

# Sage ESG Intermediate Credit ETF

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a series of Northern Lights Fund Trust IV

# PROSPECTUS

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This Prospectus provides important information about the Fund that you should know before investing. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference.

These securities have not been approved or disapproved by the Securities and Exchange Commission nor has the Securities and Exchange Commission passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this Prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Shares of the Fund are listed and traded on the Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange").

Beginning on January 1, 2021, as permitted by regulations adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, paper copies of the Fund's annual and semi-annual shareholder reports will no longer be sent by mail, unless you specifically request paper copies of the reports. Instead, the reports will be made available on the Fund's website <u>www.SageETFs.com</u>, and you will be notified by mail each time a report is posted and provided with a website link to access the report.

If you have already elected to receive shareholder reports electronically, you will not be affected by this change and you need not take any action. You may elect to receive shareholder reports and other communications from the Fund electronically anytime by contacting your financial intermediary (such as a broker-dealer or bank).

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## FUND SUMMARY

**Investment Objective:** The Sage ESG Intermediate Credit ETF (the "Fund") seeks to replicate investment results that generally correspond, before fees and expenses, to the performance of the Sage ESG Intermediate Credit Index (the "Index").

**Fees and Expenses of the Fund:** This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investors purchasing or selling shares of the Fund in the secondary market may be subject to costs (including customary brokerage commissions) charged by their broker. These costs are not included in the expense example below.

Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year	
as a percentage of the value of your investment)	
Management Fees	0.20%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	None
Other Expenses	1.09%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	1.29%
Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement <sup>(1)</sup>	(0.94%)
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement	0.35%

(1) The Fund's adviser has contractually agreed to reduce its fees and/or absorb expenses of the Fund, until at least December 31, 2020 to ensure that total annual fund operating expenses after fee waiver and/or reimbursement (exclusive of any front-end or contingent deferred loads, taxes, brokerage fees and commissions, borrowing costs (such as interest and dividend expense on securities sold short), acquired fund fees and expenses, fees and expenses associated with investments in other collective investment vehicles or derivative instruments (including for example option and swap fees and expenses), or extraordinary expenses such as litigation) will not exceed 0.35% of the Fund. This fee waivers and expense reimbursements are subject to possible recoupment from the Fund in future years (within the three years after the fees have been waived or reimbursed), if such recoupment can be achieved within the lesser of the foregoing expense limits or those in place at the time of recapture. This agreement may be terminated only by the Trust's Board of Trustees on 60 days' written notice to the Fund's adviser.

**Example:** This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds.

The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based upon these assumptions your costs would be:

<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Years</u>	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>
\$36	\$316	\$617	\$1,474

**Portfolio Turnover:** The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the fiscal period ended August 31, 2019, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 69% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal Investment Strategies: The Fund generally will invest at least 80% of its total assets in the component securities of the Index. The Index consists of corporate bonds selected from the Bloomberg Barclay's Capital U.S. Intermediate Credit Bond Index that meet environmental, social and governance ("ESG") criteria jointly developed by the Fund's investment adviser, Sage Advisory Services LTD Co. ("Sage" or the "Adviser"), and Sustainalytics. Sustainalytics, based in London, England, is a global leader in ESG and Corporate Governance research and ratings.

The index provider, which is the Adviser, created and maintains the Index by using the Sage/Sustainalytics proprietary framework to assign each issuer of bonds in the Bloomberg Barclay's Capital U.S. Intermediate Credit Bond Index an ESG score from 1 to 100. To measure corporate sustainability, a set of ESG indicators specific to the industry of the respective issuer are scored. A score from 0 to 100 is given to each indicator. The ESG score is determined by the weighted sum of the indicator scores for a particular issuer. To be eligible for inclusion in the Index, an issuer must have a minimum overall ESG score of 50 and must rank in the top forty percent of its peer group. Additionally, each issuer must have a Controversy Score of no higher than 3 (out of 5) and must meet certain other proprietary conditions specific to each industry group. Indicators of controversy for a company are analyzed and given a Controversy Score. The indicators that are analyzed are:

- News regarding a company that may pose ESG risks for the company; •
- Incidents of misconduct with ESG implications by a company;
- Events, which are a set of incidents that refers to one ESG issue; and
- Controversies, which are a set of Events under one ESG topic.

The Index is constructed using a rules-based methodology and consists of investment grade domestic and U.S. dollar denominated foreign credit bonds that meet the criteria described above, representing each industry sector in proportion to the sectors that make up the Bloomberg Barclay's Capital U.S. Intermediate Credit Bond Index. The bonds in the Index are also consistent with the duration (which, as of June 30, 2019, was 4.08 years), maturity (which, as of June 30, 2019, was 4.81 years) and yield curve positioning in the Bloomberg Barclay's Capital U.S. Intermediate Credit Bond Index. Duration is a measure used to determine the sensitivity of a security's price to changes in interest rates. The longer a security's duration, the more sensitive it will be to changes in interest rates. A yield curve is a representation on a chart of the yields on bonds with identical credit ratings but different maturities. The process results in the Index, as well as the Fund, consisting primarily of corporate bonds that display strong fundamentals and positive ESG characteristics.

The index provider expects that the Index will have approximately 120 issues. The components of the Index, and the degree to which these components represent certain industries, are likely to vary over time.

The Index subscribes to the philosophy that companies with more sustainable corporate policies will keep pace with non-ESG portfolios while promoting positive ESG characteristics. Companies with high ESG scores are better actors both environmentally and fiscally, and financial benefits should accrue to bondholders over time by holding companies with the highest standards relative to ESG factors.

The Adviser uses a representative sampling indexing strategy to manage the Fund. "Representative sampling" is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of an applicable underlying index. The securities selected are expected to have, in the aggregate, investment characteristics, fundamental characteristics and liquidity measures similar to those of an underlying index. The Fund may or may not hold all of the securities in the Index.

The Index is sponsored, created, compiled, and maintained by the Adviser. Wilshire Associates is the calculation agent for the Index.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 80% of its assets (defined as net assets plus borrowing for investment purposes) in credit bonds. Credit bonds are debt instruments in which an investor loans money to an entity which borrows the funds for a defined period of time at a variable or fixed interest rate. Typically credit bond include corporate bonds and other non-corporate bonds such as sovereign bonds, foreign agencies, and supranational entities. The Fund may invest the remainder of its assets in cash and cash equivalents. The Fund may concentrate its investments in a particular industry or group of industries to the extent that the Index concentrates in an industry or group of industries.

**Principal Investment Risks:** As with all funds, there is the risk that you could lose money through your investment in the Fund. Many factors affect the Fund's net asset value and price of shares and performance.

The following describes the risks the Fund bears with respect to its investments. As with any fund, there is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its goal.

- *Credit Risk.* The Fund could lose money if the issuer or guarantor of a debt instrument in which the Fund invests becomes unwilling or unable to make timely principal and/or interest payments, or to otherwise meet its obligations.
- Concentration Risk. The Fund may focus its investments in securities of a particular industry to the extent the Index does. Economic, legislative or regulatory developments may occur that significantly affect the industry. This may cause the Fund's net asset value to fluctuate more than that of a fund that does not focus in a particular industry.
- Early Close/Trading Halt Risk. An exchange or market may close or issue trading halts on specific securities, or the ability to buy or sell certain securities or financial instruments may be restricted, which may prevent the Fund from buying or selling certain securities or financial instruments. In these circumstances, the Fund may be unable to rebalance its portfolio, may be unable to accurately price its investments and may incur substantial trading losses.
- ESG Risk. The ESG investment strategy limits the types and number of investment opportunities available and, as a result, the strategy may underperform other strategies that do not have an ESG focus. The ESG investment strategy may result in the Fund investing in securities or industry sectors that underperform the market as a whole or underperform other funds screened for ESG standards.
- *ETF Structure Risk:* The Fund and each underlying fund is structured as an ETF and as a result is subject to the special risks, including:
  - Not Individually Redeemable. An ETF's shares ("Shares") are not individually redeemable to retail investors and may be redeemed by the ETF only to authorized participants ("APs") at net asset value ("NAV") in large blocks known as "Creation Units.". An AP may incur brokerage costs purchasing enough Shares to constitute a Creation Unit.
  - Trading Issues. An active trading market for the Shares may not be developed or maintained. Trading in Shares on the Exchange may be halted due to market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in Shares inadvisable, such as extraordinary market volatility. There can be no assurance that Shares will continue to meet the listing requirements of the Exchange. If the Shares are traded outside a collateralized settlement system, the number of financial institutions that can act as APs that can post collateral on an agency basis is limited, which may limit the market for the Shares.
  - Market Price Variance Risk. The market prices of Shares will fluctuate in response to changes in NAV and supply and demand for Shares and will include a "bid-ask spread" charged by the exchange specialists, market makers or other participants that trade the particular security. There may be times when the market price and the NAV vary significantly. This means that Shares may trade at a discount to NAV.
    - In times of market stress, market makers may step away from their role market making in the Shares
      of ETFs and in executing trades, which can lead to differences between the market value of Shares
      and an ETF's NAV.
    - To the extent APs exit the business or are unable to process creations or redemptions and no other AP can step in to do so, there may be a significantly reduced trading market in the Shares, which can lead to differences between the market value of Shares and an ETF's NAV.
    - The market price for the Shares may deviate from an ETF's NAV, particularly during times of market stress, with the result that investors may pay significantly more or significantly less for Shares than an ETF's NAV, which is reflected in the bid and ask price for Shares or in the closing price.
    - When all or a portion of an ETFs underlying securities trade in a market that is closed when the market for the Shares is open, there may be changes from the last quote of the closed market and the quote from an ETF's domestic trading day, which could lead to differences between the market value of the Shares and an ETF's NAV.
    - In stressed market conditions, the market for the Shares may become less liquid in response to the deteriorating liquidity of an ETF's portfolio. This adverse effect on the liquidity of the Shares may, in turn, lead to differences between the market value of the Shares and an ETF's NAV.

- Fixed Income Risk. When the Fund invests in fixed income securities, the value of your investment in the Fund will fluctuate with changes in interest rates. Typically, a rise in interest rates causes a decline in the value of fixed income securities owned by the Fund. In general, the market price of fixed income securities with longer maturities will increase or decrease more in response to changes in interest rates than shorter-term securities. Other risk factors include credit risk (the debtor may default), extension risk (an issuer may exercise its right to repay principal on a fixed rate obligation held by the Fund later than expected), and prepayment risk (the debtor may pay its obligation early, reducing the amount of interest payments). These risks could affect the value of a particular investment by the Fund, possibly causing the Fund's share price and total return to be reduced and fluctuate more than other types of investments.
- Foreign Investment Risk. The Fund's investments in securities of foreign issuers may involve certain risks that
  are greater than those associated with investments in securities of U.S. issuers. These include risks of adverse
  changes in foreign economic, political, regulatory and other conditions; changes in currency exchange rates or
  exchange control regulations (including limitations on currency movements and exchanges); differing
  accounting, auditing, financial reporting and legal standards and practices; differing securities market structures;
  and higher transaction costs.
- Issuer Risk. The value of a security may increase for many reasons which directly relate to the issuer, such as
  management performance, improved financial condition and increased demand of the issuer's goods or
  services. An increase in the value of the securities of an issuer or guarantor of a debt instrument may cause
  the value of your investment in the Fund to decrease.
- *Index Risk.* Unlike many investment companies, the Fund does not utilize an investing strategy that seeks returns in excess of the Index. Therefore, it would not necessarily sell a security unless that security is removed from the Index, even if that security generally is underperforming.
- Liquidity Risk. Trading in shares of the Fund may be halted because of market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in shares inadvisable. A particular investment may be difficult to purchase or sell, and the Fund may be unable to sell illiquid securities (for example, certain swap agreements) at an advantageous time or price or achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain section.
- *Management Risk.* As the Fund may not fully replicate the Index, it is subject to the risk that investment management strategy may not produce the intended results.
- *Market Risk.* Due to market conditions, the value of the Fund's investments may fluctuate significantly from day to day. Price fluctuations may be temporary or may last for extended periods. This volatility may cause the value of your investment in the Fund to decrease.
- Passive Investment Risk. The Fund is not actively managed and the Adviser will not sell shares of an equity security due to current or projected underperformance of a security, industry or sector, unless that security is removed from the Index or the selling of shares of that security is otherwise required upon a rebalancing of the Index as addressed in the Index methodology.
- Sampling Risk. The Fund's use of a representative sampling approach, if used, could result in its holding a smaller number of securities than are in the Index. As a result, an adverse development with an issuer of securities held by the Fund could result in a greater decline in NAV than would be the case if the Fund held all of the securities in the Index. To the extent the assets in the Fund are smaller, these risks will be greater.
- Tracking Error Risk. Tracking error is the divergence of the Fund's performance from that of the Index. Tracking error may occur because of imperfect correlation between the Fund's holdings of portfolio securities and those in the Index, pricing differences, the Fund's holding of cash, differences on timing of the accrual of dividends, changes to the Index or the need to meet various regulatory requirements. This risk may be heightened during times of increased market volatility or other unusual market conditions. Tracking error also may result because the Fund incurs fees and expenses, while the Index does not.
- *Trading Risk.* Shares may trade below their NAV. The NAV of the Shares will fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's holdings. In addition, although the Shares are currently listed on the Exchange, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for the Shares will develop or be maintained.

**Performance:** The bar chart and performance table below show the variability of the Fund's returns, which is some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year. The bar chart shows performance of the Fund's shares for each calendar year since the Fund's inception. The performance table compares the performance of the Fund over time to the performance of a broad-based securities market index. You should be aware that the Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information will be available at no cost by visiting www.SageETFs.com or by calling 888-724-3911.





The Fund's year-to-date return as of the most recent fiscal quarter, which ended September 30, 2019 was 7.82%.

#### Performance Table Average Annual Total Returns (For periods ended December 31, 2018)

	One Year	Since Inception (10/31/17)
Return before taxes	(0.27%)	(0.25%)
Return after taxes on distributions	(1.31%)	(1.28%)
Return after taxes on distributions and sale of Fund shares	(0.17%)	(0.63%)
Index – Sage ESG Intermediate Credit Index	0.30%	0.22%
Index – Bloomberg Barclay's Capital U.S. Intermediate Credit Bond Index	0.14%	(0.42%)

Investment Adviser: Sage Advisory Services LTD Co.

**Portfolio Managers:** Robert Smith, President and Chief Investment Officer of the Adviser; Thomas Urano, Principal and Managing Member of the Adviser; and Ryan O'Malley, Fixed Income Portfolio Strategist of the Adviser, are the lead portfolio managers of the Fund. Nicolas Erickson, Assistant Vice President of Portfolio Management of the Adviser, and Komson Silapachai, Vice President of Research & Portfolio Strategy of the Adviser, also serve as portfolio managers of the Fund. Each portfolio manager since it commenced operations in October 2017.

**Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares:** The Fund will issue and redeem Shares at NAV only in blocks of 50,000 Shares (each block of Shares is called a "Creation Unit"). Creation Units are issued and redeemed for cash and/or in-kind for securities. Individual Shares may only be purchased and sold in secondary market transactions through brokers. Except when aggregated in Creation Units in transactions with APs, the Shares are not redeemable securities of the Fund.

Shares of the Fund are listed for trading on the Exchange and trade at market prices rather than NAV. Shares of the Fund may trade at a price that is greater than, at, or less than NAV.

**Tax Information:** The Fund's distributions generally will be taxable as ordinary income or long-term capital gains. A sale of Shares may result in a capital gain or loss.

**Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries:** If you purchase the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Fund and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of 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 PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND RELATED RISKS

#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE:**

Fund	Investment Objective		
Sage ESG Intermediate Credit ETF	Seeks to replicate investment results that generally correspond, before fees and expenses, to the performance of the Sage ESG Intermediate Credit Index		

The Fund's investment objective may be changed by the Board of Trustees upon 60 days' written notice to shareholders. The Fund has adopted a policy to invest at least 80% of its assets in a particular type of security. The Fund may change its 80% policy upon 60 days' written notice to its shareholders.

#### PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

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The indicators that are analyzed are:

- News screening: Controversy analysis begins with news screening to capture news that may pose ESG risks for issuers. A daily news screen of Sustainalytics' research universe is conducted by a dedicated team of analysts who screen reputable international and local media sources, social media, specialized publications and nongovernment organizations. Sustainalytic's intelligent learning algorithms search through at least 35,000 different sources and filter the news feed. Sustainalytics seeks to capture news in real time.
- 2. **Incidents:** A news report of an issuer's alleged or actual misconduct with ESG implications is processed as an Incident within 48 hours. An Incident is assessed on two criteria *stakeholder impact* and *reputation risk* and each is scored on a scale of 1 to 10. Incidents are the building blocks of our controversy analysis, and their scores form the base of our controversy rating. All Incidents are dated and geographically pinned. An ESG Rating Report of an issuer with controversies will display a timeline chart of incidents.
- 3. **Events:** An Event is a set of incidents that refer to one ESG issue. An Event assessment applies additional layers of assessment criteria to the Incident scores to arrive at a fuller assessment. Examples are business risks, frequency of incidents and the issuer's management of the ESG issue, including its response to certain incidents. An Event is rated on a scale of 1 to 5 and this rating feeds directly into the Controversy Rating.
- 4. Controversies: A Controversy is a set of Events under one ESG topic that are structured based on stakeholder impact. There is no additional assessment applied at the Controversy level. The Controversy Rating assumes the most severe rating of all Events under the Controversy indicator. A Controversy indicator is also rated on a scale of 1 to 5 and each rating is equivalent to a raw score with an assigned weight. The weighted score of the Controversy indicator feeds directly into the ESG Rating.

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The index provider expects that the Index will have approximately 120 issues. The components of the Index, and the degree to which these components represent certain industries, are likely to vary over time.

The Index subscribes to the philosophy that companies with more sustainable corporate policies will keep pace with non-ESG portfolios while promoting positive ESG characteristics. Companies with high ESG scores are better actors both environmentally and fiscally, and financial benefits should accrue to bondholders over time by holding companies with the highest standards relative to ESG factors.

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#### PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT RISKS

The following describes the risks born by the Fund with respect to their investments:

- *Credit Risk.* The Fund could lose money if the issuer or guarantor of a debt instrument in which the Fund invests becomes unwilling or unable to make timely principal and/or interest payments, or to otherwise meet its obligations.
- Concentration Risk. The Fund may focus its investments in securities of a particular industry to the extent the Index does. Economic, legislative or regulatory developments may occur that significantly affect the industry. This may cause the Fund's net asset value to fluctuate more than that of a fund that does not focus in a particular industry.
- Early Close/Trading Halt Risk. An exchange or market may close or issue trading halts on specific securities, or the ability to buy or sell certain securities or financial instruments may be restricted, which may prevent the Fund from buying or selling certain securities or financial instruments. In these circumstances, the Fund may be unable to rebalance its portfolio, may be unable to accurately price its investments and may incur substantial trading losses.
- ESG Risk. The ESG investment strategy limits the types and number of investment opportunities available and, as a result, the strategy may underperform other strategies that do not have an ESG focus. The ESG investment strategy may result in the Fund investing in securities or industry sectors that underperform the market as a whole or underperform other funds screened for ESG standards.

*ETF Structure Risk.* The Fund and each underlying fund is structured as an ETF and as a result is subject to the special risks, including:

- Not Individually Redeemable. An ETF's shares ("Shares") are not individually redeemable to retail investors and may be redeemed by the ETF only to authorized participants ("APs") at net asset value ("NAV") in large blocks known as "Creation Units." An AP may incur brokerage costs purchasing enough Shares to constitute a Creation Unit.
- *Trading Issues.* An active trading market for the Shares may not be developed or maintained. Trading in shares on the Exchange may be halted due to market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in Shares inadvisable, such as extraordinary market volatility. There can be no assurance that Shares will continue to meet the listing requirements of the Exchange. If the Shares are traded outside a collateralized settlement system, the number of financial institutions that can act as APs that can post collateral on an agency basis is limited, which may limit the market for the Shares.
- Market Price Variance Risk. The market prices of Shares will fluctuate in response to changes in NAV and supply
  and demand for Shares and will include a "bid-ask spread" charged by the exchange specialists, market makers or
  other participants that trade the particular security. There may be times when the market price and the NAV vary
  significantly. This means that Shares may trade at a discount to NAV.
  - In times of market stress, market makers may step away from their role market making in shares of ETFs and in executing trades, which can lead to differences between the market value of Shares and an ETF's NAV.
  - To the extent APs exit the business or are unable to process creations or redemptions and no other AP can step in to do so, there may be a significantly reduced trading market in the Shares, which can lead to differences between the market value of Shares and an ETF's NAV.
  - The market price for the Shares may deviate from an ETF's NAV, particularly during times of market stress, with the result that investors may pay significantly more or significantly less for Shares than an ETF's NAV, which is reflected in the bid and ask price for Shares or in the closing price.
  - When all or a portion of an ETF's underlying securities trade in a market that is closed when the market for the Shares is open, there may be changes from the last quote of the closed market and the quote from an ETF's domestic trading day, which could lead to differences between the market value of the Shares and an ETF's NAV.
  - In stressed market conditions, the market for the Shares may become less liquid in response to the deteriorating liquidity of an ETF's portfolio. This adverse effect on the liquidity of the Shares may, in turn, lead to differences between the market value of the Shares and the ETF's NAV.
- Fixed Income Risk. When the Fund invests in fixed income securities, the value of your investment in the Fund will fluctuate with changes in interest rates. Typically, a rise in interest rates causes a decline in the value of fixed income securities owned by the Fund. In general, the market price of fixed income securities with longer maturities will increase or decrease more in response to changes in interest rates than shorter-term securities. Other risk factors include credit risk (the debtor may default), extension risk (an issuer may exercise its right to repay principal on a fixed rate obligation held by the Fund later than expected), and prepayment risk (the debtor may pay its obligation early, reducing the amount of interest payments). These risks could affect the value of a particular investment by the Fund, possibly causing the Fund's share price and total return to be reduced and fluctuate more than other types of investments.
- Foreign Investment Risk. The Fund's investments in securities of foreign issuers may involve certain risks that are greater than those associated with investments in securities of U.S. issuers. These include risks of adverse changes in foreign economic, political, regulatory and other conditions; changes in currency exchange rates or exchange control regulations (including limitations on currency movements and exchanges); differing accounting, auditing, financial reporting and legal standards and practices; differing securities market structures; and higher transaction costs.
- Issuer Risk. The value of a security may increase for many reasons which directly relate to the issuer, such as
  management performance, improved financial condition and increased demand of the issuer's goods or services.
  An increase in the value of the securities of an issuer or guarantor of a debt instrument may cause the value of your
  investment in the Fund to decrease.
- *Index Risk.* Unlike many investment companies, the Fund does not utilize an investing strategy that seeks returns in excess of the Index. Therefore, it would not necessarily sell a security unless that security is removed from the Index, even if that security generally is underperforming.

- Liquidity Risk. Trading in shares of the Fund may be halted because of market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in shares inadvisable. A particular investment may be difficult to purchase or sell, and the Fund may be unable to sell illiquid securities (for example, certain swap agreements) at an advantageous time or price or achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain section.
- *Management Risk.* As the Fund may not fully replicate the Index, it is subject to the risk that investment management strategy may not produce the intended results.
- *Market Risk.* Due to market conditions, the value of the Fund's investments may fluctuate significantly from day to day. Price fluctuations may be temporary or may last for extended periods. This volatility may cause the value of your investment in the Fund to decrease.
- *Passive Investment Risk.* The Fund is not actively managed and the Adviser will not sell shares of an equity security due to current or projected underperformance of a security, industry or sector, unless that security is removed from the Index or the selling of shares of that security is otherwise required upon a rebalancing of the Index as addressed in the Index methodology.
- Sampling Risk. The Fund's use of a representative sampling approach, if used, could result in its holding a smaller number of securities than are in the Index. As a result, an adverse development with an issuer of securities held by the Fund could result in a greater decline in NAV than would be the case if the Fund held all of the securities in the Index. To the extent the assets in the Fund are smaller, these risks will be greater.
- Tracking Error Risk. Tracking error is the divergence of the Fund's performance from that of the Index. Tracking
  error may occur because of imperfect correlation between the Fund's holdings of portfolio securities and those
  in the Index, pricing differences, the Fund's holding of cash, differences on timing of the accrual of dividends,
  changes to the Index or the need to meet various regulatory requirements. This risk may be heightened during
  times of increased market volatility or other unusual market conditions. Tracking error also may result because
  the Fund incurs fees and expenses, while the Index does not.
- *Trading Risk.* Shares may trade below their NAV. The NAV of the Shares will fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's holdings. In addition, although the Shares are currently listed on the Exchange, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for the Shares will develop or be maintained.

**PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS DISCLOSURE:** A description of the Fund's policies and procedures regarding the release of portfolio holdings information is available in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information ("SAI").

**CYBERSECURITY:** The computer systems, networks and devices used by the Fund and its service providers to carry out routine business operations employ a variety of protections designed to prevent damage or interruption from computer viruses, network failures, computer and telecommunication failures, infiltration by unauthorized persons and security breaches. Despite the various protections utilized by the Fund and its service providers, systems, networks, or devices potentially can be breached. The Fund and its shareholders could be negatively impacted as a result of a cybersecurity breach.

Cybersecurity breaches can include unauthorized access to systems, networks, or devices; infection from computer viruses or other malicious software code; and attacks that shut down, disable, slow, or otherwise disrupt operations, business processes, or website access or functionality. Cybersecurity breaches may cause disruptions and impact the Fund's business operations, potentially resulting in financial losses; interference with the Fund's ability to calculate its NAV; impediments to trading; the inability of the Fund, the Adviser, and other service providers to transact business; violations of applicable privacy and other laws; regulatory fines, penalties, reputational damage, reimbursement or other compensation costs, or additional compliance costs; as well as the inadvertent release of confidential information.

Similar adverse consequences could result from cybersecurity breaches affecting issuers of securities in which the Fund invests; counterparties with which the Fund engages in transactions; governmental and other regulatory authorities; exchange and other financial market operators, banks, brokers, dealers, insurance companies, and other financial institutions (including financial intermediaries and service providers for the Fund's shareholders); and other parties. In addition, substantial costs may be incurred by these entities in order to prevent any cybersecurity breaches in the future.

## MANAGEMENT

**INVESTMENT ADVISER:** Sage Advisory Services LTD Co., 5900 Southwest Parkway, Building 1, Suite 100, Austin, TX 78735-6202, serves as the Fund's investment adviser. The Adviser is registered with the SEC as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. The adviser manages accounts for individuals and institutions as well as the Fund. As of October 31, 2019 it had approximately \$12.5 billion in assets under management.

Subject to the supervision of the Board of Trustees, the Adviser is responsible for managing the Fund's investments, executing transactions and providing related administrative services and facilities under an advisory agreement between the Fund and the Adviser (the "Investment Advisory Agreement").

The management fee set forth in the Investment Advisory Agreement is 0.20% annually, to be paid on a monthly basis. In addition to investment advisory fees, the Fund pays other expenses including costs incurred in connection with the maintenance of securities law registration, printing and mailing prospectuses and statements of additional information to shareholders, certain financial accounting services, taxes or governmental fees, custodial, transfer and shareholder servicing agent costs, expenses of outside counsel and independent accountants, preparation of shareholder reports and expenses of trustee and shareholders meetings.

The Adviser has contractually agreed to waive its fees and/or absorb expenses of the Fund, until at least December 31, 2020, to ensure that total annual fund operating expenses after fee waiver and/or reimbursement (exclusive of any frontend or contingent deferred loads, taxes, brokerage fees and commissions, borrowing costs (such as interest and dividend expense on securities sold short), acquired fund fees and expenses, fees and expenses associated with investments in other collective investment vehicles or derivative instruments (including for example option and swap fees and expenses), or extraordinary expenses such as litigation) will not exceed 0.35% of the Fund's average daily net assets, subject to possible recoupment from the Fund in future years within the three years after the fees have been waived or reimbursed if such recoupment can be achieved within the lesser of the foregoing expense limits or the expense limits in place at the time of the recoupment. A discussion regarding the basis for the Board of Trustees' approval of the Investment Advisory Agreement is available in the Fund's annual report to shareholders dated August 31, 2018.

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

Robert Smith, Thomas Urano, and Ryan O'Malley are the lead portfolio managers ("Portfolio Managers") of the Fund. Nicolas Erickson and Komson Silapachai also serve as Portfolio Managers of the Fund. Each Portfolio Manager has served in that capacity since the Fund's inception in October 2017.

Robert Smith has been the founder, President and Chief Investment Officer of the Adviser since 1996. He began his career in 1970 at Moody's Investors Services as a member of the Corporate Bond Rating Committee; he then went on to Loeb, Rhodes & Co. to cover the insurance industry in the Institutional Equity Research department. He later worked at Merrill Lynch & Co. for 13 years in a variety of institutional research, trading and portfolio management roles in New York and London. During this period, he was assigned to the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency as a Resident Financial Advisor in Riyadh responsible for managing the foreign reserves of the Central Bank. He received his M.B.A. in Finance from New York University Stern School of Business, is an Accredited Investment Fiduciary (AIF) and Certified Investment Management Consultant (CIMC).

Thomas Urano, has been Portfolio Manager with the Adviser since 2003. He is a Principal and Managing Director of the Adviser and a member of the Investment Committee. He joined the Adviser in March of 2003. He serves as a Portfolio Manager for the taxable fixed income and equity strategies. He began his career in 1996 as a Fixed Income Trader with Credit Suisse Asset Management in New York. Later, he joined Morgan Keegan as a Fixed Income Portfolio Accountant. He received his B.A. in Economics from The University of Texas at Austin and is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and a member of the CFA Institute.

Ryan O'Malley has served as Fixed Income Portfolio Strategist at the Adviser since August, 2016. Prior to joining the Adviser, Ryan worked as a Corporate Credit Analyst at Payden & Rygel dating back to 2011. He began his investment career in 2004 as a Senior Equity Analyst at Origin Capital Management. He then worked as an Equity Analyst at Tidal Creek Capital Management, LLC. He received his M.B.A. from the Anderson School of Management from the University of California Los Angeles and his B.A. degree in Economics from Columbia University in New York City. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and member of the CFA Institute.

Nicolas Erickson has been an Assistant Vice President of Portfolio Management since joining the Adviser in 2008. Prior to joining the Adviser, Nick began his investment career in 2004 as an Analyst with General Motors Acceptance Corporation (GMAC). Nick received his M.B.A. from Webster University in Missouri and a B.A. degree in Economics from Grinnell College in Iowa. Nick is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and a member of the CFA Institute.

Komson Silapachai has served as a Vice President of Research & Portfolio Strategy at the Adviser since July 2016. Prior to joining the Adviser, Komson began his investment career in 2008 with the Teacher Retirement System of Texas where he served in a variety of asset allocation, portfolio management, and trading roles. He received his B.B.A. in Finance from Texas A&M University and is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and member of the CFA Institute.

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

## HOW SHARES ARE PRICED

The NAV and offering price of shares is determined at the close of regular trading on the Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time) on each day the Exchange is open. NAV is computed by determining, the aggregate market value of all assets of the applicable Fund, less its liabilities, divided by the total number of shares outstanding ((assets-liabilities)/number of shares = NAV). The Exchange is closed on weekends and New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. The NAV takes into account, the expenses and fees of the Fund, including management, administration, and distribution fees, which are accrued daily. The determination of NAV for the Fund for a particular day is applicable to all applications for the purchase of shares, as well as all requests for the redemption of shares, received by the Fund (or an authorized broker or agent, or its authorized designee) before the close of trading on the Exchange on that day.

Generally, the Fund's portfolio securities, including securities issued by ETFs, are valued each day at the last quoted sales price on each security's primary exchange. Securities traded or dealt in upon one or more securities exchanges (whether domestic or foreign) for which market quotations are readily available and not subject to restrictions against resale shall be valued at the last quoted sales price on the primary exchange or, in the absence of a sale on the primary exchange, at the mean between the current bid and ask prices on such exchange. Securities primarily traded in the National Association of Securities Dealers' Automated Quotation System ("NASDAQ") National Market System for which market quotations are readily available shall be valued using the NASDAQ Official Closing Price. Securities that are not traded or dealt in any securities exchange (whether domestic or foreign) and for which over-the-counter market quotations are readily available generally shall be valued at the last sale price or, in the absence of a sale, at the mean between the current bid and ask prices on such exchange of a sale, at the mean between the current bid and ask price on such over-the-counter market. Debt securities not traded on an exchange may be valued at prices supplied by a pricing agent(s) based on broker or dealer supplied valuations or matrix pricing, a method of valuing securities by reference to the value of other securities with similar characteristics, such as rating, interest rate and maturity.

If market quotations are not readily available, securities will be valued at their fair market value as determined using the "fair value" procedures approved by the Board. Fair value pricing involves subjective judgments and it is possible that the fair value determined for a security may be materially different than the value that could be realized upon the sale of that security. The fair value prices can differ from market prices when they become available or when a price becomes available. The Board has delegated execution of these procedures to a fair value committee composed of one or more representatives from each of the (i) Trust, (ii) administrator, and (iii) Adviser. The committee may also enlist third party consultants such as an audit firm or financial officer of a security issuer on an as-needed basis to assist in determining a security-specific fair value. The Board reviews and ratifies the execution of this process and the resultant fair value prices at least quarterly to assure the process produces reliable results.

The Fund may use independent pricing services to assist in calculating the value of its securities. In addition, market prices for foreign securities are not determined at the same time of day as the NAV for the Fund. Because the Fund may invest in underlying ETFs that hold portfolio securities primarily listed on foreign exchanges, and these exchanges may trade on weekends or other days when the underlying ETFs do not price their shares, the value of some of the Fund's portfolio securities may change on days when you may not be able to buy or sell Shares. In computing the NAV, the Fund values foreign securities held by the Fund at the latest closing price on the exchange in which they are traded immediately prior to closing of the Exchange. Prices of foreign securities quoted in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at current rates. If events materially affecting the value of a security in the Fund's portfolio, particularly foreign securities, occur after the close of trading on a foreign market but before the Fund prices its Shares, the security will be valued at fair value. For example, if trading in a portfolio security is halted and does not resume before the Fund calculates its NAV, the Adviser may need to price the security using the Fund's fair value pricing guidelines. Without a fair value price, short-term traders could take advantage of the arbitrage opportunity and dilute the NAV of long-term investors. Fair valuation of the Fund's portfolio securities can serve to reduce arbitrage opportunities available to shortterm traders, but there is no assurance that fair value pricing policies will prevent dilution of the Fund's NAV by short term traders. The determination of fair value involves subjective judgments. As a result, using fair value to price a security may result in a price materially different from the prices used by other mutual funds to determine net asset value, or from the price that may be realized upon the actual sale of the security.

With respect to any portion of the Fund's assets that are invested in one or more open-end management investment companies registered under the 1940 Act (other than ETFs), the Fund's NAV is calculated based upon the NAVs of those open-end management investment companies, and the prospectuses for these companies explain the circumstances under which those companies will use fair value pricing and the effects of using fair value pricing.

#### **Premium/Discount Information**

Investors other than APs will buy and sell Shares in secondary market transactions through brokers at market prices and the Shares will trade at market prices. The market price of Shares may be greater than, equal to, or less than NAV. Market forces of supply and demand, economic conditions and other factors may affect the trading prices of Shares.

Information regarding the intraday value of shares of the Fund, also known as the "indicative optimized portfolio value" ("IOPV"), is disseminated every 15 seconds throughout each trading day by the securities exchange on which the Fund's shares are listed or by market data vendors or other information providers. The IOPV is based on the current market value of the Fund's securities, including cash required to be deposited in exchange for a Creation Unit. The IOPV is generally determined by using both current market quotations and price quotations obtained from broker-dealers and other market intermediaries that may trade in the Fund's portfolio securities. The IOPV may not reflect the exact composition of the Fund's current portfolio of securities at a particular point in time or the best possible valuation of the Fund's current portfolio. As a result, the IOPV should not be confused with the NAV, which is computed only once a day. Information regarding how often the Shares of the Fund traded at a price above (at a premium to) or below (at a discount to) the NAV of the Fund during the past four calendar quarters, when available, can be found at <u>www.SageETFs.com</u>.

## HOW TO BUY AND SELL SHARES

Shares of the Fund are listed for trading on the Exchange under the symbol GUDB. Share prices are reported in dollars and cents per Share. Shares can be bought and sold on the secondary market throughout the trading day like other publicly traded shares, and Shares typically trade in blocks of less than a Creation Unit. There is no minimum investment required. Shares may only be purchased and sold on the secondary market when the Exchange is open for trading. The Exchange is open for trading Monday through Friday and is closed on weekends and the following holidays, as observed: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

When buying or selling Shares through a broker, you will incur customary brokerage commissions and charges, and you may pay some or all of the spread between the bid and the offered price in the secondary market on each leg of a round trip (purchase and sale) transaction.

APs may acquire Shares directly from the Fund, and APs may tender their Shares for redemption directly to the Fund, at NAV per Share only in Creation Units or blocks of 50,000 Shares. Purchases and redemptions directly with the Fund must follow the Fund's procedures, which are described in the SAI.

The Fund may liquidate and terminate at any time without shareholder approval.

#### Share Trading Prices

The approximate value of Shares, an amount representing on a per share basis the sum of the current market price of the securities accepted by the Fund in exchange for Shares and an estimated cash component will be disseminated every 15 seconds throughout the trading day through the facilities of the Consolidated Tape Association. This approximate value should not be viewed as a "real-time" update of the NAV per Share because the approximate value may not be calculated in the same manner as the NAV, which is computed once a day, generally at the end of the business day. The Fund is not involved in, or responsible for, the calculation or dissemination of the approximate value of the Shares, and the Fund does not make any warranty as to the accuracy of these values.

#### **Book Entry**

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

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

# FREQUENT PURCHASES AND REDEMPTIONS OF FUND SHARES

Shares can only be purchased and redeemed directly from the Fund in Creation Units by APs, and the vast majority of trading in Shares occurs on the secondary market. Because the secondary market trades do not directly involve the Fund, it is unlikely those trades would cause the harmful effects of market timing, including dilution, disruption of portfolio management, increases in the Fund's trading costs and the realization of capital gains. With regard to the purchase or redemption of Creation Units directly with the Fund, to the extent effected in-kind (*i.e.*, for securities), those trades do not cause the harmful effects that may result from frequent cash trades. To the extent trades are effected in whole or in part in cash, those trades could result in dilution to the Fund and increased transaction costs, which could negatively impact the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective. However, direct trading by APs is critical to ensuring that the Shares trade at or close to NAV. The Fund also employs fair valuation pricing to minimize potential dilution from market timing. In addition, the Fund in effecting trades. These fees increase if an investor substitutes cash in part or in whole for securities, reflecting the fact that the Fund's trading costs increase in those circumstances. Given this structure, the Trust has determined that it is not necessary to adopt policies and procedures to detect and deter market timing of the Shares.

# **DISTRIBUTION AND SERVICE PLAN**

The Fund has adopted a distribution and service plan ("Plan") pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act. Under the Plan, the Fund is authorized to pay distribution fees to the distributor and other firms that provide distribution and shareholder services ("Service Providers"). If a Service Provider provides these services, the Fund may pay fees at an annual rate not to exceed 0.25% of average daily net assets, pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act.

No distribution or service fees are currently paid by the Fund and will not be paid by the Funds unless authorized by the Board of Trustees. There are no current plans to impose these fees. In the event Rule 12b-1 fees were charged, over time they would increase the cost of an investment in the Fund.

# **DIVIDENDS, OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS, AND TAXES**

Shares are traded throughout the day in the secondary market on a national securities exchange on an intra-day basis and are created and redeemed in-kind and/or for cash in Creation Units at each day's next calculated NAV. In-kind arrangements are designed to protect ongoing shareholders from the adverse effects on the Fund's portfolio that could arise from frequent cash redemption transactions. In a conventional mutual fund, redemptions can have an adverse tax impact on taxable shareholders if the mutual fund needs to sell portfolio securities to obtain cash to meet net fund redemptions. These sales may generate taxable gains for the ongoing shareholders of the mutual fund, whereas the Shares' in-kind redemption mechanism generally will not lead to a tax event for the Fund or its ongoing shareholders.

Ordinarily, dividends from net investment income, if any, are declared and paid monthly by the Fund. The Fund distributes its net realized capital gains, if any, to shareholders annually. The Fund may also pay a special distribution at the end of a calendar year to comply with federal tax requirements.

Distributions in cash may be reinvested automatically in additional whole Shares only if the broker through whom you purchased Shares makes such option available.

#### Taxes

As with any investment, you should consider how your investment in Shares will be taxed. The tax information in this Prospectus is provided as general information. You should consult your own tax professional about the tax consequences of an investment in Shares.

Unless your investment in Shares is made through a tax-exempt entity or tax-deferred retirement account, such as an individual retirement account, you need to be aware of the possible tax consequences when:

- The Fund makes distributions,
- You sell your Shares listed on the Exchange, and
- You purchase or redeem Creation Units.

#### **Taxes on Distributions**

Distributions from the Fund's net investment income, including net short-term capital gains, if any, are taxable to you as ordinary income, except that the Fund's dividends attributable to its "qualified dividend income" (*i.e.*, dividends received on stock of most domestic and certain foreign corporations with respect to which the Fund satisfies certain holding period and other restrictions), if any, generally are subject to federal income tax for non-corporate shareholders who satisfy those restrictions with respect to their Shares at the rate for net capital gain. A part of the Fund's dividends also may be eligible for the dividends-received deduction allowed to corporations -- the eligible portion may not exceed the aggregate dividends the Fund receives from domestic corporations subject to federal income tax (excluding REITs) and excludes dividends from foreign corporations -- subject to similar restrictions. However, dividends a corporate shareholder deducts pursuant to that deduction are subject indirectly to the federal alternative minimum tax.

In general, your distributions are subject to federal income tax when they are paid, whether you take them in cash or reinvest them in the Fund (if that option is available). Distributions reinvested in additional Shares through the means of a dividend reinvestment service, if available, will be taxable to shareholders acquiring the additional Shares to the same extent as if such distributions had been received in cash. Distributions of net long-term capital gains, if any, in excess of net short-term capital losses are taxable as long-term capital gains, regardless of how long you have held the Shares.

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 your basis in the Shares and as capital gain thereafter. A distribution will reduce the Fund's NAV per Share and may be taxable to you as ordinary income or capital gain (as described above) even though, from an investment standpoint, the distribution may constitute a return of capital.

By law, the Fund is required to withhold 28% of your distributions and redemption proceeds if you have not provided the Fund with a correct Social Security number or other taxpayer identification number and in certain other situations.

#### Taxes on Exchange-Listed Share Sales

Any capital gain or loss realized upon a sale of Shares is generally treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the Shares have been held for more than one year and as short-term capital gain or loss if the Shares have been held for one year or less. The ability to deduct capital losses from sales of Shares may be limited.

#### Taxes on Purchase and Redemption of Creation Units

An AP who exchanges securities for Creation Units generally will recognize a gain or a loss equal to the difference between the market value of the Creation Units at the time of the exchange and the sum of the exchanger's aggregate basis in the securities surrendered plus any Cash Component it pays. An AP 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 sum of the aggregate market value of the securities received plus any cash equal to the difference between the NAV of the Shares being redeemed and the value of the securities. The Internal Revenue Service ("Service"), 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" or for other reasons. Persons exchanging securities should consult their own tax advisor with respect to whether wash sale rules apply and when a loss might be deductible.

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

If you purchase or redeem Creation Units, you will be sent a confirmation statement showing how many Shares you purchased or sold and at what price. See "Tax Status" in the SAI for a description of the newly effective requirement regarding basis determination methods applicable to Share redemptions and the Fund's obligation to report basis information to the Service.

The foregoing discussion summarizes some of the possible consequences under current federal tax law of an investment in the Fund. It is not a substitute for personal tax advice. Consult your personal tax advisor about the potential tax consequences of an investment in the Shares under all applicable tax laws. See "Tax Status in the SAI for more information."

# FUND SERVICE PROVIDERS

Gemini Fund Services, LLC is the Fund's administrator and fund accountant. It has its principal office at 17645 Wright Street, Suite 200, Omaha, NE 68130, and is primarily in the business of providing administrative, fund accounting and transfer agent services to retail and institutional mutual funds. It is an affiliate of the Distributor.

Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., 50 Post Office Square, Boston, MA 02110, is the Fund's transfer agent and custodian.

Northern Lights Distributors, LLC (the "Distributor"), 17645 Wright Street, Suite 200, Omaha, NE 68130, is the distributor for the Shares. The Distributor is a registered broker-dealer and member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA").

Thompson Hine LLP, 41 South High Street, 17th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215, serves as legal counsel to the Trust.

Tait, Weller & Baker LLP, Two Liberty Place, 50 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2900, Philadelphia, PA 19102, serves as the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm. The independent registered public accounting firm is responsible for auditing the annual financial statements of the Fund.

#### Index Provider

The Underlying Index is an index sponsored, created, compiled and maintained by the Adviser.

In order to minimize any potential for conflicts caused by the fact the Adviser acts as both the Underlying Index Provider and Adviser to the Fund, the Fund will post on its website on each day that the Exchange and the Trust are open for business (a "Business Day"), before commencement of trading of shares on the Exchange, the identities and quantities of the portfolio securities, assets and other positions held by the Fund that will form the basis for the Fund's calculation of NAV at the end of the Business Day.

The Adviser does not charge a licensing fee for the Fund to use the Underlying Index. If the Adviser were to no longer serve as the adviser to the Fund, it may determine to no longer allow the Fund to use the Underlying Indexes as part of the Fund's strategy or to charge a fee for the Fund to do so. Such an event could result in the Fund having to change its investment strategies, liquidation, or an increase to the Fund's expense ratio.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

#### **Investments by Investment Companies**

The SEC has granted an exemptive order to the Adviser permitting registered investment companies and unit investment trusts that enter into an agreement with the Trust ("Investing Funds") to invest in series of the Trust beyond the limits set forth in Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act subject to certain terms and conditions.

#### **Continuous Offering**

The method by which Creation Units are created 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, a "distribution," as such term is used in the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), may occur at any point. 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 requirement 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 Distributor, breaks them down into constituent Shares and sells the 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. 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 a characterization as an underwriter.

Broker-dealer firms should also note that dealers who are not "underwriters" but are effecting transactions in Shares, whether or not participating in the distribution of Shares, are generally required to deliver a prospectus. This is because the prospectus delivery exemption in Section 4(3) of the Securities Act is not available in respect of 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 engaging in ordinary secondary market transactions) and thus dealing with the Shares that are part of an overallotment within the meaning of Section 4(3)(C) of the Securities Act, will be unable to take advantage of the prospectus delivery exemption provided by Section 4(3) of the Securities Act. For delivery of prospectuses to exchange members, the prospectus delivery mechanism of Rule 153 under the Securities Act is only available with respect to transactions on a national exchange.

# Dealers effecting transactions in the Shares, whether or not participating in this distribution, are generally required to deliver a Prospectus. This is in addition to any obligation of dealers to deliver a Prospectus when acting as underwriters.

**Householding:** To reduce expenses, the Fund mails only one copy of the prospectus and each annual and semi-annual report to those addresses shared by two or more accounts. If you wish to receive individual copies of these documents, please call the Fund at 888-724-3911 on days the Fund is open for business or contact your financial institution. The Fund will begin sending you individual copies thirty days after receiving your request.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following table is intended to help you better understand the Fund's financial performance since its inception. Certain information reflects financial results for a single Fund share. Total return represents the rate you would have earned (or lost) on an investment in the Fund, assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions. The information for the fiscal period ended August 31, 2018 and the fiscal year ended August 31, 2019 has been audited by Tait, Weller & Baker LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the Fund's financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available upon request.

Per Share Data and Ratios for a Share of Beneficial Interest Outstanding Throughout Each Period Presented

	For the Year Ended <u>August 31,2019</u>	For the Period Ended <u>August 31, 2018<sup>(a)</sup></u>
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$ 48.65	\$ 50.00
Activity from investment operations:		
Net investment income <sup>(b)</sup>	1.40	1.01
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	2.67	(1.46)
Total from investment operations	4.07	(0.45)
Less distributions from:		
Net investment income	(1.41)	(0.90)
Total distributions	(1.41)	(0.90)
Net asset value, end of period	\$ 51.31	\$ 48.65
Market price, end of period	\$ 51.38	\$ 48.63
Total return <sup>(c)(d)</sup>	8.54%	(0.78)%
Market Price Total return <sup>(c)(d)</sup>	8.73%	(0.92)%
Net assets, end of period (000s)	\$ 17,959	\$ 14,594
Ratio of gross expenses to average net assets <sup>(e)(f)</sup>	1.29%	1.93%
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets <sup>(e)</sup>	0.35%	0.35%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets <sup>(e)</sup>	2.84%	2.46%
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>(c)</sup>	69%	65%

(a) The Sage ESG Intermediate Credit ETF commenced operations on October 31, 2017.

(b) Per share amounts calculated using the average shares method, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the period.

(c) Not annualized for periods less than one year.

(d) Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares at net asset value on the first day and a sale at net asset value on the last day of the period. Distributions are assumed, for the purpose of this calculation, to be reinvested at the ex-dividend date net asset value per share on their respective payment dates.

(e) Annualized.

(f) Represents the ratio of expenses to average net assets absent fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements by the Advisor.

# PRIVACY NOTICE

# Northern Lights Fund Trust IV

#### WHAT DOES NORTHERN LIGHTS FUND TRUST IV DO WITH YOUR PERSONAL **FACTS INFORMATION?** Financial companies choose how they share your personal information. Federal law gives consumers Why? the right to limit some, but not all sharing. Federal law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information. Please read this notice carefully to understand what we do. The types of personal information we collect and share depends on the product or service that you have What? with us. This information can include: Social Security number and wire transfer instructions account transactions and transaction history • investment experience and purchase history When you are no longer our customer, we continue to share your information as described in this notice. All financial companies need to share customers' personal information to run their everyday business. In

**How?** All infancial companies need to share customers' personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reasons financial companies can share their customers' personal information; the reasons Northern Lights Fund Trust IV chooses to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.

Reasons we can share your personal information:	Does Northern Lights Fund Trust IV share information?	Can you limit this sharing?
For our everyday business purposes - such as to process your transactions, maintain your account(s), respond to court orders and legal investigations, or report to credit bureaus.	YES	NO
For our marketing purposes - to offer our products and services to you.	NO	We don't share
For joint marketing with other financial companies.	NO	We don't share
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes - information about your transactions and records.	NO	We don't share
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes - information about your credit worthiness.	NO	We don't share
For nonaffiliates to market to you	NO	We don't share

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What we do:		
How does Northern Lights Fund Trust IV protect my personal information?	To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer safeguards and secured files and buildings.	
	Our service providers are held accountable for adhering to strict policies and procedures to prevent any misuse of your nonpublic personal information.	
How does Northern Lights Fund Trust IV collect my personal information?	<ul> <li>We collect your personal information, for example, when you</li> <li>open an account or deposit money</li> <li>direct us to buy securities or direct us to sell your securities</li> <li>seek advice about your investments</li> <li>We also collect your personal information from others, such as credit bureaus, affiliates, or other companies.</li> </ul>	
Why can't I limit all sharing?	<ul> <li>Federal law gives you the right to limit only:</li> <li>sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes – information about your creditworthiness.</li> <li>affiliates from using your information to market to you.</li> <li>sharing for nonaffiliates to market to you.</li> <li>State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing.</li> </ul>	

# Definitions

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Affiliates	<ul><li>Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.</li><li><i>Northern Lights Fund Trust IV has no affiliates.</i></li></ul>
Nonaffiliates	Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.
	• Northern Lights Fund Trust IV does not share with nonaffiliates so they can market to you.
Joint marketing	<ul><li>A formal agreement between nonaffiliated financial companies that together market financial products or services to you.</li><li>Northern Lights Fund Trust IV does not jointly market.</li></ul>

# Sage ESG Intermediate Credit ETF

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Additional information about the Fund is included in the Fund's SAI dated December 2, 2019. The SAI is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference (i.e., legally made a part of this Prospectus). The SAI provides more details about the Fund's policies and management. Additional information about the Fund's investments will also be available in the Fund's Annual and Semi-Annual Reports to Shareholders. In the Fund's Annual Report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Fund's performance during the last fiscal period.

To obtain a free copy of the SAI and the Annual and Semi-Annual Reports to Shareholders, or other information about the Fund, or to make shareholder inquiries about the Fund, please call 888-724-3911. Information relating to the Fund can be found on the website at <u>www.SageETFs.com</u>. You may also write to:

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You may review and obtain copies of the Fund's information at the SEC Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Please call 1-202-551-8090 for information relating to the operation of the Public Reference Room. Reports and other information about the Fund is available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC's Internet site at <u>http://www.sec.gov</u>. Copies of the information may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following E-mail address: <u>publicinfo@sec.gov</u>, or by writing the Public Reference Section, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549-0102.

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