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GMO U.S. Quality ETF

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## Fund Summary - GMO U.S. Quality ETF

## **Investment Objective**

The GMO U.S. Quality ETF (the "Fund") seeks total return.

#### Fees and Expenses

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold or sell shares of the Fund. 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	
(Expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your	r investment)
Management fee	0.50%
Distribution and service (12b-1) fees	0.00%
Other expenses <sup>1</sup>	0.00%
Total annual Fund operating expenses	0.50%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Other expenses" are based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.

#### 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 sell or hold 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. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years
\$51	\$160

#### 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 may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the Example above, affect the Fund's performance. The Fund is new and does not yet have a portfolio turnover rate to disclose.

#### **Principal Investment Strategies**

The Fund is an actively managed exchange-traded fund ("ETF") that seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing primarily in equities of U.S. companies that the Fund's adviser, Grantham, Mayo, Van Otterloo & Co. LLC ("GMO" or the "Adviser"), believes to be of high quality. GMO believes a high quality company generally to be a company that has an established business that will deliver a high level of return on past investments and that will use cash flows to make investments with the potential for a high return on capital or to return cash to shareholders through dividends, share buybacks, or other mechanisms. Equity securities primarily include common and preferred stocks and, to a lesser extent, other stock-related securities, such as convertible securities, depositary receipts, equity real estate investment trusts ("REITs"), income trusts, and securities of other investment companies that investment primarily in equity securities.

In selecting securities for purchase and sale by the Fund, GMO uses a combination of investment methods, typically considering both (1) systematic factors, based on profitability, profit stability, leverage, and other publicly available financial information, and (2) judgmental factors, based on GMO's assessment of future profitability, capital allocation, growth opportunities, and sustainability against competitive forces. The weight that each systematic and judgmental factor is given for a particular security varies over time and depends on

GMO's assessment of the factor's materiality and relevance to that security. GMO also may rely on valuation methodologies, such as discounted cash flow analysis and multiples of price to earnings, revenues, book values or other fundamental metrics with the objective of buying higher quality stocks at a discount to what GMO believes to be their fundamental fair (or intrinsic) value. The Fund is not subject to any limit on the frequency with which portfolio securities may be purchased or sold, and GMO makes investment decisions for the Fund without regard to portfolio turnover rates.

At times, the Fund may have substantial exposure to a single asset class, industry, sector, issuer, or companies with similar market capitalizations. The Fund may invest in securities of companies of any market capitalization. The factors GMO considers and investment methods GMO uses can change over time. GMO does not manage the Fund to, or control the Fund's risk relative to, any securities index or securities benchmark.

As an alternative to investing directly in equities or in an attempt to obtain or adjust elements of its investment exposure, the Fund may invest in other ETFs.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests directly and indirectly (e.g., through underlying funds) at least 80% of its assets in companies tied economically to the United States (the "Name Policy").

The Fund also may invest in the GMO U.S. Treasury Fund, a mutual fund advised by GMO, or in money market funds unaffiliated with GMO, and directly in the types of investments typically held by money market funds.

#### Principal Risks of Investing in the Fund

The value of your investment in the Fund, as well as the amount of return you receive on your investment, may fluctuate significantly. Many factors can affect this value, and you may lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any government agency. The principal risks of investing in the Fund are summarized below. For a more complete discussion of these risks, see "Additional Principal Risk Information."

- Market Risk Equities The market price of an equity in the Fund's portfolio may decline due to factors affecting the issuer or its industry or the economy and equity markets generally. If the Fund purchases an equity for less than its fundamental fair (or intrinsic) value as assessed by GMO and GMO's assessment proves to be incorrect, the Fund runs the risk that the market price of the equity will not appreciate or will decline. The Fund also may purchase equities that typically trade at higher multiples of current earnings than other securities, and the market prices of these equities often are more sensitive to changes in future earnings expectations and interest rates than the market prices of equities trading at lower multiples. Declines in stock market prices generally are likely to reduce the value of an investment in the Fund.
- Management and Operational Risk The Fund runs the risk that GMO's investment techniques will fail to produce intended results. The Fund also runs the risk that GMO's assessment of an investment (including a security's fundamental fair (or intrinsic) value) is wrong or that deficiencies in GMO's or another service provider's internal systems or controls will cause losses for the Fund or impair Fund operations.
- Focused Investment Risk Investments focused in countries, regions, asset classes, sectors, industries, currencies, or issuers that are subject to the same or similar risk factors and investments whose market prices are closely correlated are subject to higher overall risk than investments that are more diversified or whose market prices are not as closely correlated.
- ETF Risks The Fund is an ETF and, as a result of this structure, is exposed to the following risks:
  - O Costs of Buying or Selling Shares Risk. Due to the costs of buying or selling Fund shares, including brokerage commissions imposed by brokers and the variance in bid-ask spreads, frequent trading of Fund shares may significantly reduce investment results and an investment in Fund shares may not be advisable for investors who anticipate regularly making small investments.

- Limited Authorized Participants, Market Makers and Liquidity Providers Risk. Because the Fund is an ETF, typically only a limited number of institutional investors (known as "Authorized Participants") are authorized to purchase and redeem shares directly from the Fund. Retail investors cannot transact directly with the Fund. In addition, there may be a limited number of market makers and/or liquidity providers in the marketplace to transact in Fund shares, there may be demand for Fund shares thereby increasing the market price above NAV, or lack of demand, which may decrease the market price below NAV, or in stressed market conditions, the market for Fund shares may become less liquid in response to deteriorating liquidity in the markets for the Fund's underlying portfolio holdings. As a result of these considerations, Fund shares may trade at a material premium or discount to net asset value ("NAV") or these factors may, in turn, lead to wider spreads between the bid and ask price of Fund shares. In addition, the Fund may face possible delisting if: (i) Authorized Participants exit the business or otherwise become unable to process creation and/or redemption orders and no other Authorized Participants 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.
- O *Trading Risk.* Shares of the Fund may trade on NYSE Arca, Inc. (the "Exchange") above (premium) or below (discount) their NAV. In stressed market conditions, the market for Fund shares may become less liquid in response to deteriorating liquidity in the markets for the Fund's underlying portfolio holdings, which may increase the variance between the market price of the Fund shares and the value of its underlying holdings. This can be reflected as a spread between the bid and ask prices for the Fund shares quoted during the day or a premium or discount in the closing price from the Fund's NAV. In addition, although the Fund's shares are currently listed on the Exchange, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for Fund shares will develop or be maintained. Trading in Fund shares may be halted due to market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in shares of the Fund inadvisable.
- New/Smaller Fund Risk A new or smaller fund is subject to the risk that its performance may not represent how the fund is expected to or may perform in the long term. In addition, new funds have limited operating histories for investors to evaluate and new and smaller funds may not attract sufficient assets to achieve investment and trading efficiencies. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve an economically viable size, in which case it could ultimately liquidate.
- Market Disruption and Geopolitical Risk—Geopolitical and other events (e.g., wars, pandemics, sanctions, terrorism) often disrupt securities markets and adversely affect the general economy or particular economies and markets. Those events, as well as other changes in non-U.S. and U.S. economic and political conditions, could exacerbate other risks or otherwise reduce the value of the Fund's investments.
- Other Investment Company Risk The Fund is indirectly exposed to all of the risks of an investment in the underlying funds in which it invests, including the risk that those underlying funds will not perform as expected. In addition, the Fund indirectly bears its pro rata portion of an underlying fund's fees and expenses in addition to the fees and expenses borne by the Fund. As a result, shareholders will be subject to two layers of fees and expenses when the Fund invests in underlying funds.

#### **Performance Information**

The Fund is new, and therefore has no performance history. Once the Fund has completed a full calendar year of operations, a bar chart and table will be included that will provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing the variability of the Fund's returns and comparing the Fund's performance to a broad measure of market performance. When available, updated performance information will be available on the Fund's website at https://www.gmo.com/americas/investment-capabilities/etfs. Of course, the Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) does not necessarily indicate how the Fund will perform in the future.

#### **Investment Adviser**

Grantham, Mayo, Van Otterloo & Co. LLC serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

Investment Team and Senior Members of GMO jointly and primarily responsible for portfolio management of the Fund:

Investment Team	Senior Member (Length of Service with Fund)	Title
Focused Equity	Thomas Hancock (since inception)	Head, Focused Equity Team, GMO.
Focused Equity	Ty Cobb (since inception)	Portfolio Manager, Focused Equity Team, GMO.
Focused Equity	Anthony Hene (since inception)	Portfolio Manager, Focused Equity Team, GMO.

#### Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The Fund issues shares to, and redeems shares from, certain institutional investors known as "Authorized Participants" (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of Fund shares known as "Creation Units." Creation Unit transactions are generally conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a portfolio of in-kind securities designated by the Fund and, as needed, a specified amount of cash.

Individual Fund shares may only be purchased and sold in the secondary market through a broker or dealer at a market price. Because Fund shares trade at market prices rather than at NAV, Fund shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase shares of the Fund (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for shares of the Fund (ask) (the "bid-ask spread"). When available, recent information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads will be available at https://www.gmo.com/americas/investment-capabilities/etfs.

## U.S. Tax Information

The Fund intends to elect to be treated, and intends to qualify and be treated each year, as a regulated investment company (a "RIC") under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") for U.S. federal income tax purposes and to distribute net investment income and net realized capital gains, if any, to shareholders.

Distributions made by the Fund may be taxable as ordinary income, qualified dividend income, or long-term capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. In that case, you may be taxed when you take a distribution from such account, depending on the type of account, the circumstances of your distribution, and other factors.

## Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries

If you purchase Fund shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or its affiliates may pay the financial intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

## Additional Information about the Fund's Investment Strategies

Fund Summary. The preceding section summarizes the investment objective, fees and expenses, principal investment strategies, principal risks, performance, management, and other important information for the

Fund. The summary is not all-inclusive, and the Fund may make investments, employ strategies, and be exposed to risks that are not described in its summary. More information about the Fund's investments and strategies is contained in the Statement of Additional Information (the "SAI"). See the back cover of this Prospectus for information about how to receive the SAI.

Investment Objectives/Policies. The Fund is an actively managed ETF and uses an active investment strategy in seeking to achieve its investment objective. GMO, subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of The 2023 ETF Series Trust II (the "Trust"), has discretion on a daily basis to manage the Fund's portfolio in accordance with its investment objective and investment policies. The Board of the Trust may change the Fund's investment objective or policies without shareholder approval or prior notice, provided that an investment policy identified in the SAI as fundamental may not be changed without shareholder approval. Neither the Fund nor GMO guarantees that the Fund will be able to achieve its investment objective.

The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing primarily in equities of U.S. companies that GMO believes to be of high quality. GMO believes a high quality company generally to be a company that has an established business that will deliver a high level of return on past investments and that will use cash flows to make investments with the potential for a high return on capital or to return cash to shareholders through dividends, share buybacks, or other mechanisms.

In selecting securities for purchase and sale by the Fund, GMO invests within a universe of companies that GMO believes to be high quality based on an assessment of companies' ability to deliver above average return on investments in the future. GMO considers judgmental factors, including but not limited to, the long term relevance of the company's business, barriers to entry from competitors, and management's capital allocation policies. GMO also utilizes systematic methods to identify candidate securities that measure favorably versus their peers based on factors GMO believes are indicative of quality. These systematic factors, based on trailing company fundamentals, include measures of historical profitability and margins, stability of that profitability over time, and balance sheet strength. The weight that each systematic and judgmental factor is given for a particular security varies over time and depends on GMO's assessment of the factor's materiality and relevance to that security. In addition to a company's quality, GMO may consider security valuation based on price ratios and forecasts for future fundamentals with the objective of buying higher quality stocks at a discount to what GMO believes to be their fundamental fair (or intrinsic) value.

At times, the Fund may have substantial exposure to a single asset class, industry, sector, issuer, or companies with similar market capitalizations. The Fund may invest in securities of companies of any market capitalization. The factors GMO considers and investment methods GMO uses can change over time. GMO does not manage the Fund to, or control the Fund's risk relative to, any securities index or securities benchmark.

As an alternative to investing directly in equities or in an attempt to obtain or adjust elements of its investment exposure, the Fund may invest in other ETFs.

Name Policy. To comply with SEC rules regarding the use of descriptive words in a fund's name, the Fund has adopted a policy (which applies at the time of the Fund's investment, unless stated otherwise) of investing at least 80% of the value of its net assets plus the amount of any borrowings made for investment purposes in companies tied economically to the United States (the "Name Policy"). When used in connection with the Fund's Name Policy, "assets" means the Fund's net assets plus any borrowings made for investment purposes. For the purposes of the Name Policy, an investment is "tied economically" to the United States if, at the time of purchase, it is (i) in an issuer that is organized under the laws of the U.S. or a U.S. state or territory or in an issuer that maintains its principal place of business in the U.S.; (ii) traded principally in the U.S.; or (iii) in an issuer that derived at least 50% of its revenues or profits from goods produced or sold, investments made, or services performed in the U.S., or has at least 50% of its assets in the U.S. The Fund may invest directly in securities of companies in the U.S. or indirectly, for example, by purchasing securities of another fund that invests in securities of companies economically tied to the U.S., or with underlying assets that have economic characteristics similar to investments tied economically to the U.S. GMO relies on publicly available information and third-party data to monitor compliance with the Name Policy.

When investing in another investment company, the Fund will consider whether such investment company has an 80% policy to invest in the United States for purposes of determining whether to treat an investment therein

toward the Fund's 80% policy or, if the investment company does not have such an 80% policy, the Fund will consider the underlying investment company's portfolio holdings for purposes of determining whether to treat an investment therein toward the Fund's 80% policy.

The Fund will not change its Name Policy without providing its shareholders at least 60 days' prior written notice.

Definitions. When used in this Prospectus, the terms "invest" and "investments" include direct and indirect investments. For example, the Fund may invest indirectly in a given asset or asset class by investing in underlying funds. When used in this Prospectus, (i) the term "equities" refers to common and preferred stocks and other stock-related securities, such as convertible securities, depositary receipts, equity REITs, income trusts, and securities of other investment companies that invest primarily in equity securities; (ii) the term "total return" includes capital appreciation and income; and (iii) the term "underlying funds" refers to other investment companies advised by GMO or other advisers, including, among others, closed-end funds, money market funds, and ETFs.

**Portfolio Turnover.** The Fund is not subject to any limit on the frequency with which portfolio securities may be purchased or sold, and GMO makes investment decisions for the Fund without regard to portfolio turnover rates. High turnover rates may create additional taxable income for shareholders. If portfolio turnover results in the recognition of short-term capital gains, those gains, when distributed, typically are taxed to shareholders at ordinary income tax rates. See "Dividends, Distributions and Taxes" below for more information.

**Investments in U.S. Treasury Fund and Unaffiliated Money Market Funds.** The Fund may invest in GMO U.S. Treasury Fund (a mutual fund advised by GMO that is not offered by this prospectus), money market funds unaffiliated with GMO and directly in the types of investments typically held by money market funds.

This Prospectus does not offer shares of the Fund in any state where they may not lawfully be offered.

## Additional Principal Risk Information

Investing in an ETF involves many risks. Factors that may affect the Fund's portfolio as a whole, called "principal risks," are discussed in "Principal Risks of Investing in the Fund" above and in additional detail in this section. The risks of investing in the Fund depend on the types of investments in its portfolio and the investment strategies GMO employs on its behalf. This section describes the principal risks but does not describe every potential risk of investing in the Fund. The Fund could be subject to additional risks because of the types of investments it makes and market conditions, which may change over time. The SAI includes more information about the Fund and its investments.

An investment in the Fund, by itself, generally does not provide a complete investment program but rather is intended to serve as part of an investor's overall investment program. An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit and, therefore, is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

The following section provides additional information regarding the principal risks of the Fund.

- ETF Risks. The Fund is an ETF and, as a result of this structure, is exposed to the following risks:
  - O Costs of Buying or Selling Shares Risk. Investors buying or selling Fund shares in the secondary market will pay brokerage commissions or other charges imposed by brokers, as determined by that broker. Brokerage commissions are often a fixed amount and may be a significant proportional cost for investors seeking to buy or sell relatively small amounts of shares. In addition, secondary market investors will also incur the cost of the difference between the price at which an investor is willing to buy Fund shares (the "bid" price) and the price at which an investor is willing to sell Fund shares (the "ask" price). This difference in bid and ask prices is often referred to as the "spread" or "bid-ask spread." The bid-ask spread varies over time

for Fund shares based on trading volume and market liquidity, and the spread is generally lower if Fund shares have more trading volume and market liquidity and higher if Fund shares have little trading volume and market liquidity. Further, a relatively small investor base in the Fund, asset swings in the Fund, and/or increased market volatility may cause increased bidask spreads. Due to the costs of buying or selling Fund shares, including bid-ask spreads, frequent trading of shares may significantly reduce investment results and an investment in Fund shares may not be advisable for investors who anticipate regularly making small investments.

- O Limited Authorized Participants, Market Makers and Liquidity Providers Risk. Only an Authorized Participant may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the Fund. The Fund has a limited number of financial institutions that may act as Authorized Participants. In addition, there may be a limited number of market makers and/or liquidity providers in the marketplace. Particularly in times of market stress, Authorized Participants, market makers, or liquidity providers may exit the business, reduce their business activities, or otherwise become unable to process creation and/or redemption orders, and there is a possibility that no other entities will step forward to perform these services. This may result in a significantly diminished trading market for the Fund's shares, differences between the market price of the Fund's shares and the underlying value of those shares, and delisting of the shares.
- Trading Risk. Although Fund shares are listed for trading on the Exchange, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for such shares will develop or be maintained. Secondary market trading in the Fund's shares may be halted by the Exchange because of market conditions or for other reasons. In addition, trading in the Fund's shares is subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility pursuant to "circuit breaker" rules. There can be no assurance that the requirements necessary to maintain the listing of the Fund's shares will continue to be met or will remain unchanged.

Shares of the Fund may trade at, above or below their most recent NAV. The per share NAV of the Fund is calculated at the end of each business day and fluctuates with changes in the market value of the Fund's holdings since the prior most recent calculation. The trading prices of the Fund's shares will fluctuate continuously throughout trading hours based on market supply and demand. The trading prices of the Fund's shares may deviate significantly from the value of the Fund's underlying portfolio holdings, particularly in times of market stress, with the result that investors may pay more or receive less than the underlying value of the Fund shares bought or sold. This can be reflected as a spread between the bid and ask prices for the Fund's shares quoted during the day or a premium or discount in the closing price from the Fund's NAV. In stressed market conditions, the market for the Fund's shares may become less liquid in response to deteriorating liquidity in the markets for the Fund's underlying portfolio holdings. These factors, among others, may lead to the Fund's shares trading at a premium or discount to NAV. However, given that shares of the Fund can be created and redeemed only in Creation Units at NAV (unlike shares of many closed-end funds, which frequently trade at appreciable discounts from, and sometimes at premiums to, their NAVs), the Adviser does not believe that large discounts or premiums to NAV will exist for extended periods of time. While the creation/redemption feature is designed to make it likely that the Fund's shares normally will trade close to the Fund's NAV, exchange prices are not expected to correlate exactly with the Fund's NAV due to timing reasons as well as market supply and demand factors. In addition, disruptions to creations and redemptions or the existence of extreme volatility may result in trading prices that differ significantly from NAV.

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

shareholder purchases at a time when the market price of the Fund is at a premium to its NAV or sells at time when the market price is at a discount to the NAV, the shareholder may sustain losses.

• Focused Investment Risk. To the extent that the Fund's investments are focused in a limited number of asset classes, sectors, industries, issuers, currencies, countries or regions that are subject to the same or similar risk factors, or whose market prices are closely correlated, the Fund is subject to higher overall risk than the Fund would be if its investments were more diversified or whose market prices are not as closely correlated.

To the extent the Fund invests in the securities of a small number of issuers, it will have greater exposure to adverse developments affecting those issuers and to a decline in the market price of those issuers' securities than it would be if it invested in the securities of a larger number of issuers. Companies that share common characteristics are often subject to similar business risks and regulatory burdens and often react similarly to specific economic, market, political or other developments.

Similarly, because the Fund has a significant portion of its assets in investments tied economically to the U.S., it will have more exposure to economic risks affecting U.S. companies than do funds whose investments are more geographically diverse. The political and economic prospects of one country or group of countries within the same geographic region may affect other countries in that region, and a recession, debt crisis or decline in the value of the currency of one country can spread to other countries. Furthermore, companies in a particular geographic region or country are vulnerable to events affecting other companies in that region or country because they often share common characteristics, are exposed to similar business risks and regulatory burdens, and react similarly to specific economic, market, political or other developments.

• Management and Operational Risk. The Fund is subject to management risk because, in relying on GMO to achieve its investment objective, it runs the risk that GMO's investment techniques will fail to produce intended results and cause the Fund to incur significant losses.

The Fund also runs the risk that GMO's assessment of an investment (including a security's fundamental fair (or intrinsic) value) is wrong.

There can be no assurance that key GMO personnel will continue to be employed by GMO. The loss of their services could have an adverse effect on GMO's ability to achieve the Fund's investment objective.

The Fund also is subject to operational risks resulting from other services provided by GMO and other service providers, including pricing, administrative, accounting, tax, legal, custody, transfer agency and other operational services. Examples of operational risks include the risk of loss caused by inadequate procedures and controls, human error and system failures by a service provider that result in trading delays or errors that prevent the Fund from benefiting from investment gains or avoiding losses. In addition, a service provider may be unable to provide a NAV for the Fund on a timely basis. GMO is not contractually liable to the Fund for losses associated with operational risk absent its willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of its contractual obligations to provide services to the Fund. Other Fund service providers also have contractual limitations on their liability to the Fund for losses resulting from their errors.

The Fund and its service providers (including GMO), Authorized Participants and market makers are susceptible to cyberattacks and to technological malfunctions that have effects similar to those of a cyberattack. Additionally, outside parties may attempt to fraudulently induce employees of the Fund's service providers (including GMO) to disclose sensitive information in order to gain access to the Fund's electronic infrastructure. Cyberattacks include, among others, stealing, corrupting, or preventing access to data maintained online or digitally, preventing legitimate users from accessing information or services, releasing confidential information without authorization and disrupting operations. Successful cyberattacks against, or security breakdowns of, the Fund, GMO, an Authorized Participant, a market maker, a custodian, transfer agent, or other service provider may adversely affect the Fund or its shareholders. For instance, cyberattacks may interfere with the processing of shareholder transactions, affect the Fund's ability to calculate its NAV, cause the release or misappropriation of confidential shareholder or Fund information, impede trading, interfere with the use of quantitative models, cause reputational damage, and subject the Fund to regulatory fines, penalties or financial losses and additional compliance costs. The Fund's service providers regularly

experience cyberattacks and expect they will continue to do so. In addition, cyberattacks involving a counterparty to the Fund could affect such a counterparty's ability to meet its obligations to the Fund, which may result in losses to the Fund and its shareholders. While GMO has established business continuity plans and systems designed to prevent, detect and respond to cyberattacks, those plans and systems have inherent limitations.

Issuers of securities in which the Fund invests are subject to similar types of cybersecurity risks that could have material adverse consequences for those issuers and result in a decline in the market price of their securities. Furthermore, as a result of cyberattacks, technological disruptions, malfunctions or failures, an exchange or market may close or suspend trading generally, or in specific securities the Fund could be prevented from, among other things, buying or selling portfolio securities or accurately pricing those securities. The Fund cannot directly control cyber security plans and systems of its service providers, the Fund's counterparties, issuers of securities in which the Fund invests, or securities markets and exchanges, and the Fund's service providers and counterparties and issuers may have limited, if any, indemnification obligations to GMO or the Fund.

• Market Disruption and Geopolitical Risk. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical and other events (e.g., wars, pandemics, sanctions and terrorism) will disrupt securities markets, adversely affect the general economy or particular economies and markets and exacerbate the effects of other risks to which the Fund is subject, thereby reducing the value of the Fund's investments. Sudden or significant changes in the supply or prices of commodities or in other economic inputs (e.g., the marked decline in oil prices in late 2014 and early 2020 and substantial increase in 2022) may have material and unexpected effects on both global securities markets and individual countries, regions, sectors, companies and industries. Terrorism in the United States and around the world has increased geopolitical risk. The terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 resulted in the closure of some U.S. securities markets for four days, and similar attacks are possible in the future. Securities markets are susceptible to market manipulation or other fraudulent trading practices, which could disrupt their orderly functioning or reduce the prices of securities traded on them held by the Fund. Fraud and other deceptive practices committed by an issuer of securities held by the Fund, when discovered, will likely cause a steep decline in the market price of those securities and thus negatively affect the value of the Fund's investments. In addition, when discovered, financial fraud contributes to overall market volatility, which can adversely affect the Fund's investment program.

A default by the U.S. government (as has been threatened over the years) or a shutdown of U.S. government services (including in response to political events) could adversely affect the U.S. economy, reduce the value of many Fund investments, and disrupt the operation of the U.S. or other securities markets. Climate change regulation (such as decarbonization legislation or other mandatory controls to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases) could significantly affect many of the companies in which the Fund invests by, among other things, increasing those companies' operating costs and capital expenditures. Uncertainty over credit worthiness of the sovereign debt of several European Union countries, as well as uncertainty over the continued existence of the European Union itself, has disrupted and may continue to disrupt markets in the United States and around the world.

War, terrorism, economic uncertainty, and related geopolitical events, such as sanctions, tariffs, the imposition of exchange controls or other cross-border trade barriers, other government restrictions (or the threat of such restrictions) have led, and in the future may lead, to greater short-term market volatility and have had, and in the future may have, adverse long-term effects on U.S. and world economies and markets generally or on specific sectors, industries, and countries. Events such as these and their impact on the Fund are impossible to predict.

In addition, the Chinese government is involved in a longstanding dispute with Taiwan that has included threats of invasion. If the political climate between the United States and China does not improve or continues to deteriorate, if China were to attempt unification of Taiwan by force, or if other geopolitical conflicts develop or get worse, economies, markets and individual securities may be severely affected both regionally and globally, and the value of the Fund's assets may go down.

Natural disasters (such as the earthquake and tsunami in Japan in early 2011), epidemics or pandemics (such as the outbreak of COVID-19 in late 2019), and systemic market dislocations (such as the kind surrounding

the insolvency of Lehman Brothers in 2008) subject the Fund to heightened risk and can adversely affect the market price of the Fund's investments.

An exchange or market may close early, close late or issue trading halts on specific securities, or the ability to buy or sell certain securities may be restricted, which may result in the Fund's being unable to buy or sell certain securities. In these circumstances, the Fund may be unable to rebalance its portfolio, may be required to fair value its investments and/or may incur substantial trading losses.

- Market Risk Equities. The Fund runs the risk that the market price of the equities in its portfolio will decline. That decline may be attributable to factors affecting the issuer, such as a failure to keep up with technological advances or reduced demand for its goods or services, or to factors affecting a particular industry, such as a decline in demand, labor or raw material shortages or increased production costs. A decline also may be attributable to general market conditions not specifically related to a company or industry, such as existing or anticipated adverse economic conditions, changes in the general outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates, rising inflation (or expectations for rising inflation), or adverse investor sentiment generally. The market prices of equities are volatile and can decline in a rapid or unpredictable manner. Equities that are characterized as relatively cyclical often are especially sensitive to economic cycles, which means they typically underperform non-cyclical equities during economic downturns. Performance of cyclical equities can be significantly affected by, among other factors, cyclical revenue generation, consumer confidence and changing consumer preferences, and the performance of domestic and international economies. If the Fund purchases an equity for what GMO believes is less than its fundamental fair (or intrinsic) value as assessed by GMO and GMO's assessment proves to be incorrect, the Fund runs the risk that the market price of the equity will not appreciate or will decline. The market prices of equities trading at high multiples of current earnings often are more sensitive to changes in future earnings expectations and interest rates than the market prices of equities trading at lower multiples.
- New/Smaller Fund Risk— A new or smaller fund is subject to the risk that its performance may not represent how the fund is expected to or may perform in the long term. In addition, new funds have limited operating histories for investors to evaluate and new and smaller funds may not attract sufficient assets to achieve investment and trading efficiencies. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve an economically viable size, in which case it could ultimately liquidate. The Fund may be liquidated by the Board without a shareholder vote. In a liquidation, shareholders of the Fund will receive an amount equal to the Fund's NAV, after deducting the costs of liquidation, including the transaction costs of disposing of the Fund's portfolio investments. Receipt of a liquidation distribution may have negative tax consequences for shareholders. Additionally, during the Fund's liquidation all or a portion of the Fund's portfolio may be invested in a manner not consistent with its investment objective and investment policies.
- Other Investment Company Risk. The Fund is indirectly exposed to all of the risks of an investment in the underlying funds in which it invests, including the risk that those underlying funds will not perform as expected. In addition, the Fund indirectly bears its pro rata portion of an underlying fund's fees and expenses in addition to the fees and expenses borne by the Fund. As a result, shareholders will be subject to two layers of fees and expenses when the Fund invests in underlying funds.

# Portfolio Holdings

A description of the Fund's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the Fund's portfolio securities is available in the Fund's SAI. In addition, the identities and quantities of the securities held by the Fund are disclosed on the Fund's website, at https://www.gmo.com/americas/investment-capabilities/etfs.

#### Fund Management

Founded in 1977, the Adviser is a privately held limited liability company formed under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with its principal office at 53 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109. The Adviser provides various investment advisory services, including to pooled investment vehicles. As of July 31, 2023, the Adviser had approximately \$61 billion in assets under management. The Adviser is controlled by the Adviser's active employee-members. The members, analogous to partners in other organizations, include senior employees of the Adviser. No member owns more than 25% of the membership interests in the Adviser.

Under an investment advisory agreement between the Trust, on behalf of the Fund, and the Adviser, the Adviser provides investment advisory services to the Fund. The Adviser is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund, including, among other things, providing an investment program for the Fund, trading portfolio securities on behalf of the Fund, and selecting broker-dealers to execute purchase and sale transactions, subject to the oversight of the Board.

For the services it provides to the Fund, the Fund pays the Adviser a fee calculated daily and paid monthly at an annual rate of 0.50% of the average daily net assets of the Fund.

Under the investment advisory agreement, the Adviser has agreed to pay all expenses incurred by, and appropriately allocated to, the Fund except for the advisory fee; investment-related costs (such as interest charges on any borrowings, brokerage commissions and other expenses incurred in placing orders for the purchase and sale of securities and other investment instruments); taxes; proxy and shareholder meeting expenses (unless the need for a shareholder meeting is caused by the Adviser, such as a change of control of the Adviser); fees and expenses related to the provision of securities lending services; acquired fund fees and expenses (other than management and shareholder service fees paid to the Adviser attributable to the Fund's investment in such acquired funds); legal fees or expenses in connection with any arbitration, litigation, or pending or threatened arbitration or litigation, including any settlements in connection therewith; legal fees incurred at the request or direction of a Fund service provider other than the Adviser; extraordinary (as mutually determined by the Board and the Adviser) or non-recurring expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the Fund's business; and distribution fees and expenses paid by the Fund under any distribution plan adopted pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's approval of the investment advisory agreement with the Adviser will be available in the Fund's first Semi-Annual Report to shareholders for the fiscal period ending December 31, 2023.

GMO has entered into personnel sharing arrangements with some of its wholly-owned subsidiaries, including GMO UK Limited ("GMO UK" and together with other wholly-owned subsidiaries, "GMO Advisory Affiliates"). Pursuant to these arrangements, some employees of GMO Advisory Affiliates may serve as officers and associated persons of GMO and in that capacity may provide investment management and other services to the Fund. These individuals are identified in GMO's Form ADV, a copy of which is on file with the SEC. For information on possible special United Kingdom tax consequences of an investment in the Fund, see "Dividends, Distributions and Taxes."

GMO is registered as an investment adviser with the SEC.

#### Portfolio Managers

The following table identifies the senior member(s) of the Investment Team(s) jointly and primarily responsible for managing the investments of the Fund and their title and business experience during the past five years. The Fund relies on the respective senior members of GMO to directly manage (or allocate to members of their Team responsibility for managing portions of the portfolio of) the Fund, oversee the implementation of trades, review the overall composition of the Fund's portfolio, including compliance with stated investment objectives and strategies, and monitor cash.

Fund	Senior Member	Title, Business Experience During the Past 5 Years
U.S.	Thomas Hancock	Head, Focused Equity Team, GMO. Dr. Hancock was responsible for
Quality		overseeing the portfolio management of GMO's international developed
ETF		market and global equity portfolios beginning in 1998.
	Ty Cobb	Portfolio Manager, Focused Equity Team, GMO. Mr. Cobb has been
		responsible for providing portfolio management and research services for
		global equity portfolios at GMO since 2003.
	Anthony Hene	Portfolio Manager, Focused Equity Team, GMO. Mr. Hene has been in this
	•	role since September 2015. Mr. Hene has been responsible for providing

Fund	Senior Member	Title, Business Experience During the Past 5 Years
		portfolio management and research services for this and other global equity portfolios at GMO since 1995.

The SAI provides additional information about the portfolio managers' compensation, other accounts managed, and ownership of Fund shares.

#### **Buying and Selling Fund Shares**

Shares of the Fund are listed for trading on the Exchange. When you buy or sell the Fund's shares on the secondary market, you will pay or receive the market price. You may incur customary brokerage commissions and charges and may pay some or all of the spread between the bid and the offered price in the secondary market on each leg of a round trip (purchase and sale) transaction. The shares of the Fund will trade on the Exchange at prices that may differ to varying degrees from the daily NAV of such shares. A business day with respect to the Fund is any day on which the Exchange is open for business. The Exchange is generally open Monday through Friday and is closed on weekends and the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

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

The net asset value or "NAV" per share of the Fund is determined as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE, generally at 4:00 p.m. Eastern time.

The NAV per share of the Fund is determined by dividing the value of the net assets of the Fund (*i.e.*, the total value of the Fund's portfolio investments and other assets, less any liabilities) by the total number of outstanding shares. NAV is not determined (and accordingly, transactions in shares of the Fund are not processed) on any day when the NYSE is closed for business. In addition, to the extent the Fund holds portfolio securities listed on exchanges (*e.g.*, non-U.S. exchanges) that are open for trading on days when the Fund's NAV is not determined (*e.g.*, a U.S. holiday on which the NYSE is closed for business), the net value of the Fund's assets may change significantly on days when shares cannot be redeemed.

The value of the Fund's investments is generally determined as set forth below. Investments for which market quotations are not readily available, or for which circumstances make an existing valuation methodology or procedure unreliable, are valued at "fair value" as determined in good faith by GMO, subject to the oversight of the Board (See the discussion in "Fair Value' pricing" below):

Exchange-traded securities (other than exchange-traded options) for which market quotations are readily available:

- Last sale price or official closing price, as applicable, on an exchange or
- Most recent quoted price published by the exchange (if no reported last sale or official closing price) or
- Quoted price provided by a pricing source (in the event GMO deems the private market to be a more reliable indicator of market value than the exchange)

#### Exchange-traded options:

• Last sale price, provided that price is between the closing bid and ask prices. If the last sale price is not within that range, then they will be valued at the closing bid price or the closing ask price depending on the nature of the position.

#### Cleared derivatives:

• Closing price quoted (which may be based on a model) by the relevant clearing house (if an updated quote for a cleared derivative is not available when the Fund calculates its NAV, the derivative will generally be valued using an industry standard model, which may differ from the model used by the relevant clearing house)

• Price generally determined by an industry standard model

Unlisted non-fixed income securities for which market quotations are readily available:

• Most recent quoted price

Fixed income securities (includes bonds, loans, loan participations, asset-backed securities, and other structured notes):

• Most recent price supplied by a pricing source determined by GMO (if a reliable updated price for a fixed income security is not available when the Fund calculates its NAV, the Fund will generally use the most recent reliable price to value that security)

Note: Reliable prices, including reliable quoted prices, may not always be available. When they are not available, the Fund may use alternative valuation methodologies (e.g., valuing the relevant assets at "fair value" as described below).

Shares of open-end registered investment companies:

• Most recent NAV

"Quoted price" typically means the bid price or ask price, depending on the nature of the position. If a market quotation for a security does not involve a bid or an ask, the "quoted price" may be the price provided by a market participant or other third-party pricing source in accordance with the market practice for that security. If an updated quoted price for a security is not available when the Fund calculates its NAV, the Fund will generally use the last quoted price so long as GMO believes that the quoted price continues to represent that security's fair value.

In the case of derivatives, prices determined by a model may reflect an estimate of the average of bid and ask prices, regardless of the nature of the position.

The prices of non-U.S. securities quoted in foreign currencies, foreign currency balances, and the value of non-U.S. forward currency contracts are typically translated into U.S. dollars at the close of regular trading on the NYSE, generally at 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, at then current exchange rates or at such other rates as the Trustees or persons acting at their direction may determine in computing NAV.

GMO evaluates pricing sources on an ongoing basis and may change a pricing source at any time. GMO monitors erratic or unusual movements (including unusual inactivity) in the prices supplied for a security and has discretion to override a price supplied by a source (e.g., by taking a price supplied by another source) when it believes that the price supplied is not reliable. Alternative pricing sources are often but not always available for securities held by the Fund.

"Fair Value" pricing:

With respect to the Fund's use of "fair value" pricing, you should note the following:

- Under Rule 2a-5 under the 1940 Act, which addresses valuation practices and the role of the board of directors with respect to the fair value of the investments of a registered investment company, an investment company's board is permitted to designate the fund's primary investment adviser as "valuation designee" to perform the fund's fair value determinations, subject to board oversight and reporting and other requirements. As of the date of this Prospectus, GMO serves as the Fund's valuation designee for purposes of compliance with Rule 2a-5 under the 1940 Act.
- In some cases, a significant percentage (or all) of the Fund's assets may be "fair valued." Factors that may be considered in determining "fair value" include, among others, the value

of other financial instruments traded on other markets, the volume of trading, changes in interest rates, observations from financial institutions, significant events (which may include changes in the value of U.S. securities or securities indices) that occur after the close of the relevant market and before the Fund's NAV is calculated, other news events, and significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments). Because of the uncertainty inherent in fair value pricing, the price determined for a particular security may be materially different from the price received by the Fund upon its sale.

- The valuation methodologies described above are modified for equities that trade in non-U.S. securities markets that close before the close of the NYSE due to time zone differences, including the value of equities that underlie futures, options and other derivatives (to the extent the market for those derivatives closes before the close of the NYSE). In those cases, the price will generally be adjusted, to the extent practicable and available, based on inputs from an independent pricing service that are intended to reflect valuation changes through the NYSE close.
- The Fund's use of fair value pricing may cause the Fund's returns to differ from those of its benchmark or other comparative index or indices more than they otherwise would. For example, the Fund may fair value its international equity holdings to reflect significant events that occur after the close of the relevant market and before the time the Fund's NAV is calculated. In these cases, the benchmark or index may use the local market closing price, while the Fund uses an adjusted "fair value" price.

# Frequent Purchases and Redemptions of Fund Shares

The Fund does not impose any restrictions on the frequency of purchases and redemptions of Creation Units; however, the Fund reserves the right to reject or limit purchases at any time as described in the SAI. When considering that no restriction or policy was necessary, the Board evaluated the risks posed by arbitrage and market timing activities, such as whether frequent purchases and redemptions would interfere with the efficient implementation of the Fund's investment strategy, or whether they would cause the Fund to experience increased transaction costs. The Board considered that, unlike traditional mutual funds, shares of the Fund are issued and redeemed only in large quantities of shares known as Creation Units available only from the Fund directly to Authorized Participants, and that most trading in the Fund occurs on the Exchange at prevailing market prices and does not involve the Fund directly. Given this structure, the Board determined that it is unlikely that trading due to arbitrage opportunities or market timing by shareholders would result in negative impact to the Fund or its shareholders. In addition, frequent trading of shares of the Fund by Authorized Participants and arbitrageurs is critical to ensuring that the market price remains at or close to NAV.

#### Plan of Distribution

The Fund has adopted a Plan of Distribution in accordance with Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act pursuant to which payments of up to 0.25% of the Fund's average daily net assets may be made for the sale and distribution of its shares. No payments pursuant to the Plan of Distribution will be made during the twelve (12) month period from the date of this Prospectus. Thereafter, 12b-1 fees may only be imposed after approval by the Board. Because these fees, if imposed, would be paid out of the Fund's assets on an on-going basis, if payments are made in the future, these fees will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges.

## Dividends, Distributions and Taxes

#### **Fund Distributions**

The Fund pays out dividends from its net investment income, if any, quarterly and distributes its net realized capital gains, if any, to investors at least annually. The Fund is permitted to declare and pay dividends of its net investment income and net capital gains, if any, more frequently.

## **Dividend Reinvestment Service**

Brokers may make available to their customers who own shares of the Fund the Depository Trust Company book-entry dividend reinvestment service. If this service is available and used, dividend distributions of both income and capital gains will automatically be reinvested in additional whole shares of the Fund purchased on the secondary market. Without this service, investors would receive their distributions in cash. To determine whether the dividend reinvestment service is available and whether there is a commission or other charge for using this service, consult your broker. Brokers may require the Fund's shareholders to adhere to specific procedures and timetables.

#### Tax Information

The following discussion is a summary of some important U.S. federal income tax considerations generally applicable to an investment in the Fund. The summary is based on current tax laws, which may be changed by legislative, judicial or administrative action. You should not consider this summary to be a comprehensive explanation of the tax treatment of the Fund, or the tax consequences of an investment in the Fund. An investment in the Fund may have other tax implications. Please consult a tax advisor about the applicable federal, state, local, foreign or other tax laws. Investors, including non-U.S. investors, may wish to consult the SAI tax section for additional disclosure.

Tax Status of the Fund. The Fund intends to elect and to qualify for the special tax treatment afforded a RIC under the Code. From a U.S. federal income tax perspective, the Fund is treated as a separate corporation within the Trust. If the Fund meets certain minimum distribution requirements, as a RIC it is not subject to tax at the Fund level on income and gains from investments that are timely distributed to shareholders. However, if the Fund fails to qualify as a RIC or to meet minimum distribution requirements, it would result in Fund-level taxation if certain relief provisions were not available, and consequently a reduction in income available for distribution to shareholders. Unless you are a tax-exempt entity or your investment in the Fund's shares is made through a tax-advantaged arrangement (such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account) retirement account, such as an IRA, you need to be aware of the possible tax consequences when the Fund makes distributions, you sell Fund shares and you purchase or redeem Creation Units (Authorized Participants only).

Taxes on Distributions. In general, distributions are subject to federal income tax when they are paid, whether the distributions are taken in cash or reinvested in the Fund. The income dividends and short-term capital gains distributions received from the Fund will be taxed as either ordinary income or qualified dividend income. Distributions from the Fund's short-term capital gains are generally taxable as ordinary income. Subject to certain limitations, dividends that are reported by the Fund as qualified dividend income are taxable to non-corporate shareholders at rates applicable to capital gains, provided certain requirements are met. Any distributions of the Fund's net capital gains are taxable as long-term capital gain regardless of how long Fund shares have been owned by an investor. Long-term capital gains are generally taxed to non-corporate shareholders at rates applicable to capital gains.

The Fund will carry any net realized capital losses (*i.e.*, realized capital losses in excess of realized capital gains) from any taxable year forward to one or more subsequent taxable years to offset capital gains, if any, realized during such subsequent taxable years. The Fund's net capital loss carryforwards do not expire. The Fund must apply such carryforwards first against gains of the same character. Generally, the Fund may not carry forward any losses other than net capital losses (*i.e.*, ordinary losses). The Fund's ability to utilize these and certain other losses to reduce distributable net realized capital gains in subsequent taxable years may be limited by reason of direct or indirect changes in the actual or constructive ownership of the Fund.

Distributions in excess of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits are treated as a tax-free return of capital to the extent of the investor basis in the Fund's shares, and, in general, as capital gain thereafter.

In general, dividends may be reported by the Fund as qualified dividend income if they are attributable to qualified dividend income received by the Fund, which, in general, includes dividend income from taxable U.S. corporations and certain foreign corporations (*i.e.*, certain foreign corporations incorporated in a possession of

the United States or in certain countries with a comprehensive tax treaty with the United States, and certain other foreign corporations if the stock with respect to which the dividend is paid is readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States), provided that the Fund satisfies certain holding period requirements in respect of the stock of such corporations and has not hedged its position in the stock in certain ways. A dividend generally will not be treated as qualified dividend income if the dividend is received with respect to any share of stock held by the Fund for fewer than 61 days during the 121-day period beginning at the date which is 60 days before the date on which such share becomes ex-dividend with respect to such dividend. These holding period requirements will also apply to investor ownership of Fund shares. Holding periods may be suspended for these purposes for stock that is hedged. It is expected that dividends received by the Fund from a REIT and distributed from the Fund to a shareholder generally will not be treated as qualified dividend income. Additionally, income derived in connection with the Fund's securities lending activities will not be treated as qualified dividend income.

U.S. individuals with income exceeding specified thresholds are subject to a 3.8% tax on all or a portion of their "net investment income," which includes taxable interest, dividends and certain capital gains (generally including capital gain distributions and capital gains realized upon the sale of Fund shares). This 3.8% tax also applies to all or a portion of the undistributed net investment income of certain shareholders that are estates and trusts.

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. The Fund's investment strategies may significantly limit its ability to distribute dividends eligible for the dividends-received deduction for corporations.

If an investor lends Fund shares pursuant to securities lending arrangements, the investor may lose the ability to treat Fund dividends (paid while the Fund shares are held by the borrower) as qualified dividend income. Please consult a financial intermediary or tax advisor to discuss the particular circumstances.

In general, your distributions are subject to federal income tax for the year in which they are paid. However, distributions paid in January, but declared by the Fund in October, November or December of the previous year, payable to shareholders of record in such a month, may be taxable to an investor in the calendar year in which they were declared.

A distribution will reduce the Fund's NAV per Fund share and may be taxable to a shareholder as ordinary income or capital gain even though, from an investment standpoint, the distribution may constitute a return of capital.

The Fund (or your broker) will inform you of the amount of your ordinary income dividends, qualified dividend income, and net capital gain distributions. This annual shareholder tax reporting information will be issued shortly after the close of each calendar year.

Certain of the Fund's investments may be subject to complex provisions of the Code (including provisions relating to wash sales, hedging transactions, straddles, integrated transactions, foreign currency contracts, forward foreign currency contracts, and notional principal contracts) that, among other things, may affect the Fund's ability to qualify as a RIC, affect the character of gains and losses realized by the Fund (e.g., may affect whether gains or losses are ordinary or capital), accelerate recognition of income to the Fund and defer losses.

Foreign Currency Transactions. The Fund's transactions in foreign currencies may give rise to ordinary income or loss to the extent such income or loss results from fluctuations in the value of the foreign currency concerned.

Foreign Income Taxes. Investment income received by the Fund from sources within foreign countries may be subject to foreign income taxes withheld at the source. The United States has entered into tax treaties with many foreign countries which may entitle the Fund to a reduced rate of such taxes or exemption from taxes on such income. It is impossible to determine the effective rate of foreign tax for the Fund in advance since the amount of the assets to be invested within various countries is not known. If more than 50% of the total assets of the Fund at the close of its taxable year consist of certain foreign stocks or securities, the Fund may elect to "pass through" to shareholders certain foreign income taxes (including withholding taxes) paid by the Fund. If

the Fund makes such an election, the shareholder will be considered to have received as an additional dividend the shareholder's share of such foreign taxes, but the shareholder may be entitled to either a corresponding tax deduction in calculating the shareholder's taxable income, or, subject to certain limitations, a credit in calculating the shareholder's federal income tax. No deduction for such taxes will be permitted to individuals in computing their alternative minimum tax liability. If the Fund does not so elect, the Fund will be entitled to claim a deduction for certain foreign taxes incurred by the Fund. Under certain circumstances, if the Fund receives a refund of foreign taxes paid in respect of a prior year, the value of Fund shares could be reduced and/or any foreign tax credits passed through to shareholders in respect of the Fund's foreign taxes for the current year could be reduced by an amount equal to all or a portion of such refund.

Taxation of REIT Investments. The Fund may invest in U.S. REITs. "Qualified REIT dividends" (i.e., ordinary REIT dividends other than capital gain dividends and portions of REIT dividends designated as qualified dividend income eligible for capital gain tax rates) are eligible for a 20% deduction by non-corporate taxpayers. This deduction, if allowed in full, equates to a maximum effective tax rate of 29.6% (37% top rate applied to income after 20% deduction). Pursuant to Treasury regulations, distributions by the Fund to its shareholders that are attributable to qualified REIT dividends received by the Fund and which the Fund properly reports as "section 199A dividends," are treated as "qualified REIT dividends" in the hands of non-corporate shareholders. A section 199A dividend is treated as a qualified REIT dividend only if the shareholder receiving such dividend holds the dividend-paying RIC shares for at least 46 days of the 91-day period beginning 45 days before the shares become ex-dividend and is not under an obligation to make related payments with respect to a position in substantially similar or related property. The Fund is permitted to report such part of its dividends as section 199A dividends as are eligible, but is not required to do so.

REITs in which the Fund invests often do not provide complete and final tax information to the Fund until after the time that the Fund issues its annual shareholder tax reporting information. As a result, the Fund may at times find it necessary to reclassify the amount and character of its distributions to you after it issues your annual shareholder tax reporting information. When such reclassification is necessary, the Fund (or a financial intermediary, such as a broker, through which a shareholder owns shares) will send you a corrected, final Form 1099-DIV to reflect the reclassified information. If you receive a corrected Form 1099-DIV, use the information on this corrected form, and not the information on the previously issued annual shareholder tax reporting information, in completing your tax returns.

Investments in REIT equity securities may require the Fund to accrue and distribute income not yet received. To generate sufficient cash to make the requisite distributions, the Fund may be required to sell securities in its portfolio (including when it is not advantageous to do so) that it otherwise would have continued to hold. The Fund's investments in REIT equity securities may at other times result in the Fund's receipt of cash in excess of the REIT's earnings; if the Fund distributes these amounts, these distributions could constitute a return of capital to the Fund's shareholders for federal income tax purposes. Dividends paid by a REIT, other than capital gain distributions, will generally be taxable as ordinary income up to the amount of the REIT's current and accumulated earnings and profits. Capital gain dividends paid by a REIT to the Fund will be treated as long-term capital gains by the Fund and, in turn, may be distributed by the Fund to shareholders as a capital gain distribution. Dividends received by the Fund from a REIT generally will not constitute qualified dividend income or qualify for the dividends received deduction. If a REIT is operated in a manner such that it fails to qualify as a REIT, an investment in the REIT would become subject to double taxation, meaning the taxable income of the REIT would be subject to federal income tax at the regular corporate rate without any deduction for dividends paid to shareholders and the dividends would be taxable to shareholders as ordinary income (or possibly as qualified dividend income) to the extent of the REIT's current and accumulated earnings and profits.

Taxes on Share Sales. Each sale of shares of the Fund will generally be a taxable event. Any capital gain or loss realized upon a sale of Fund shares is generally treated as long-term capital gain or loss if Fund shares have been held for more than one year and as short-term capital gain or loss if Fund shares have been held for one year or less, except that any capital loss on the sale of Fund shares held for six months or less is treated as long-term capital loss to the extent that capital gain dividends were paid with respect to such Fund shares. Any loss realized on a sale will be disallowed to the extent shares of the Fund are acquired, including through reinvestment of dividends, within a 61-day period beginning 30 days before and ending 30 days after the sale of such shares. The ability to deduct capital losses may be limited.

Taxes on Creations and Redemptions of Creation Units. An Authorized Participant who exchanges securities for Creation Units generally will recognize a gain or loss. The gain or loss will be equal to the difference between the market value of the Creation Units at the time and the exchanger's aggregate basis in the securities surrendered plus any cash paid for the Creation Units. An Authorized Participant who exchanges Creation Units for securities will generally recognize a gain or loss equal to the difference between the exchanger's basis in the Creation Units and the aggregate market value of the securities and the amount of cash received. The Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS"), however, may assert that a loss realized upon an exchange of securities for Creation Units cannot be deducted currently under the rules governing "wash sales" (for an Authorized Participant who does not mark-to-market its holdings), or on the basis that there has been no significant change in economic position. Authorized Participants exchanging securities should consult their own tax advisor with respect to whether wash sale rules apply and when a loss might be deductible.

When creating or redeeming Creation Units, a confirmation statement will be sent showing the number of Fund shares purchased or sold with the applicable share price.

If the Trust does issue Creation Units to a purchaser (or a group of purchasers) that would, upon obtaining the Fund shares so ordered, own 80% or more of the outstanding shares of the Fund, the purchaser (or group of purchasers) will not recognize gain or loss upon the exchange of securities for Creation Units. The Trust, on behalf of the Fund, has the right to reject an order for Creation Units if the purchaser (or a group of purchasers) would, upon obtaining the Fund shares so ordered, own 80% or more of the outstanding shares of the Fund and if, pursuant to Section 351 of the Code, the Fund would have a basis in the securities different from the market value of the securities on the date of deposit. The trust also has the right to require information necessary to determine beneficial share ownership for purposes of the 80% determination. In such case, it is solely incumbent upon the purchaser to provide adequate advance notification to the Trust of its intention to not recognize gain or loss upon the exchange of securities for Creation Units.

If the Fund redeems Creation Units in cash in addition to, or in place of, the delivery of a basket of securities, it may bear additional costs and recognize more capital gains than it would if it redeems Creation Units in-kind.

Certain Tax-Exempt Investors. The Fund, if investing in certain limited real estate investments, may be required to pass through certain "excess inclusion income" and other income as "unrelated business taxable income" ("UBTI"). Prior to investing in the Fund, tax-exempt investors sensitive to UBTI should consult their tax advisors regarding this issue and IRS pronouncements addressing the treatment of such income in the hands of such investors. Certain tax-exempt educational institutions will be subject to excise taxes on net investment income. For these purposes, certain dividends and capital gain distributions, and certain gains from the disposition of Fund shares (among other categories of income), are generally taken into account in computing a shareholder's net investment income.

Investments in Certain Foreign Corporations. The Fund may invest in foreign entities classified as passive foreign investment companies or "PFICs" or controlled foreign corporations or "CFCs" under the Code. PFIC and CFC investments are subject to complex rules that may under certain circumstances adversely affect the Fund. Accordingly, investors should consult their own tax advisors and carefully consider the tax consequences of PFIC and CFC investments by the Fund before making an investment in the Fund. Fund dividends attributable to dividends received from PFICs generally will not be treated as qualified dividend income. Additional information pertaining to the potential tax consequences to the Fund, and to the shareholders, from the Fund's potential investment in PFICs and CFCs can be found in the SAI.

Non-U.S. Investors. Ordinary income dividends paid by the Fund to shareholders who are non-resident aliens or foreign entities will generally be subject to a 30% U.S. withholding tax (other than distributions reported by the Fund as interest-related dividends and short-term capital gain dividends), unless a lower treaty rate applies or unless such income is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business. In general, the Fund may report interest-related dividends to the extent of its net income derived from U.S.-source interest, and the Fund may report short-term capital gain dividends to the extent its net short-term capital gain for the taxable year exceeds its net long-term capital loss. Gains on the sale of Fund shares and dividends that are, in each case, effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the U.S. will generally be subject to U.S. federal net income taxation at regular income tax rates.

Pursuant to the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, unless certain non-U.S. entities that hold Fund shares comply with IRS requirements that will generally require them to report information regarding U.S. persons investing in, or holding accounts with, such entities, a 30% withholding tax may apply to distributions payable to such entities. A non-U.S. shareholder may be exempt from the withholding described in this paragraph under an applicable intergovernmental agreement between the U.S. and a foreign government, provided that the shareholder and the applicable foreign government comply with the terms of such agreement. Please consult with your financial intermediary and tax advisor for more information about the importance of maintaining U.S. tax documentation that is in good order.

Backup Withholding. The Fund will be required in certain cases to withhold (as "backup withholding") on amounts payable to any shareholder who (1) has provided the Fund either an incorrect tax identification number (including via Form W-9) or no number at all, (2) is subject to backup withholding by the IRS for failure to properly report payments of interest or dividends, (3) has failed to certify to the Fund that such shareholder is not subject to backup withholding, or (4) has not certified that such shareholder is a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien). The backup withholding rate is currently 24%. Backup withholding will not be applied to payments that have been subject to the 30% withholding tax on shareholders who are neither citizens nor permanent residents of the United States. Please consult with your financial intermediary and tax advisor for more information about the importance of maintaining U.S. tax documentation that is in good order.

Certain Potential Tax Reporting Requirements. Under U.S. Treasury regulations, if a shareholder recognizes a loss of \$2 million or more for an individual shareholder or \$10 million or more for a corporate shareholder (or certain greater amounts over a combination of years), the shareholder must file with the IRS a disclosure statement on Form 8886 (note that other types of shareholders are subject to different thresholds). Direct shareholders of portfolio securities are in many cases excepted from this reporting requirement, but under current guidance shareholders of a RIC are not excepted. Significant penalties may be imposed for the failure to comply with the reporting requirements. The fact that a loss is reportable under these regulations does not affect the legal determination of whether the taxpayer's treatment of the loss is proper. Shareholders should consult their tax advisors to determine the applicability of these regulations in light of their individual circumstances.

Other Tax Issues. The Fund may be subject to tax in certain states where the Fund does business (or is treated as doing business as a result of its investments). Furthermore, in those states which have income tax laws, the tax treatment of the Fund and of Fund shareholders with respect to distributions by the Fund may differ from federal tax treatment.

For example, most states permit investment companies, such as the Fund, to "pass through" to their shareholders the state tax exemption on income earned from investments in some direct U.S. Treasury obligations, as well as some limited types of U.S. government agency securities, so long as the Fund meets all applicable state requirements. The foregoing discussion summarizes some of the consequences under current federal income tax law of an investment in the Fund. It is not a substitute for personal tax advice. Consult a personal tax advisor about the potential tax consequences of an investment in the Fund under all applicable tax laws.

Certain Non-U.S. Tax Issues Relating to the United Kingdom. As described under "Fund Management," GMO has entered into a personnel sharing arrangement with GMO UK for the purpose of providing investment management and other services, particularly with respect to the Fund. Provided the Fund is not considered to maintain a branch, agency or permanent establishment for United Kingdom taxation purposes, the Fund should not be subject to United Kingdom taxation. GMO believes that the Fund's activities are conducted in a manner that should not create a branch, agency or permanent establishment for the Fund or shareholders that are not otherwise subject to United Kingdom taxation. Shareholders of the Fund bear the risk that income or gains realized by the Fund will be subject to United Kingdom taxation.

## **Shareholder Rights**

Derivative Claims of Shareholders. The Declaration of Trust provides a detailed process for the bringing of derivative actions by shareholders in the name of the Trust or the Fund 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. In addition, the Declaration of Trust provides that actions that are derivative in nature may not be brought directly. Prior to bringing a derivative action, a written demand must first be made on the Trustees by no less than three shareholders who are unaffiliated and unrelated to each other. Further, shareholders who collectively own shares representing 5% or more of all outstanding shares to which the action relates must join in initiating the derivative action. The Declaration of Trust details various information, certifications, undertakings and acknowledgements 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 upon such consideration a majority of the Trustees who are considered independent for the purposes of considering the demand determine that such a suit should be maintained, then the appropriate officers of the Trust shall either cause the Trust to commence that suit and such suit shall proceed directly rather than derivatively or permit the complaining shareholders to proceed derivatively. If, however, 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 shareholder may not proceed with the derivative action unless the shareholder is 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.

Only if required by law shall the Trust be responsible for payment of attorneys' fees and legal expenses incurred by a shareholder bringing a derivative or direct action. If a demand is rejected, and a court determines that the derivative action was made without reasonable cause or for an improper purpose, or if a derivative or direct action is dismissed on the basis of a failure to comply with the procedural provisions relating to shareholder actions as set forth in the Declaration of Trust, the shareholder(s) bringing the action will be responsible for the Fund's costs, including attorneys' fees.

No shareholder may bring a direct action unless the shareholder has suffered an injury distinct from that suffered by shareholders of the Trust generally.

Each of the foregoing provisions do not apply to claims under the federal securities laws.

Waiver of Right to Jury Trial. Shareholders waive their right to a jury trial for actions commenced by a shareholder (i) directly, against (a) the Trust or the Fund, (b) its Trustees or officers related to, arising out of or concerning the Trust, its business or operations, and/or (c) otherwise related to, arising out of or concerning the Trust, its business or operations or (ii) derivatively in the right or name of, or on behalf of the Trust or the Fund ("Covered Actions").

Forum for Adjudication of Disputes. The Declaration of Trust provides that Covered Actions must be brought exclusively in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, or if such action may not be brought in that court, then such action shall be brought in the New York Supreme Court sitting in New York County with assignment to the Commercial Division to the extent such assignment is permitted under the Uniform Civil Rules for the Supreme Court, including § 202.70 thereof (each, a "Designated Court"). The Trust, its Trustees, officers, employees and Shareholders (a) waive any objection to venue in either Designated Court, and (b) waive any objection that either Designated Court is an inconvenient forum. This forum selection provision may limit a shareholder's ability to bring a claim in a judicial forum that such shareholder finds favorable or convenient with respect to disputes with Trustees, Officers or other agents of the Trust and its service providers, which may discourage such lawsuits with respect to such claims.

#### **Additional Information**

## Investments by Other Registered Investment Companies

For purposes of the 1940 Act, the Fund is treated as a registered investment company. Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act restricts investments by investment companies in the securities of other investment companies, including shares of the Fund. Rule 12d1-4 under the 1940 Act permits registered investment companies to invest in exchange-traded funds offered by the Trust, including the Fund, beyond the limits of Section 12(d)(1) subject to certain terms and conditions, including that such registered investment companies enter into an agreement with the Trust. However, if the Fund were to invest in securities of other investment companies

beyond the limits set forth in Rule 12d1-4, other registered investment companies would not be permitted to rely on that rule to invest in the Fund in excess of the Section 12(d)(1)(A) limits.

## **Continuous Offering**

The method by which Creation Units are purchased and traded may raise certain issues under applicable securities laws. Because new Creation Units are issued and sold by the Fund on an ongoing basis, at any point a "distribution," as such term is used in the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act"), may occur. Broker-dealers and other persons are cautioned that some activities on their part may, depending on the circumstances, result in their being deemed participants in a distribution in a manner which could render them statutory underwriters and subject them to the Prospectus delivery and liability provisions of the Securities Act.

For example, a broker-dealer firm or its client may be deemed a statutory underwriter if it takes Creation Units after placing an order with the Fund's distributor, breaks them down into individual shares of the Fund, and sells such shares directly to customers, or if it chooses to couple the creation of a supply of new shares with an active selling effort involving solicitation of secondary market demand for shares of the Fund. A determination of whether one is an underwriter for purposes of the Securities Act must take into account all the facts and circumstances pertaining to the activities of the broker-dealer or its client in the particular case, and the examples mentioned above should not be considered a complete description of all the activities that could lead to categorization as an underwriter.

Broker-dealer firms should also note that dealers who are not "underwriters" but are effecting transactions in shares of the Fund, whether or not participating in the distribution of such shares, are generally required to deliver a prospectus. This is because the prospectus delivery exemption in Section 4(a)(3) of the Securities Act is not available with respect to such transactions as a result of Section 24(d) of the 1940 Act. As a result, broker dealer-firms should note that dealers who are not underwriters but are participating in a distribution (as contrasted with ordinary secondary market transactions) and thus dealing with shares of the Fund that are part of an "unsold allotment" within the meaning of Section 4(a)(3)(C) of the Securities Act would be unable to take advantage of the prospectus delivery exemption provided by Section 4(a)(3) of the Securities Act. Firms that incur a prospectus delivery obligation with respect to shares of the Fund are reminded that under Rule 153 under the Securities Act, a prospectus delivery obligation under Section 5(b)(2) of the Securities Act owed to an exchange member in connection with a sale on the Exchange is satisfied by the fact that the Fund's Prospectus is available on the SEC's electronic filing system. The prospectus delivery mechanism provided in Rule 153 is only available with respect to transactions on an exchange.

## Premium/Discount Information

The Fund is new and therefore does not have any information regarding how often its shares traded on the Exchange at a price above (*i.e.*, at a premium) or below (*i.e.*, at a discount) its NAV. This information will be available, however, at https://www.gmo.com/americas/investment-capabilities/etfs/ after the Fund's shares have traded on the Exchange for a full calendar quarter.

#### Financial Highlights

Because the Fund has not commenced operations prior to the date of this prospectus, financial highlights information is not available.

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More information on the Fund is available free upon request, including the following:

## Annual/Semiannual Report

The Fund's annual and semiannual reports to shareholders will contain additional information about the Fund's investments. The Fund's annual report will contain a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Fund's performance during its last fiscal year.

## Statement of Additional Information (SAI)

The SAI provides more details about the Fund and its policies. The SAI is incorporated by reference (and is legally considered part of this prospectus).

## Householding

Householding is an option available to certain Fund investors. 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. Please contact your broker-dealer if you are interested in enrolling in householding and receiving a single copy of prospectuses and other shareholder documents, or if you are currently enrolled in householding and wish to change your householding status.

How to Request the SAI, the Fund's latest Annual and Semi-Annual Report, and Other Information about the Fund, and to make Shareholder Inquiries:

By telephone (toll-free). Call (844) 761-1102

By mail.

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On the Internet. Certain Fund documents can be viewed online or downloaded from:

Free of charge from the SECs EDGAR database at <a href="http://www.sec.gov">http://www.sec.gov</a>. Copies of this information may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following E-mail address: <a href="mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov">publicinfo@sec.gov</a>.

Free of charge from the Fund's website at https://www.gmo.com/americas/investment-capabilities/etfs

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