidemics or pandemics. Conflict, loss of life and disaster connected to ongoing armed conflict between Ukraine and Russia in Europe and between Israel and Hamas in the Middle East could have severe adverse effects on the related region, including significant adverse effects on the regional or global economies and the markets for certain securities. The U.S. and the European Union have imposed sanctions on certain Russian individuals and companies, including certain financial institutions, and have limited certain exports and imports to and from Russia.

**Money Market Instrument Risk.** The Fund may use a variety of money market instruments for cash management purposes, including money market funds and depositary accounts. The Fund will incur expenses when investment in money market instruments, which will reduce performance. Money market instruments may lose money.

**New Fund Risk.** The Fund is a recently organized management investment company with no operating history. As a result, prospective investors do not have a track record or history on which to base their investment decisions.

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

#### Performance

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

#### Management

#### Investment Adviser

Tidal Investments, LLC ("Tidal" or the "Adviser") serves as investment adviser to the Fund.

#### Investment Sub-Adviser

Newfound Research LLC ("Newfound" of the "Sub-Adviser") serves as investment sub-adviser to the Fund.

#### Portfolio Managers

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

Corey Hoffstein, Chief Investment Officer for Newfound, has been a portfolio manager of the Fund since its inception in 2024.

Steven Braun, Senior Quantitative Analyst and Chief Derivatives Risk Officer for Newfound, has been a portfolio manager of the Fund since its inception in 2024.

Qiao Duan, CFA, Portfolio Manager for Tidal, has been a portfolio manager of the Fund since its inception in 2024.

Christopher P. Mullen, Portfolio Manager for the Adviser, has been a portfolio manager of the Fund since its inception in 2024.

#### Purchase and Sale of Shares

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

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

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

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

## **Tax Information**

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

## **Financial Intermediary Compensation**

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

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND

## **Investment Objective**

Return Stacked® Bonds & Merger Arbitrage ETF seeks long-term capital appreciation.

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

#### Additional Information About the Fund's Principal Investment Strategies

The following information is in addition to, and should be read along with, the description of the Fund's principal investment strategies in the section titled "Fund Summary — Principal Investment Strategies" above.

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

Under the 1940 Act and the SEC's current rules, exemptions, and interpretations, an investment company (such as the Fund) cannot exceed 33.33% of its total assets in what are known as senior securities. These are securities that have priority over other claims on the investment company's assets. This includes borrowed money and certain types of derivatives. Consequently, an investment company's use of leverage is generally restricted to a ratio of 1:2, meaning an investment company can borrow up to two dollars for every dollar of net assets. There are, however, exceptions to this rule. Certain derivatives, such as futures, options and swaps, have more flexibility around this leverage limit pursuant to Rule 18f-4 under the 1940 Act.

An investment company (like the Fund) implementing a "stacking" strategy might use leverage by investing 100% of its net assets in a combination of fully paid for securities, such as common stocks and U.S. Treasury securities, as well as derivative instruments, such as futures, options and swaps, resulting in exposures in excess of 100%. The total amount of these investments, especially the ones using leverage, must still comply with the regulatory limits unless certain exceptions apply.

Although it may appear counterintuitive, the Fund is able to achieve a 100% exposure to the Bond strategy, while at the same time, be fully invested in or have full exposure to the Merger Arbitrage strategy. That is because each strategy may use derivative instruments which provide financial leverage (i.e., futures, options and swaps). So, for example, at the extreme, the Fund could be invested as follows:

- 25% Cash or Cash Equivalents (Collateral)
- 100% U.S. Treasury Futures
- 200% U.S. Equities (via individual equities, swaps, or options)
- Short 150% U.S. Equities (via swaps or options)

However, under normal conditions, the Fund's portfolio will more likely be allocated in a manner similar to the following:

- 25% Cash or Cash Equivalents (Collateral)
- 100% U.S. Treasury Futures
- 75% U.S. Equities
- Short 20% U.S. Equities (swaps or options)

## The Underlying Index

The Underlying Index is owned, calculated, administered, and disseminated by AlphaBeta Investment Indices Ltd.

#### Eligibility Criteria

Mergers & acquisitions deals will only be considered for inclusion in the Underlying Index if they meet the following criteria:

- Target company is traded in major U.S. stock exchanges.
- Payment method of the deal is cash or cash and stock.
- Value of the deal is greater than \$200 million.
- The deal premium (percentage difference between target price and closing price of the target company the day before the deal was announced) is below 50%.
- The average daily turnover of the target company over the previous 6 months is above \$1 million.
- The parent company of neither the target company nor the acquirer company are located in Russia or China.

For cash & stock deals there are further criteria which are considered, namely:

- The acquirer company is traded in major U.S. stock exchanges.
- The deal does not require a shareholder vote by the acquirer company.

#### **Inclusion Criteria**

The inclusion criteria for including a deal in the Underlying Index are as follows:

- Estimated probability of completion calculation result is greater than or equal to 85%.
- Estimated expected return calculation result is greater than or equal to the risk-free rate of return + 4%.

If a newly announced deal passes the Eligibility Criteria and the Inclusion Criteria, it will be included in the Underlying Index.

## **Index Specifications**

The Underlying Index allows for a maximum of 20 deals, with a maximum leverage of 200% long, in the Underlying Index on reconstitution events.

Each deal is initially assigned an equal-weighted allocation of 12.5%. The initial weight allocation may be dynamically adjusted upon inclusion in the Underlying Index.

The maximum weight allocation for a deal at reconstitution is 12.5%.

## Dynamic Weight Adjustment

The Underlying Index employs a dynamic weight adjustment methodology that systematically adjusts the initial equal-weighted allocation for each deal, as and if required, based on a set of predefined criteria related to deal size and general trends in mergers & acquisitions activity prevalent in the markets. This approach is designed to ensure that the Underlying Index remains reflective of significant merger activity while maintaining its investability.

As market conditions change, the Underlying Index will systematically adjust its weighting towards deals that meet its liquidity criteria and to minimize any market impact created by entering or exiting the trade. All adjustments to the weighting are governed by objective, observable criteria that are regularly reviewed and updated to ensure that the liquidity criteria are reflective of prevailing market conditions.

The dynamic weight adjustment methodology will only reduce the initial weight-allocation, as and if required, and will never increase the weight allocation. The maximum weight allocation for any deal in the Underlying Index will never exceed 12.5% on reconstitution events

#### **Deal Addition Mechanism**

Each new deal is added to the Underlying Index iteratively as the deals are announced. This process continues until the Underlying Index has reached the maximum number of deals and/or maximum leverage.

Each new deal that is included in the Underlying Index is initially assigned an equal-weighted allocation. The weight allocation for each individual deal is then reduced, if and as required, in accordance with the dynamic weight adjustment methodology referred to above.

If the deal is a regular cash-only deal, only the target company is added to the Underlying Index with the given weight allocation. If the deal is a cash & stock deal, the target company is added to the index with the given weight allocation, and the acquirer company is added to the index with a negative weight allocation (i.e., short allocation) in proportion to the percentage of the deal paid in stock.

## Deal Comparison Mechanism

If the addition of the new deal would cause the maximum number of deals and/or maximum leverage to be violated, the newly announced deal is systematically compared to the deals already included in the Underlying Index constituents to assess whether or not an existing deal (or deals) should be removed from the Underlying Index in order to allow for the addition of the new deal. The steps in the systematic comparison are as follows:

- The estimated expected return of all the deals already in the index are re-calculated.
- If all the deals currently in the Underlying Index have a superior estimated expected return than the newly announced deal, the newly announced deal is not included in the Underlying Index.
- If there are any deals in the Underlying Index with an inferior estimated expected return than the newly announced deal, the deals in the Underlying Index are ranked according to their estimated expected return, from highest to lowest.
- The deal currently in the Underlying Index with lowest estimated expected return is removed, and the newly announced deal is added to the Underlying Index in its place.
- The process of removing deals with inferior estimated expected return is repeated until the newly announced deal can be included in the Underlying Index without violating index specifications.

#### **Expected Downside Risk Adjustment**

Upon including a new deal in the Underlying Index, the estimated downside risk of the deal is calculated. If calculated to be above 3%, the weight allocation for the deal is reduced until the new estimated downside risk calculated for the deal does not exceed this threshold. If the deal is a regular cash-only deal, the weight allocation of the target company is reduced; if the deal is a cash & stock deal, the negative weight allocation of the acquirer company is also reduced (in absolute terms) in the same proportion as the target company

#### Reconstitution

The Underlying Index is event-driven and does not have regular reconstitutions with set time-intervals. The following events will cause the Underlying Index constituents to be reconstituted:

- Addition of a New Deal: a new deal is included in the Underlying Index constituents.
- Removal of an Old Deal: an old deal already in the Underlying Index constituents is removed from the Underlying Index constituents.
- Cancellation of a Deal: a deal already in the Underlying Index constituents is cancelled, and so should be removed from the Underlying Index constituents.

• Completion of a Deal: a deal already in the Underlying Index constituents is completed, and so should be removed from the Underlying Index constituents. The Underlying Index assumes that the day after completion, the stock is out of the Underlying Index.

In each of the above events, the entire Underlying Index constituents are reconstituted and rebalanced. The weight allocations for each deal are reset back to their initial allocations. The estimated downside risk for each deal in the Underlying Index constituents are recalculated and the weight allocations are re-adjusted accordingly.

#### Removal of a Deal from the Index Constituents

A deal may be removed from the Underlying Index for the following reasons:

- To allow for the addition of a new deal with superior estimated expected return, without violating index specifications.
- The deal has been pending for over 300 days. In this case the deal is removed from the Underlying Index.

Extreme events, that are unexpected and cannot be foreseen, may necessitate the removal of a deal from the Underlying Index constituents. In such cases, the Underlying Index Committee will be convened to reach a decision as to how to handle any extreme events as they may occur. This process will be handled transparently and with full due-diligence, and all decisions reached by the Underlying Index Committee will be published and documented. If the decision is reached by the Underlying Index Committee to remove the deal from the Underlying Index, the Underlying Index constituents will be reconstituted.

#### **Manager of Managers Structure**

The Fund and the Adviser have received exemptive relief from the SEC permitting the Adviser (subject to certain conditions and the approval of the Board) to change or select new sub-advisers without obtaining shareholder approval. The relief also permits the Adviser to materially amend the terms of agreements with a sub-adviser (including an increase in the fee paid by the Adviser to the sub-adviser (and not paid by the Fund)) or to continue the employment of a sub-adviser after an event that would otherwise cause the automatic termination of services with Board approval, but without shareholder approval. Shareholders will be notified of any sub-adviser changes. The Adviser has the ultimate responsibility, subject to oversight by the Board, to oversee a sub-adviser and recommend their hiring, termination and replacement. The exemptive relief applies to sub-advisers that are either wholly owned by the Adviser or its parent company, as well as to unaffiliated sub-advisers, including those whose affiliation arises solely from their sub-advisory relationship.

## Principal Risks of Investing in the Fund

The principal risks are presented in alphabetical order to facilitate finding particular risks and comparing them with those of other funds. Each risk summarized below is considered a "principal risk" of investing in the Fund, regardless of the order in which it appears. As with any investment, there is a risk that you could lose all or a portion of your investment in the Fund. Some or all of these risks may adversely affect the Fund's NAV per share, trading price, yield, total return and/or ability to meet its investment objective. Additional information about each such risk and its potential impact on the Fund is set forth below.

**Bond Risks.** The Fund will be subject to bond and fixed income risks through its investments in U.S. Treasury securities, U.S. Treasury ETFs, or investments in U.S. Treasury futures contracts. Changes in interest rates generally will cause the value of fixed-income and bond instruments held by the Fund to vary inversely to such changes. Prices of longer-term fixed-income instruments generally fluctuate more than the prices of shorter-term fixed income instruments as interest rates change. Fixed-income instruments that are fixed-rate are generally more susceptible than floating rate loans to price volatility related to changes in interest rates, but will have some fluctuation, particularly when the next interest rate adjustment on such security is further away in time or adjustments are limited in amount over time. The Fund may invest in short-term securities that, when interest rates decline, affect the Fund's yield as these securities mature or are sold and the Fund purchases new short-term securities with lower yields. An obligor's willingness and ability to pay interest or to repay principal due in a timely manner may be affected by, among other factors, its cash flow.

**Counterparty Risk.** Counterparty risk is the likelihood or probability that a party involved in a transaction might default on its contractual obligation. Where the Fund enters into derivative contracts that are exchange-traded, the Fund is subject to the counterparty risk associated with the Fund's clearing broker or clearinghouse. Relying on a counterparty exposes the Fund to the risk that a counterparty will not settle a transaction in accordance with its terms and conditions because of a dispute over the terms of the contract (whether or not bona fide) or because of a credit or liquidity problem, thus causing the Fund to suffer a loss. If a counterparty defaults on its payment obligations to the Fund, this default will cause the value of an investment in the Fund to decrease. In addition, to the extent the Fund deals with a limited number of counterparties, it will be more susceptible to the credit risks associated with those counterparties.

**Derivatives Risk**. Derivatives are financial instruments that derive value from the underlying reference asset or assets, such as stocks, bonds, or funds (including ETFs), interest rates or indexes. The Fund's investments in derivatives may pose risks in addition to, and greater than, those associated with directly investing in securities or other ordinary investments, including risk related to the market,

imperfect correlation with underlying investments or the Fund's other portfolio holdings, higher price volatility, lack of availability, counterparty risk, liquidity, valuation and legal restrictions. The use of derivatives is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. The use of derivatives may result in larger losses or smaller gains than directly investing in the underlying reference asset(s). Because derivatives often require only a limited initial investment, the use of derivatives may expose the Fund to losses in excess of those amounts initially invested. In addition, the Fund's investments in derivatives are subject to the following risks:

Futures Contracts. Risks of futures contracts include: (i) an imperfect correlation between the value of the futures contract and the underlying asset; (ii) possible lack of a liquid secondary market; (iii) the inability to close a futures contract when desired; (iv) losses caused by unanticipated market movements, which may be unlimited; (v) an obligation for the Fund to make daily cash payments to maintain its required margin, particularly at times when the Fund may have insufficient cash; and (vi) unfavorable execution prices from rapid selling.

Unlike equities, which typically entitle the holder to a continuing stake in a corporation, futures contracts normally specify a certain date for settlement in cash based on the reference asset. As the futures contracts approach expiration, they may be replaced by similar contracts that have a later expiration. This process is referred to as "rolling." If the market for these contracts is in "contango," meaning that the prices of futures contracts in the nearer months are lower than the price of contracts in the distant months, the sale of the near-term month contract would be at a lower price than the longer-term contract, resulting in a cost to "roll" the futures contract. The actual realization of a potential roll cost will be dependent upon the difference in price of the near and distant contract. Because the margin requirement for futures contracts is less than the value of the assets underlying the futures contract, futures trading involves a degree of leverage. As a result, a relatively small price movement in a futures contract may result in immediate and substantial loss, as well as gain, to the Fund.

- Options Contracts. The use of options contracts involves investment strategies and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. The prices of options are volatile and are influenced by, among other things, actual and anticipated changes in the value of the underlying instrument, including the anticipated volatility, which are affected by fiscal and monetary policies and by national and international political, changes in the actual or implied volatility or the reference asset, the time remaining until the expiration of the option contract and economic events. For the Fund in particular, the value of the options contracts in which it invests are substantially influenced by the value of the underlying security. The Fund may experience substantial downside from specific option positions and certain option positions held by the Fund may expire worthless. The options held by the Fund are exercisable at the strike price on their expiration date. As an option approaches its expiration date, its value typically increasingly moves with the value of the underlying security. However, prior to such date, the value of an option generally does not increase or decrease at the same rate at the underlying security. There may at times be an imperfect correlation between the movement in the values of options contracts and the underlying security, and there may at times not be a liquid secondary market for certain options contracts. The value of the options held by the Fund will be determined based on market quotations or other recognized pricing methods. Additionally, as the Fund intends to continuously maintain indirect exposure to the underlying security through the use of options contracts, as the options contracts it holds are exercised or expire it will enter into new options contracts, a practice referred to as "rolling." If the expiring options contracts do not generate proceeds enough to cover the cost of entering into new options contracts, the Fund may experience losses.
- Swap Agreements. Swap agreements involve the risk that the party with whom the Fund has entered into the swap will default on its obligation to pay the Fund. Additionally, certain unexpected market events or significant adverse market movements could result in the Fund not holding enough assets to be able to meet its obligations under the agreement. Such occurrences may negatively impact the Fund's ability to implement its principal investment strategies and could result in losses to the Fund. The risk of loss to the Fund for swap transactions that are entered into on a net basis depends on which party is obligated to pay the net amount to the other party. If the counterparty is obligated to pay the net amount to the Fund, the risk of loss to the Fund is entitled to receive. If the Fund is obligated to pay the net amount, the Fund's risk of loss is generally limited to that net amount. If the swap agreement involves the exchange of the entire principal value of a security, the entire principal value of that security is subject to the risk that the other party to the swap will default on its contractual delivery obligations. In addition, the Fund's risk of loss also includes any margin at risk in the event of default by the counterparty (in an uncleared swap) or the central counterparty or FCM (in a cleared swap), plus any transaction costs.

## ETF Risks.

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

reduce their business activities and no other entities step forward to perform their functions. Any such decisions by market makers or authorized participants to reduce their role or step away from these activities in times of market stress could inhibit the effectiveness of the arbitrage process in maintaining the relationship between the underlying value of the Fund's portfolio securities and the Fund's market price. This reduced effectiveness could result in Fund shares trading at a premium or discount to its NAV and also greater than normal intraday bid-ask spreads.

- Cash Redemption Risk. An ETF's investment strategy may require it to redeem its shares for cash or to otherwise include cash as part of its redemption proceeds. For example, an ETF may not be able to redeem in-kind certain securities held by the ETF (e.g., derivative instruments). In such a case, the ETF may be required to sell or unwind portfolio investments to obtain the cash needed to distribute redemption proceeds. This may cause the ETF to recognize a capital gain that it might not have recognized if it had made a redemption in-kind. As a result, the ETF may pay out higher annual capital gain distributions than if the in-kind redemption process was used. By paying out higher annual capital gain distributions, investors may be subjected to increased capital gains taxes.
- Costs of Buying or Selling Shares. Buying or selling Shares involves certain costs, including brokerage commissions, other charges imposed by brokers, and bid-ask spreads. The bid-ask spread represents the difference between the price at which an investor is willing to buy Shares and the price at which an investor is willing to sell Shares. The spread varies over time based on the Shares' trading volume and market liquidity. The spread is generally lower if Shares have more trading volume and market liquidity and higher if Shares have little trading volume and market liquidity. Due to the costs of buying or selling Shares, frequent trading of Shares may reduce investment results and an investment in Shares may not be advisable for investors who anticipate regularly making small investments.
- Shares May Trade at Prices Other Than NAV. As with all ETFs, Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at
  market prices. Although it is expected that the market price of Shares will approximate the Fund's NAV, there may be times
  when the market price of Shares is more than the NAV intra-day (premium) or less than the NAV intra-day (discount) due to
  supply and demand of Shares or during periods of market volatility and there may be widening bid-ask spreads. This risk is
  heightened in times of market volatility, periods of steep market declines, and periods when there is limited trading activity for
  Shares in the secondary market, in which case such premiums or discounts may be significant and there may be furthering
  widening bid-ask spreads.
- Trading. Although Shares are listed for trading on a national securities exchange, such as Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange"), and may be traded on U.S. exchanges other than the Exchange, there can be no assurance that Shares will trade with any volume, or at all, on any stock exchange. In stressed market conditions, the liquidity of Shares may begin to mirror the liquidity of the Fund's portfolio holdings, which can be significantly less liquid than Shares.

**Equity Market Risk.** By virtue of the Fund's investments in or exposure to equity securities, the Fund is subject to equity market risk. Common stocks are generally exposed to greater risk than other types of securities, such as preferred stock and debt obligations, because common stockholders generally have inferior rights to receive payment from specific issuers. Equity securities may experience sudden, unpredictable drops in value or long periods of decline in value. This may occur because of factors that affect securities markets generally or factors affecting specific issuers, industries, or sectors in which the Fund invests.

**General Market Risk**. Economies and financial markets throughout the world are becoming increasingly interconnected, which increases the likelihood that events or conditions in one country or region will adversely impact markets or issuers in other countries or regions. Securities in the Fund's portfolio may underperform in comparison to securities in the general financial markets, a particular financial market, or other asset classes, due to a number of factors, including inflation (or expectations for inflation), interest rates, global demand for particular products or resources, natural disasters or events, pandemic diseases, terrorism, regulatory events, and government controls.

**High Portfolio Turnover Risk**. The Fund may actively and frequently trade all or a significant portion of the Fund's holdings. A high portfolio turnover rate increases transaction costs, which may increase the Fund's expenses. Frequent trading may also cause adverse tax consequences for investors in the Fund due to an increase in short-term capital gains. The Fund calculates portfolio turnover without including the short-term cash instruments or derivative transactions that comprise the majority of the Fund's trading. As such, if the Fund's extensive use of derivative instruments were reflected, the calculated portfolio turnover rate would be significantly higher.

**Index Strategy Risk.** The Fund's Merger Arbitration strategy is linked to an Index maintained by the Index Provider that exercises complete control over the Index. The Index Provider may delay or add a rebalance date, which may adversely impact the performance of the Fund and the correlation of the Fund's Merger Arbitration portfolio to the Index. In addition, there is no guarantee that the methodology used by the Index Provider to identify constituents for the Index will achieve its intended result or positive performance. Errors in Index data, Index computations or the construction of the Index in accordance with its methodology may occur from time to time and may not be identified and/or corrected for a period of time or at all, which may have an adverse impact on the Fund.

**Interest Rate Risk.** Interest rate risk is the risk that prices of fixed income securities generally increase when interest rates decline and decrease when interest rates increase. The Fund may lose money if short-term or long-term interest rates rise sharply or otherwise change in a manner not anticipated by the Sub-Adviser.

Over the past several years, the Federal Reserve has maintained the level of interest rates at or near historic lows. However, more recently, interest rates have begun to increase as a result of the action that has been taken by the Federal Reserve, which has raised, and may continue to raise, interest rates. If interest rates rise, the Fund's yield may not increase proportionately, and the maturities of fixed income securities that can be prepaid or called by the issuer may be extended. Changing interest rates may have unpredictable effects on the markets and the Fund's investments. A general rise in interest rates may cause investors to move out of fixed income securities on a large scale, which could adversely affect the price and liquidity of fixed income securities. The Fund may be exposed to heightened interest rate risk as interest rates rise from historically low levels. Fluctuations in interest rates may also affect the liquidity of fixed income securities and instruments held by the Fund.

Leverage Risk: As part of the Fund's principal investment strategy, the Fund will make investments in futures contracts. These derivative instruments provide the economic effect of financial leverage by creating additional investment exposure to the underlying instrument, as well as the potential for greater loss. You could lose all or substantially all of your investment in the Fund should the Fund's trading positions suddenly turn unprofitable. The net asset value of the Fund while employing leverage will be more volatile and sensitive to market movements.

**Management Risk.** The Fund's Bond strategy is actively-managed and may not meet its investment objective based on the Sub-Adviser's success or failure to implement the Bond strategy for the Fund.

#### Market Capitalization Risk.

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

**Market Events Risk.** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities and other financial instruments. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, inflation (or expectations of inflation), deflation (or expectations of deflation), changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, general market liquidity, market instability, financial system instability, debt crises and downgrades, embargoes, tariffs, sanctions and other trade barriers, regulatory events, other governmental trade or market control programs and related geopolitical events. In addition, the value of the Fund's investments may be negatively affected by the occurrence of global events such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters or events, country instability, and infectious disease epidemics or pandemics. Conflict, loss of life and disaster connected to ongoing armed conflict between Ukraine and Russia in Europe and between Israel and Hamas in the Middle East could have severe adverse effects on the related region, including significant adverse effects on the regional or global economies and the markets for certain securities. The U.S. and the European Union have imposed sanctions on certain Russian individuals and companies, including certain financial institutions, and have limited certain exports and imports to and from Russia.

**Merger-Arbitrage Risk.** Merger-arbitrage investing involves the risk that the outcome of a proposed event, whether it be a merger, reorganization, or other event, will prove incorrect and that the Fund's return on the investment will be negative, or that the expected event may be delayed or completed on terms other than those originally proposed, which may cause the Fund to lose money or fail to achieve a desired rate of return.

Models and Data Risk. The composition of the Merger Arbitration Index is heavily dependent on proprietary quantitative models as well as information and data supplied by third parties ("Models and Data"). When Models and Data prove to be incorrect or incomplete,

any decisions made in reliance thereon may lead to the inclusion or exclusion of securities from the Index universe that would have been excluded or included had the Models and Data been correct and complete. If the composition of the Index reflects such errors, the Fund's Merger Arbitration portfolio can be expected to also reflect the errors.

**Money Market Instrument Risk.** The Fund may use a variety of money market instruments for cash management purposes, including money market funds and depositary accounts. The Fund will incur expense when investment in money market instruments, which will reduce performance. Money market instruments may lose money.

**New Fund Risk.** The Fund is a recently organized management investment company with no operating history. As a result, prospective investors do not have a track record or history on which to base their investment decisions.

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

**Passive Investment Risk.** The Fund's Merger Arbitration strategy is passively managed. The Fund's Merger Arbitration portfolio is generally invested in the securities and financial instruments included in, or representative of, its Index regardless of its investment merit. As a result, the Fund's performance may be adversely affected by a general decline in the market segments relating to its Index.

**Tracking Error Risk.** While the Fund's Merger Arbitration portfolio generally seeks to track the performance, before fees and expenses, of the Index, the performance of the Fund's Merger Arbitration portfolio and its Index may differ from each other for a variety of reasons. For example, the Fund incurs operating expenses and portfolio transaction costs not incurred by the Index. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested in the securities and financial instruments of the Index at all times or may hold securities and financial instruments not included in the Index. Also, the Fund may not be able to track the Index for certain periods due to regulatory constraints applicable to the Fund but not the Index.

**U.S. Government Obligations Risk.** The Fund may invest in securities issued by the U.S. government. U.S. Government obligations include securities issued or guaranteed as to principal and interest by the U.S. Government, such as the U.S. Treasury. Payment of principal and interest on U.S. Government obligations may be backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Although U.S. Treasuries are backed by the U.S. government, those government policies may change both in terms of the payment of interest and in the payment of principal. Furthermore, while holding a Treasury until maturity can guarantee principal, selling a treasury prior to maturity or buying a treasury subsequent to issue date may put principal at risk.

**Underlying ETF Risks.** The Fund will incur higher and duplicative expenses because it invests in other ETFs. There is also the risk that the Fund may suffer losses due to the investment practices of the underlying ETFs. The Fund will be subject to substantially the same risks as those associated with the direct ownership of securities held by the underlying ETFs. Additionally, underlying ETFs are also subject to the "ETF Risks" described herein.

## PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS INFORMATION

Information about the Fund's daily portfolio holdings will be available on the Fund's website at www.returnstackedetfs.com.

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

#### MANAGEMENT

#### **Investment Adviser**

Tidal Investments LLC, located at 234 West Florida Street, Suite 203, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204, is an SEC-registered investment adviser and a Delaware limited liability company. Tidal was founded in March 2012 and is dedicated to understanding, researching and managing assets within the expanding ETF universe. As of November 30, 2024, Tidal had assets under management of approximately \$26.81 billion and served as the investment adviser or sub-adviser for 237 registered funds.

Tidal serves as investment adviser to the Fund and has overall responsibility for the general management and administration of the Fund pursuant to an investment advisory agreement with the Trust, on behalf of the Fund (the "Advisory Agreement"). The Adviser provides oversight of the Sub-Adviser and review of its performance. The Adviser is also responsible for trading portfolio securities and financial instruments for the Fund, including selecting broker-dealers to execute purchase and sale transactions. The Adviser also arranges for sub-advisory, transfer agency, custody, fund administration, and all other related services necessary for the Fund to operate. For the services it provides to the Fund, the Fund pays the Adviser a unitary management fee, which is calculated daily and paid monthly, at an annual rate of 0.95% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

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

#### Investment Sub-Adviser

#### **Newfound Research LLC - Fund**

Newfound Research LLC, located at Suite 324, 260 Central Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701, serves as investment subadviser to the Fund. Newfound was founded in 2008, and serves as the adviser to a mutual fund and sub-adviser and model manager for other investment strategies and indices. Newfound became registered as an investment advisor registered with the SEC in 2012. As of November 30, 2024, the Sub-Adviser had approximately \$860 million in assets under management.

The Sub-Adviser is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund's portfolio, including determining the securities and financial instruments purchased and sold by the Fund, subject to the supervision of the Adviser and the Board.

For its services as sub-adviser, Newfound is entitled to receive a fee from the Adviser, which fee is calculated daily and payable monthly, at an annual rate of 0.04% of the average daily net assets of the Fund. However, as Fund Sponsor, Newfound may automatically waive all or a portion of its sub-advisory fee. See "Fund Sponsors" below for more information.

#### **Advisory and Sub-Advisory Agreements**

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's approval of the Fund's Advisory Agreement and Sub-Advisory Agreement will be available in the Fund's annual Certified Shareholder Report on Form N-CSR for the period ending January 31, 2025.

#### **Portfolio Managers**

The following individual has served as portfolio managers of Fund since its inception in 2024. Messrs. Braun and Hoffstein are primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund's securities investments, and Ms. Duan and Mr. Ragauss oversee trading and execution for the Fund.

#### Corey Hoffstein, Chief Investment Officer for the Sub-Adviser (Newfound)

Mr. Hoffstein has been the CIO, co-founder and CTO of Newfound since 2008. Mr. Hoffstein is responsible for overseeing the Adviser's investment team and the ongoing management of Newfound's investment strategies. Mr. Hoffstein also takes an active role in the management of the firm, including business development and strategic growth initiatives. Mr. Hoffstein holds a Master of Science in Computational Finance from Carnegie Mellon University and a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, cum laude, from Cornell University.

#### Steven Braun, Senior Quantitative Analyst and Chief Derivatives Risk Officer for Newfound

Mr. Braun is responsible for providing portfolio management services, and ensuring adherence and reporting to Newfound's risk policies and procedures, specifically regarding risk oversight, transactional reviews, liquidity risk, stress testing, back testing, and analysis of all investment activity. Prior to joining Newfound in July 2019, Steven Braun was an investment analyst at Frontier Asset Management (May 2016 – June 2019). From February to May 2022, Steven served as Research Science Specialist for McKinsey & Co. He holds a Master of Science in Applied Quantitative Finance from the University of Denver and a BBA with concentrations in Investment Analysis and Corporate Finance from Colorado State University.

#### Qiao Duan, CFA, Portfolio Manager for the Adviser

Qiao Duan serves as Portfolio Manager at the Adviser, having joined the firm in October 2020. From February 2017 to October 2020, she was an execution Portfolio Manager at Exponential ETFs, where she managed research and analysis relating to all Exponential ETF strategies. Ms. Duan previously served as a portfolio manager for the Exponential ETFs from their inception in May 2019 until October 2020. Ms. Duan received a Master of Science in Quantitative Finance and Risk Management from the University of Michigan in 2016 and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics from Xiamen University in 2014. She holds the CFA designation.

#### Christopher P. Mullen, Portfolio Manager for the Adviser

Christopher P. Mullen serves as Portfolio Manager at the Adviser, having joined the firm in January 2024. From September 2019 to December 2023, he was a Portfolio Manager at Vest Financial LLC, where he managed exchange-traded funds, mutual funds and retirement fund portfolios. Mr. Mullen previously served as a Senior Portfolio Analyst at ProShares Advisors LLC from September 2016 until September 2019. Prior to that, Mr. Mullen served as associate portfolio manager at USCF Investments LLC from February

2013 to September 2016. Mr. Mullen received a Master of Business Administration from the University of Maryland. He also holds a dual bachelor's degree in global politics and history from Marquette University.

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

## FUND SPONSORS

The Adviser has entered into a fund sponsorship agreement with Newfound and ReSolve Asset Management SEZC (Cayman) ("ReSolve") pursuant to which each of Newfound and ReSolve is a sponsor to the Fund. Under these arrangements, Newfound and ReSolve have agreed to provide financial support (as described below) to the Fund.

Every month, unitary management fees for the Fund are calculated and paid to the Adviser, and the Adviser retains a portion of the unitary management fees from the Fund.

In return for their financial support for the Fund, the Adviser has agreed to pay (i) each of Newfound and ReSolve any remaining profits generated by unitary management fee the Fund. If the amount of the unitary management fees for the Fund exceeds the Fund's operating expenses (including the sub-advisory fee) and the Adviser-retained amount, that excess amount is considered "remaining profit." In that case, the Adviser will pay the remaining profits to Newfound and ReSolve.

During months when the funds generated by the unitary management fee are insufficient to cover the entire sub-advisory fee, that fee are automatically waived. Further, if the amount of the unitary management fee for the Fund is less than the Fund's operating expenses and the Adviser-retained amount, Newfound and ReSolve, are obligated to reimburse the Adviser for the shortfall.

## HOW TO BUY AND SELL SHARES

The Fund issues and redeems Shares only in Creation Units at the NAV per share next determined after receipt of an order from an AP. Only APs may acquire Shares directly from the Fund, and only APs may tender their Shares for redemption directly to the Fund, at NAV. APs must be a member or participant of a clearing agency registered with the SEC and must execute a Participant Agreement that has been agreed to by the Distributor (defined below), and that has been accepted by the Fund's transfer agent, with respect to purchases and redemptions of Creation Units. Once created, Shares trade in the secondary market in quantities less than a Creation Unit.

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

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

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

#### **Book Entry**

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

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

#### **Frequent Purchases and Redemptions of Shares**

The Fund imposes no restrictions on the frequency of purchases and redemptions of Shares. In determining not to approve a written, established policy, the Board evaluated the risks of market timing activities by Fund shareholders. Purchases and redemptions by APs,

who are the only parties that may purchase or redeem Shares directly with the Fund, are an essential part of the ETF process and help keep Share trading prices in line with the NAV. As such, the Fund accommodates frequent purchases and redemptions by APs. However, the Board has also determined that frequent purchases and redemptions for cash may increase tracking error and portfolio transaction costs and may lead to the realization of capital gains. To minimize these potential consequences of frequent purchases and redemptions, the Fund employs fair value pricing and may impose transaction fees on purchases and redemptions of Creation Units to cover the custodial and other costs incurred by the Fund in effecting trades. In addition, the Fund and the Adviser reserve the right to reject any purchase order at any time.

#### **Determination of Net Asset Value**

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

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

#### Fair Value Pricing

The Board has designated the Adviser as the "valuation designee" for the Fund under Rule 2a-5 of the 1940 Act, subject to its oversight. The Adviser has adopted procedures and methodologies, which have been approved by the Board, to fair value Fund investments whose market prices are not "readily available" or are deemed to be unreliable. For example, such circumstances may arise when: (i) an investment has been delisted or has had its trading halted or suspended; (ii) an investment's primary pricing source is unable or unwilling to provide a price; (iii) an investment's primary trading market is closed during regular market hours; or (iv) an investment's value is materially affected by events occurring after the close of the investment's primary trading market. Generally, when fair valuing an investment, the Adviser will take into account all reasonably available information that may be relevant to a particular valuation including, but not limited to, fundamental analytical data regarding the issuer, information relating to the issuer's business, recent trades or offers of the investment, general and/or specific market conditions, and the specific facts giving rise to the need to fair value the investment. Fair value determinations are made in good faith and in accordance with the fair value methodologies included in the Adviser's valuation procedures. The Adviser will fair value Fund investments whose market prices are not "readily available" or are deemed to be unreliable. Due to the subjective and variable nature of fair value pricing, there can be no assurance that the Adviser will be able to obtain the fair value assigned to the investment upon the sale of such investment.

#### **Delivery of Shareholder Documents – Householding**

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

#### DIVIDENDS, DISTRIBUTIONS, AND TAXES

#### **Dividends and Distributions**

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

#### Taxes

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

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

Unless your investment in Shares is made through a tax-exempt entity or tax-advantaged account, such as an IRA plan, you need to be aware of the possible tax consequences when the Fund makes distributions, when you sell your Shares listed on the Exchange, and when you purchase or redeem Creation Units (institutional investors only). The following general discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax consequences is based on provisions of the Code and the regulations issued thereunder as in effect on the date of this Prospectus. New legislation, as well as administrative changes or court decisions, may significantly change the conclusions expressed herein, and may have a retroactive effect with respect to the transactions contemplated herein.

#### **Taxes on Distributions**

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

Distributions reported by the Fund as "qualified dividend income" are generally taxed to non-corporate shareholders at rates applicable to long-term capital gains, provided certain holding period and other requirements are met. "Qualified dividend income" generally is income derived from dividends paid by U.S. corporations or certain foreign corporations that are either incorporated in a U.S. possession or eligible for tax benefits under certain U.S. income tax treaties. In addition, dividends that the Fund receives in respect of stock of certain foreign corporations may be qualified dividend income if that stock is readily tradable on an established U.S. securities market. Corporate shareholders may be entitled to a dividends-received deduction for the portion of dividends they receive from the Fund that are attributable to dividends received by the Fund from U.S. corporations, subject to certain limitations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Fund (or a financial intermediary, such as a broker, through which a shareholder owns Shares) generally is required to withhold and remit to the U.S. Treasury a percentage of the taxable distributions and sale or redemption proceeds paid to any shareholder who fails

to properly furnish a correct taxpayer identification number, who has underreported dividend or interest income, or who fails to certify that they are not subject to such withholding.

## Taxes When Shares are Sold on the Exchange

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

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

An AP having the U.S. dollar as its functional currency for U.S. federal income tax purposes who exchanges securities for Creation Units generally recognizes a gain or a loss. The gain or loss will be equal to the difference between the value of the Creation Units at the time of the exchange and the exchanging AP's aggregate basis in the securities delivered plus the amount of any cash paid for the Creation Units. An AP who exchanges Creation Units for securities will generally recognize a gain or loss equal to the difference between the exchanging AP's basis in the Creation Units and the aggregate U.S. dollar market value of the securities received, plus any cash received for such Creation Units. The IRS may assert, however, that a loss that is realized upon an exchange of securities for Creation Units may not be currently deducted under the rules governing "wash sales" (for an AP who does not mark-to-market their holdings) or on the basis that there has been no significant change in economic position. Persons exchanging securities should consult their own tax advisor with respect to whether wash sale rules apply and when a loss might be deductible.

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

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

#### **Derivatives and Complex Securities**

The Fund may invest, directly or indirectly, in derivatives and/or other complex securities. These investments may be subject to special and complex tax rules, which could affect the Fund's ability to qualify as a RIC, affect whether gains and losses recognized by the Fund are treated as ordinary income or loss or capital gain or loss, accelerate the recognition of income to the Fund, cause income or gain to be recognized even though corresponding cash is not received by the Fund, and/or defer the Fund's ability to recognize losses. These rules may also affect the amount, timing, or character of income distributed by the Fund.

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

## DISTRIBUTION

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

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

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

#### PREMIUM/DISCOUNT INFORMATION

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

#### ADDITIONAL NOTICES

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

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

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

Index Provider is the licensor of the Underlying Index. The financial instruments that are based on the Underlying Index are not sponsored, endorsed, promoted, or sold by Index Provider. Index Provider makes no express or implied representation, guarantee, or assurance regarding: (a) the advisability of investing in financial instruments based on the Underlying Index; (b) the quality, accuracy, or completeness of the Underlying Index; or (c) the results obtained or to be obtained by any person or entity from the use of the Underlying Index.

Index Provider does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of the Underlying Index and shall not be liable for any errors, omissions, or delays in its calculation or dissemination. Index Provider reserves the right to modify, discontinue, or change the methodology of the Underlying Index at any time without prior notice and shall not be liable for any resulting inaccuracies or interruptions.

Index Provider accepts no liability for any decisions made or actions taken based on the Underlying Index or financial instruments linked to it. Users bear all risks associated with the use of the Underlying Index, and Index Provider shall not be liable for any damages, including but not limited to lost profits, business interruption, or consequential, incidental, punitive, or indirect damages.

Index Provider has no obligation to consider the needs of any party in determining, composing, or calculating the Underlying Index. The inclusion of a security within the Underlying Index is not a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold such security and does not constitute investment advice. Index Provider is not an investment advisor, and investors should consult their own advisors before making investment decisions.

The Underlying Index is provided "as is" without any warranty, express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, or non-infringement. Any historical or hypothetical performance of the Underlying Index does not guarantee future results, and users should not rely on past performance or hypothetical simulations as indicative of future returns. Hypothetical results may be based on assumptions or incomplete data and could materially differ from actual results.

Index Provider and its affiliates may independently trade the components of the Underlying Index, enter into commercial agreements related to the Underlying Index, or create financial instruments like the Underlying Index. Such activities may result in conflicts of interest, and Index Provider assumes no liability for any impact these activities may have on the Underlying Index's performance.

This disclaimer is subject to change and applies to all current and future uses of the Underlying Index.

The Third Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust ("Declaration of Trust") provides a detailed process for the bringing of derivative or direct actions by shareholders in order to permit legitimate inquiries and claims while avoiding the time, expense, distraction, and other harm that can be caused to the Fund or its shareholders as a result of spurious shareholder demands and derivative actions. Prior to bringing a derivative action, a demand by three unrelated shareholders must first be made on the Fund's Trustees. The Declaration of Trust details various information, certifications, undertakings and acknowledgments that must be included in the demand. Following receipt of the demand, the trustees have a period of 90 days, which may be extended by an additional 60 days, to consider the demand. If a majority of the Trustees who are considered independent for the purposes of considering the demand determine that maintaining the suit would not be in the best interests of the Fund, the Trustees are required to reject the demand and the complaining shareholders may not proceed with the derivative action unless the shareholders are able to sustain the burden of proof to a court that the decision of the Trustees not to pursue the requested action was not a good faith exercise of their business judgment on behalf of the Fund. The Declaration of Trust further provides that shareholders owning Shares representing no less than a majority of the Fund's outstanding shares must join in bringing the derivative action. If a demand is rejected, the complaining shareholders will be responsible for the costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by the Fund in connection with the consideration of the demand, if a court determines that the demand was made without reasonable cause or for an improper purpose. If a derivative action is brought in violation of the Declaration of Trust, the shareholders bringing the action may be responsible for the Fund's costs, including attorneys' fees, if a court determines that the action was brought without reasonable cause or for an improper purpose. The Declaration of Trust provides that no

shareholder may bring a direct action claiming injury as a shareholder of the Trust, or any Fund, where the matters alleged (if true) would give rise to a claim by the Trust or by the Trust on behalf of the Fund, unless the shareholder has suffered an injury distinct from that suffered by the shareholders of the Trust, or the Fund, generally. Under the Declaration of Trust, a shareholder bringing a direct claim must be a shareholder of the Fund with respect to which the direct action is brought at the time of the injury complained of or have acquired the shares afterwards by operation of law from a person who was a shareholder at that time. The Declaration of Trust further provides that the Fund shall be responsible for payment of attorneys' fees and legal expenses incurred by a complaining shareholder only if required by law, and any attorneys' fees that the Fund is obligated to pay shall be calculated using reasonable hourly rates. These provisions do not apply to claims brought under the federal securities laws.

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

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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

#### **Return Stacked Bonds & Merger Arbitrage ETF**

Adviser	<b>Tidal Investments LLC</b> 234 West Florida Street, Suite 203 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204	Sub-Adviser	Newfound Research LLC Suite 324, 200 Central Avenue 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701
Custodian	U.S. Bank National Association 1555 North Rivercenter Dr. Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212	Distributor	<b>Foreside Fund Services, LLC</b> Three Canal Plaza, Suite 100 Portland, Maine 04101
Sub-Administrator, Fund Accountant, and Transfer Agent	U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, doing business as U.S. Bank Global Fund Services 615 East Michigan Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202	Administrator	<b>Tidal ETF Services LLC</b> 234 West Florida Street, Suite 203 Milwaukee, WI 53204
Legal Counsel	Sullivan & Worcester LLP 1251 Avenue of the Americas, 19 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10020	Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm	Cohen & Company, Ltd. 1835 Market Street, Suite 310 Philadelphia, PA 19103

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

**Statement of Additional Information:** The Fund's SAI provides additional details about the investments of the Fund and certain other additional information. A current SAI dated December 16, 2024, as supplemented from time to time, is on file with the SEC and is herein incorporated by reference into this Prospectus. It is legally considered a part of this Prospectus.

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

When available, you can obtain free copies of these documents, request other information or make general inquiries about the Fund by contacting the Fund at Return Stacked ETFs, c/o U.S. Bank Global Fund Services, P.O. Box 701, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201-0701 or calling (844) 737-3001.

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

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

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