

### **ALPS ETF Trust**

Alerian MLP ETF (NYSE ARCA: AMLP)
Alerian Energy Infrastructure ETF (NYSE ARCA: ENFR)

An ALPS Advisors Solution

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#### **SUMMARY SECTION**

#### ALERIAN MLP ETF ("AMLP" OR THE "FUND")

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Fund seeks investment results that correspond (before fees and expenses) generally to the price and yield performance of its underlying index, the Alerian MLP Infrastructure Index (ticker symbol AMZI) (the "Underlying 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 ("Shares"). Investors purchasing Shares 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	0.85%
Other Expenses	0.00%
Deferred Income Tax Expense(a)	0.57%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	1.42%

The Fund is classified for federal income tax purposes as a taxable regular corporation or so-called Subchapter "C" corporation. As a "C" corporation, the Fund accrues deferred tax liability for its future tax liability associated with the capital appreciation of its investments and the distributions received by the Fund on equity securities of master limited partnerships considered to be a return of capital and for any net operating gains. The Fund's accrued deferred tax liability, if any, is reflected each day in the Fund's net asset value per share. The deferred income tax expense/(benefit) represents an estimate of the Fund's potential tax expense/(benefit) if it were to recognize the unrealized gains/ (losses) in the portfolio. An estimate of deferred income tax expense/(benefit) is dependent upon the Fund's net investment income/(loss) and realized and unrealized gains/(losses) on investments and such expenses may vary greatly from year to year and from day to day depending on the nature of the Fund's investments, the performance of those investments and general market conditions. Therefore, any estimate of deferred income tax expense/(benefit) cannot be reliably predicted from year to year. For the fiscal year ended November 30, 2016, the Fund had net operating gains of \$880,031,855 and accrued \$44,989,405 in net deferred tax expense primarily related to unrealized appreciation on investments.

#### Example:

The following example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the costs of investing in other 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 each year.

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Although your actual costs may be higher or lower based on these assumptions, your costs would be:	\$145	\$449	\$776	\$1,700

#### 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 Fund's most recent fiscal year ended November 30, 2016, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 31% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

The Fund employs a "passive management" - or indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the Underlying Index. The Underlying Index is a rules based, modified capitalization weighted, float adjusted index intended to give investors a means of tracking the overall performance of the United States energy infrastructure Master Limited Partnership ("MLP") asset class. The Underlying Index was developed by Alerian, a leading provider of objective MLP and energy infrastructure benchmarks, data and analytics. The Underlying Index is comprised of energy infrastructure MLPs that earn a majority of their cash flow from the transportation, storage and processing of energy commodities. As of December 31, 2016, the U.S. dollar-denominated market capitalizations of the Index Components ranged from approximately \$2 billion to approximately \$57 billion.

The Fund will normally invest at least 90% of its total assets in securities that comprise the Underlying Index.

Energy infrastructure MLPs are publicly traded partnerships engaged in the transportation, storage and processing of minerals and natural resources. By confining their operations to these specific activities, their interests, or units, are able to trade on public securities exchanges exactly like the shares of a corporation, without entity level taxation.

To qualify as a MLP and not to be taxed as a corporation, a partnership must receive at least 90% of its income from qualifying sources as set forth in Section 7704(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). These qualifying sources include natural resource-based activities such as the processing, transportation and storage of mineral or natural resources. MLPs generally have two classes of owners, the general partner and limited partners. The general partner of an MLP is typically owned by a major energy company, an investment fund, the direct management

of the MLP, or is an entity owned by one or more of such parties. The general partner may be structured as a private or publicly traded corporation or other entity. The general partner typically controls the operations and management of the MLP through an up to 2% equity interest in the MLP plus, in many cases, ownership of common units and subordinated units. Limited partners typically own the remainder of the partnership, through ownership of common units, and have a limited role in the partnership's operations and management.

MLPs are typically structured such that common units and general partner interests have first priority to receive quarterly cash distributions up to an established minimum amount ("minimum quarterly distributions" or "MQD"). Common and general partner interests also accrue arrearages in distributions to the extent the MQD is not paid. Once common and general partner interests have been paid, subordinated units receive distributions of up to the MQD; however, subordinated units do not accrue arrearages. Distributable cash in excess of the MQD is paid to both common and subordinated units and is distributed to both common and subordinated units generally on a pro rata basis. The general partner is also eligible to receive incentive distributions if the general partner operates the business in a manner which results in distributions paid per common unit surpassing specified target levels. As the general partner increases cash distributions to the limited partners, the general partner receives an increasingly higher percentage of the incremental cash distributions.

Unlike direct investments in MLPs, income and losses from the Fund's investments in MLPs will not directly flow through to the personal tax returns of shareholders. The Fund will report distributions from its investments, including MLPs, made to shareholders annually on Form 1099. Shareholders will not, solely by virtue of their status as Fund shareholders, be treated as engaged in the business conducted by the underlying MLPs for federal or state income tax purposes or for purposes of the tax on unrelated business income of tax-exempt organizations.

#### PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT RISKS

Investors should consider the following risk factors associated with investing in the Fund which may cause you to lose money.

**Investment Risk.** An investment in the Fund is subject to investment risk including the possible loss of the entire principal amount that you invest.

**Market Risk.** The market value of a security may decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally.

**Tax Status of the Fund.** The Fund is taxed as a regular corporation for federal income tax purposes. This differs from most investment companies, which elect to be treated as "regulated investment companies" under the Code in order to

avoid paying entity level income taxes. Under current law, the Fund is not eligible to elect treatment as a regulated investment company due to its investments primarily in MLPs invested in energy assets. As a result, the Fund will be obligated to pay applicable federal and state corporate income taxes on its taxable income as opposed to most other investment companies which are not so obligated.

Deferred Tax Liability. Cash distributions from an MLP to the Fund that exceed the Fund's allocable share of such MLP's net taxable income are considered a tax-deferred return of capital that will reduce the Fund's adjusted tax basis in the equity securities of the MLP. These reductions in the Fund's adjusted tax basis in the MLP equity securities will increase the amount of gain (or decrease the amount of loss) recognized by the Fund on a subsequent sale of the securities. The Fund will accrue deferred income taxes for any future tax liability associated with (i) that portion of MLP distributions considered to be a taxdeferred return of capital as well as (ii) capital appreciation of its investments. Upon the sale of an MLP security, the Fund may be liable for previously deferred taxes. The Fund's accrued deferred tax liability will be reflected each day in the Fund's net asset value ("NAV"). Increases in deferred tax liability will decrease NAV. Conversely, decreases in deferred liability will increase NAV, but only to the extent of previously accrued deferred tax liability, i.e., no deferred tax asset will be accrued. The Fund will rely to a large extent on information provided by the MLPs, which is not necessarily timely, to estimate deferred tax liability for purposes of financial statement reporting and determining the NAV. From time to time, ALPS Advisors, Inc. will modify the estimates or assumptions regarding the Fund's deferred tax liability as new information becomes available. The Fund's estimates regarding its deferred tax liability are made in good faith, however, the daily estimate of the Fund's deferred tax liability used to calculate the Fund's NAV could vary significantly from the Fund's actual tax liability. The Fund will generally compute deferred income taxes based on the federal income tax rate applicable to corporations, currently 35%, and an assumed rate attributable to state taxes.

Potential Substantial After-Tax Tracking Error from Underlying Index Performance. As discussed above, the Fund will be subject to taxation on its taxable income. The NAV of Fund Shares will also be reduced by the accrual of any current and deferred tax liabilities. The Underlying Index however is calculated without any deductions for taxes. As a result, the Fund's after tax performance could differ significantly from the Underlying Index even if the pretax performance of the Fund and the performance of the Underlying Index are closely correlated.

Returns of Capital Distributions From the Fund Reduce the Tax Basis of Fund Shares. A portion of the Fund's distributions are expected to be treated as a return of capital for tax purposes. Returns of capital distribution are not taxable income to you but reduce your tax basis in your Fund Shares. Such a reduction in tax basis will result in larger taxable gains and/or lower tax losses on a subsequent sale of Fund Shares.



**Industry Specific Risks.** The Fund invests primarily in energy infrastructure companies. Energy infrastructure companies are subject to risks specific to the industry they serve including, but not limited to, the following:

- reduced volumes of natural gas or other energy commodities available for transporting, processing or storing;
- new construction risks and acquisition risk which can limit growth potential;
- a sustained reduced demand for crude oil, natural gas and refined petroleum products resulting from a recession or an increase in market price or higher taxes:
- changes in the regulatory environment;
- extreme weather;
- rising interest rates which could result in a higher cost of capital and drive investors into other investment opportunities;
- global, political and economic instability; and
- threats of attack by terrorists.

**MLP Risk.** Investments in securities of MLPs involve risks that differ from investments in common stock including risks related to limited control and limited rights to vote on matters affecting the MLP, risks related to potential conflicts of interest between the MLP and the MLP's general partner, and cash flow risks. MLP common units and other equity securities can be affected by macro-economic and other factors affecting the stock market in general, expectations of interest rates, investor sentiment towards MLPs or the energy sector, changes in a particular issuer's financial condition, or unfavorable or unanticipated poor performance of a particular issuer (in the case of MLPs, generally measured in terms of distributable cash flow).

**MLP Tax Risk.** MLPs generally do not pay U.S. federal income tax at the partnership level. A change in current tax law, or a change in the underlying business mix of a given MLP, could result in an MLP being treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, which would result in such MLP being required to pay U.S. federal income tax on its taxable income. The classification of an MLP as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes would have the effect of reducing the amount of cash available for distribution by the MLP and could result in a reduction in the value of your investment in the Fund.

**Liquidity Risk.** Certain MLP securities may trade less frequently than those of larger companies due to their smaller capitalizations. In the event certain MLP securities experience limited trading volumes, the prices of such MLPs may display abrupt or erratic movements at times. Additionally, it may be more difficult for the Fund to buy and sell significant amounts of such securities without an unfavorable impact on prevailing market prices. As a result, these securities may be difficult to dispose of at a fair price at the times when the Fund is required to do so based on changes in the Underlying Index or to fund redemptions.

**Issuer-Specific Risk.** The value of an individual security or particular type of security can be more volatile than the market as a whole and can perform differently from the value of the market as a whole.

**Non-Diversified Fund Risk.** The Fund is considered non-diversified and can invest a greater portion of assets in securities of individual issuers than a diversified fund. As a result, changes in the market value of a single investment could cause greater fluctuations in share price than would occur in a diversified fund.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value.** The NAV of the Fund's Shares will generally fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's holdings. The market prices of the Shares will generally fluctuate in accordance with changes in NAV as well as the relative supply of and demand for Shares on the NYSE Arca, Inc. (the "NYSE Arca"). The Adviser cannot predict whether the Shares will trade below, at or above their NAV.

**Index Management Risk.** Unlike many investment companies, the Fund is not "actively" managed. Therefore, it would not necessarily sell a security because the security's issuer was in financial trouble unless that security is removed from the Underlying Index.

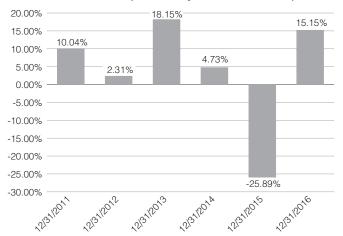
**Non-Correlation Risk.** In addition to the risk of tracking error due to the effect of taxes, the Fund's return may not match the return of the Underlying Index for other reasons, including operating expenses incurred by the Fund not applicable to the Underlying Index, costs in buying and selling securities, asset valuation differences and differences between the Fund's portfolio and the Underlying Index resulting from legal restrictions, cash flows or operational inefficiencies.

Risk of Cash Transactions. Unlike many ETFs, the Fund expects to effect redemptions for cash, rather than in-kind. Because the Fund may effect redemptions for cash, it may be required to sell portfolio securities in order to obtain the cash needed to distribute redemption proceeds. As a result, an investment in the Fund may be less tax-efficient than an investment in a more conventional ETF, which may avoid realizing capital gains by making only in-kind redemptions. Moreover, cash transactions may entail higher transaction costs than in-kind transactions, which costs may be passed on to redeemers of Creation Units in the form of redemption transaction fees.

#### **FUND PERFORMANCE**

On July 1, 2011, ALPS Advisors, Inc. assumed all responsibility for selecting the Fund's investments. Performance figures shown below for periods before July 1, 2011 represent performance of the Fund during the times when the Fund's investments were selected by a prior sub-advisor to the Fund. The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for certain time periods compare with the average annual returns of the Underlying Index and of another benchmark of market performance. 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 is available online at www.alpsfunds.com or by calling 877.398.8461.

#### Annual Total Returns (calendar years ended 12/31)



Highest Quarterly Return 19.13% (June 30, 2016) Lowest Quarterly Return -18.20% (September 30, 2015) The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Shares of the Fund through tax-deferred arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

#### **Average Annual Total Returns**

For periods ended December 31, 2016

	1 Year	5 Years	Inception (August 25, 2010)
Return Before Taxes	15.15%	1.56%	4.11%
Return After Taxes on Distributions	15.15%	1.37%	3.94%
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	8.58%	1.18%	3.21%
Alerian MLP Infrastructure Index* (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	18.74%	3.31%	7.28%
S&P 500® Index* (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	11.96%	14.66%	15.05%

<sup>\*</sup> Index performance shown in the table is the total return, which assumes reinvestment of any dividends and distributions during the time periods shown.

#### **INVESTMENT ADVISER**

ALPS Advisors, Inc. is the investment adviser to the Fund.

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

Michael Akins, Senior Vice President, Director of Index Management & Product Oversight of ALPS Advisors, Inc., Ryan Mischker, Vice President, Portfolio Management & Research, and Andrew Hicks, Vice President of Index Management of ALPS Advisors, Inc., are responsible for the day to day management of the Fund. Mr. Akins, Mr. Mischker and Mr. Hicks have each served in such capacity since July 2011, March 2015 and March 2016, respectively.

#### PURCHASE AND SALE INFORMATION

ALPS ETF Trust (the "Trust") issues and redeems Shares at NAV only in a large specified number of Shares called a "Creation Unit" or multiples thereof. A Creation Unit consists of 50,000 Shares. The consideration for a purchase of Creation Units of the Fund is the deposit or delivery of in-kind securities in the Underlying Index and/or cash. Redemptions of Creation Units are effected principally for cash.



Individual Shares of the Fund may only be purchased and sold in secondary market transactions through brokers. Shares of the Fund are listed for trading on NYSE Arca under the ticker symbol AMLP and because Shares trade at market prices rather than NAV, Shares of the Fund may trade at a price greater than or less than NAV.

#### TAX INFORMATION

The Fund's taxable distributions will generally be treated as dividend income. Dividend income will be treated as "qualified dividends" for federal income tax purposes, subject to favorable capital gain tax rates, provided that certain requirements are met. Unlike a regulated investment company, the Fund will not be able to pass-through the character of its recognized net capital gain by paying "capital gain dividends." A portion of the Fund's distributions is also expected to be treated as a return of capital for tax purposes. Return of capital distributions are not taxable to you, but reduce your tax basis in your Fund Shares.

## PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

If you purchase Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary, the Adviser or other related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Shares or 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.

#### SUMMARY SECTION

# ALERIAN ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE ETF ("ENFR" OR THE "FUND")

#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The Fund seeks investment results that correspond (before fees and expenses) generally to the price and yield performance of its underlying index, the Alerian Energy Infrastructure Index (AMEI) (the "Underlying Index"). As a secondary objective, the Fund seeks to provide total return through income and capital appreciation.

#### 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 ("Shares"). Investors purchasing or selling Shares 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	0.65%
Other expenses	0.00%
Total annual Fund operating expenses	0.65%

#### **Example**

The following example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the costs of investing in other 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 each year.

	One	Three	Five	Ten
	Year	Years	Years	Years
Although your actual costs may be higher or lower based on these assumptions, your costs would be:	\$66	\$208	\$362	\$810

#### PORTFOLIO TURNOVER

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year ended November 30, 2016, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 38% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

The Fund employs a "passive management" – or indexing – investment approach designed to track the performance of the Underlying Index. Developed by Alerian, a leading provider of objective master limited partnership ("MLP") and energy infrastructure benchmarks, data and analytics ("Alerian"), the Underlying Index is intended to give investors a means of tracking the overall performance of North American energy infrastructure companies.

The Underlying Index is a composite of North American energy infrastructure companies engaged in the pipeline transportation, storage, and processing of energy commodities (also known as "midstream energy businesses"). Each Underlying Index constituent is assigned to one of four categories: (i) U.S. Energy Infrastructure MLPs; (ii) U.S. General Partners; (iii) U.S. Energy Infrastructure Companies; and (iv) Canadian Energy Infrastructure Companies. Each category is assigned an index weight of 25%. The Underlying Index is a float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index.

The Fund will normally invest at least 90% of its total assets in securities that comprise the Underlying Index (or depositary receipts based on such securities).

Pursuant to Section 851(b)(3) of the Code, the Fund may invest no more than 25% of the value of its total assets in the securities of one or more qualified publicly traded partnerships, which include MLPs.

Unlike direct investments in MLPs, income and losses from the Fund's investments in MLPs will not directly flow through to the personal tax returns of shareholders. The Fund intends to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The Fund will report distributions from its investments, including MLPs, made to shareholders annually on Form 1099. Shareholders will not, solely by virtue of their status as Fund shareholders, be treated as engaged in the business conducted by underlying MLPs for federal or state income tax purposes or for purposes of the tax on unrelated business income of tax-exempt organizations.

#### **U.S. Energy Infrastructure MLPs**

Energy infrastructure MLPs are publicly traded partnerships engaged in, among other things, the transportation, storage and processing of minerals and natural resources, and are treated as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes. By confining their operations to these specific activities, MLP interests, or units, are able to trade on public securities exchanges exactly like the shares of a corporation, without entity level income taxation. To qualify as an MLP and not be taxed as a corporation for income tax purposes, a partnership must, for any taxable year, receive at least 90% of its income from qualifying sources as set forth in Section 7704(d) of the Code.



U.S. energy infrastructure MLPs have principal executive offices located in the United States and have elected to be treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In addition, they must earn the majority of their pro forma cash flow from the pipeline transportation, storage, and processing of energy commodities. U.S. energy infrastructure MLPS also must (i) own the general partner of a U.S. publicly traded partnership and/or (ii) be in the top 70% of U.S. energy publicly traded partnership, ranked by market capitalization.

#### **U.S. General Partners**

MLPs generally have two classes of owners, the general partner and limited partners. The general partner of an MLP is typically owned by a major energy company, an investment fund, the direct management of the MLP, or is an entity owned by one or more of such parties. The general partner typically controls the operations and management of the MLP through an up to 2% equity interest in the MLP plus, in many cases, ownership of common units and subordinated units. Limited partners typically own the remainder of the partnership, through ownership of common units, and have a limited role in the partnership's operations and management.

U.S. General Partners must own the general partner of a publicly traded U.S. Energy Infrastructure MLP. In addition, they must (i) have principal executive offices in the United States, (ii) have elected to be treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and (iii) earn the majority of their pro forma cash flow from the pipeline transportation, storage, and processing of energy commodities.

#### **U.S. Energy Infrastructure Companies**

U.S. energy infrastructure companies may be categorized by one of the following: (i) earning the majority of their pro forma cash flow from the pipeline transportation, storage, and processing of energy commodities and not own the general partner of a U.S. publicly traded partnership, or (ii) earning the majority of their pro forma cash flow from the retail distribution of electricity and/or natural gas and own the general partner of a U.S. publicly traded partnership that earns the majority of its pro forma cash flow from the pipeline transportation, storage, and processing of energy commodities. In addition, they must have principal executive offices in the United States and have elected to be treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

#### **Canadian Energy Infrastructure Companies**

Canadian energy infrastructure companies must earn the majority of their pro forma cash flow from the pipeline transportation, storage, and processing of energy commodities. In addition, they must have principal executive offices located in Canada.

#### PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT RISKS

Investors should consider the following risk factors and special considerations associated with investing in the Fund, which may cause you to lose money.

**Investment Risk.** An investment in the Fund is subject to investment risk including the possible loss of the entire principal amount that you invest.

**Market Risk.** The market value of a security may decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally.

**Industry Specific Risks.** The Fund invests primarily in companies in the North American energy infrastructure sector. Companies in the North American energy infrastructure sector (including both midstream energy businesses and those involved in the retail distribution of electricity and gas) are subject to risks specific to the industry they serve including, but not limited to, the following:

- reduced volumes of natural gas or other energy commodities available for transporting, processing or storing;
- new construction risks and acquisition risk which can limit growth potential;
- a sustained reduced demand for crude oil, natural gas and refined petroleum products resulting from a recession or an increase in market price or higher taxes;
- changes in the regulatory environment;
- extreme weather:
- rising interest rates which could result in a higher cost of capital and drive investors into other investment opportunities;
- global, political and economic instability; and
- threats of attack by terrorists.

**MLP Risk.** Investments in securities of MLPs involve risks that differ from investments in common stock including risks related to limited control and limited rights to vote on matters affecting the MLP, risks related to potential conflicts of interest between the MLP and the MLP's general partner, and cash flow risks. MLP common units and other equity securities can be affected by macro-economic and other factors affecting the stock market in general, expectations of interest rates, investor sentiment towards MLPs or the energy sector, changes in a particular issuer's financial condition, or unfavorable or unanticipated poor performance of a particular issuer (in the case of MLPs, generally measured in terms of distributable cash flow).

**MLP Tax Risk.** MLPs generally do not pay U.S. federal income tax at the partnership level. A change in current tax law, or a change in the underlying business mix of a given MLP, could result in an MLP being treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, which would result in such MLP being required to pay U.S. federal income tax on its taxable income. The classification of an MLP as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes would have the effect of reducing the amount of cash available for distribution by the MLP and could result in a reduction in the value of your investment in the Fund.

**U.S. General Partners Risk.** U.S. general partners are entities that own the general partner of a US publicly traded partnership. U.S. general partners are exposed to the operational and tax risks associated with MLPs. If any of the MLPs managed by a U.S. general partner were treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, it could result in a reduction in the value of the MLP's ownership of the MLP interests and distributions to the U.S. general partner, and thus to the Fund.

Canadian Investment Risk. The Fund may be subject to risks relating to its investment in Canadian securities. The Canadian economy may be significantly affected by the U.S. economy, given that the United States is Canada's largest trading partner and foreign investor. Any negative changes in commodity markets could have a great impact on the Canadian economy. Because the Fund will invest in securities denominated in foreign currencies and the income received by the Fund will generally be in foreign currency, changes in currency exchange rates may negatively impact the Fund's return.

Returns of Capital Distributions From the Fund Reduce the Tax Basis of Fund Shares. A portion of the Fund's distributions are expected to be treated as a return of capital for tax purposes. Returns of capital distribution are not taxable income to you but reduce your tax basis in your Fund Shares. Such a reduction in tax basis will result in larger taxable gains and/or lower tax losses on a subsequent sale of Fund Shares.

**Issuer-Specific Risk.** The value of an individual security or particular type of security can be more volatile than the market as a whole and can perform differently from the value of the market as a whole.

**Non-Diversified Fund Risk.** The Fund is considered non-diversified and can invest a greater portion of assets in securities of individual issuers than a diversified fund. As a result, changes in the market value of a single investment could cause greater fluctuations in share price than would occur in a diversified fund.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value.** The net asset value ("NAV") of the Fund's Shares will generally fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's holdings. The market prices of the Shares will generally fluctuate in accordance with changes in NAV as well as the relative supply of and demand for Shares on the NYSE Arca, Inc. ("NYSE Arca"). The Adviser cannot predict whether the Shares will trade below, at or above their NAV.

**Index Management Risk.** Unlike many investment companies, the Fund is not "actively" managed. Therefore, it would not necessarily sell a security because the security's issuer was in financial trouble unless that security is removed from the Underlying Index.

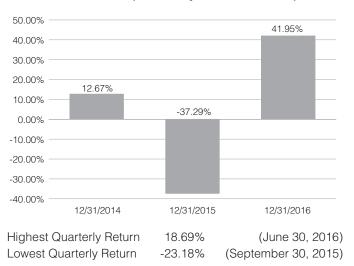
**Non-Correlation Risk.** The Fund's return may not match the return of the Underlying Index for a number of reasons, including operating expenses incurred by the Fund not applicable to the Underlying Index, costs in buying and selling

securities, asset valuation differences and differences between the Fund's portfolio and the Underlying Index resulting from legal restrictions, cash flows or operational inefficiencies.

#### **FUND PERFORMANCE**

The following bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for a certain time period compares with the average annual returns of the Underlying Index and of another benchmark of market performance. 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 is available online at www.alpsfunds.com or by calling 866.675.2639.

#### Annual Total Returns (calendar years ended 12/31)





The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Shares of the Fund through tax-deferred arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

#### **Average Annual Total Returns**

For periods ended December 31, 2016

	1 Year	Since Inception (November 1, 2013)
Return Before Taxes	41.95%	1.19%
Return After Taxes on Distributions	40.92%	0.63%
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	24.41%	0.89%
Alerian Energy Infrastructure Index* (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	43.55%	2.04%
S&P 500® Index* (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	11.96%	10.28%

<sup>\*</sup> Index performance shown in the table is the total return, which assumes reinvestment of any dividends and distributions during the time periods shown.

#### **INVESTMENT ADVISER**

ALPS Advisors, Inc. is the investment adviser to the Fund.

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER

Michael Akins, Senior Vice President, Director of Index Management & Product Oversight of ALPS Advisors, Inc., Ryan Mischker, Vice President, Portfolio Management & Research, and Andrew Hicks, Vice President of Index Management of ALPS Advisors, Inc., are responsible for the day to day management of the Fund. Mr. Akins, Mr. Mischker and Mr. Hicks have each served in such capacity since November 2013, March 2015 and March 2016, respectively.

#### PURCHASE AND REDEMPTION OF SHARES

The Trust issues and redeems Shares at NAV only in a large specified number of Shares called a "Creation Unit" or multiples thereof. A Creation Unit consists of 50,000 Shares. Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of in-kind securities included in the Fund's Underlying Index and/or cash.

Individual Shares of the Fund may only be purchased and sold in secondary market transactions through brokers. Shares of the Fund are listed for trading on NYSE Arca under the ticker symbol ENFR and, because Shares trade at market prices rather than NAV, Shares of the Fund may trade at a price greater than or less than NAV.

#### TAX INFORMATION

The Fund's distributions are taxable and will generally be taxed as ordinary income or capital gains.

## PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

If you purchase Shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary, the Adviser or other related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Shares or 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.

#### INTRODUCTION—ALPS ETF TRUST

The Trust is an investment company currently consisting of multiple separate exchange traded funds. This Prospectus relates to the Alerian MLP ETF (the "AMLP Fund") and the Alerian Energy Infrastructure ETF (the "ENFR Fund") (each a "Fund," and collectively, the "Funds").

Each Fund's Shares (the "Shares") are listed on the NYSE Arca, Inc. ("NYSE Arca"). Each Fund's Shares trade at market prices that may differ from the NAV of the Shares.

Unlike conventional mutual funds, each Fund issues and redeems Shares on a continuous basis, at NAV, only in large specified blocks of 50,000 Shares, each of which is called a "Creation Unit." Creation Units are issued in exchange for an in-kind deposit of a designated portfolio of securities and/or for cash. With respect to the ENFR Fund, Creation Units are redeemed principally for securities included in the Alerian Energy Infrastructure Index. With respect to the AMLP Fund, Creation Units generally are redeemed for cash. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, Shares are not redeemable securities of the Funds.

#### ALERIAN MLP ETF

#### **Investment Objective**

The Fund seeks investment results that correspond (before fees and expenses) generally to the price and yield performance of the Alerian MLP Infrastructure Index. The Fund's investment objective is not fundamental and may be changed by the Board of Trustees without shareholder approval. The Fund has adopted a policy that requires the Fund to provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in the Fund's investment objective.

#### **Additional Information about Principal Investment Strategies**

The Board of Trustees of the Trust may change the Fund's investment strategy and other policies without shareholder approval, except as otherwise indicated.

### Additional Information about the Index Index Construction

An MLP must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible for inclusion in the Alerian MLP Infrastructure Index:

- Be a publicly traded partnership or limited liability company ("LLC")
- Earn the majority of its pro forma cash flow from qualifying midstream activities involving energy commodities
- Represent the primary limited partner interests of a partnership or LLC that is an operating company
- Declared a distribution for the trailing two quarters
- Have a split-adjusted median daily trading volume of at least \$2.5 million for the six-month period preceding the data analysis date

 Have an adjusted market capitalization in the top 90% of total midstream energy MLP float-adjusted market capitalization

A non-constituent will only be added to the index during the (a) quarterly rebalancing process if it meets all criteria or (b) special rebalancing process if it (i) is acquiring the constituent that is being removed, and (ii) meets all criteria. A constituent will remain in the index if it continues to meet the first five criteria and has an adjusted market capitalization greater than or equal to 80% of the adjusted market capitalization of the smallest company in the top 90% of total midstream energy MLP float-adjusted market capitalization. Constituents will only be removed from the index for failing to meet criteria during the quarterly rebalancing process. A non-constituent that has entered into a merger agreement to be acquired is not eligible to be added to the index.

These criteria are reviewed regularly to ensure consistency with industry trends. Any material changes will be announced on www.alerian.com.

Index rebalancings fall into two groups: quarterly rebalancings and special rebalancings. Quarterly rebalancings occur on the third Friday of each March, June, September, and December, and are effective at the open of the next trading day. In the event that the major U.S. exchanges are closed on the third Friday of March, June, September, or December, the rebalancing will take place after market close on the immediately preceding trading day. Data relating to constituent eligibility, additions, and deletions are compiled and analyzed as of 16:00 EST on the last trading day of February, May, August, and November. Each constituent's index shares are then calculated according to the tier system described below, and assigned after market close on the guarterly rebalancing date. Since index shares are assigned based on prices on the first Friday of March, June, September, and December, the weight of each constituent on the quarterly rebalancing date may differ from its target weight due to market movements.

After market close on the last trading day of February, May, August, and November, the post-rebalancing constituents are weighted and ranked by float-adjusted market capitalization. If the weight of the largest constituent exceeds 10.00%, it is assigned a weight of 10.00% and its excess weight is proportionately distributed to the remaining constituents. After this distribution, if the weight of the next largest constituent exceeds 10%, it is assigned a weight of 10% and its excess weight is proportionately distributed to the remaining constituents. This process is repeated until none of the remaining constituents has a weight that exceeds 10%.

Special rebalancings are triggered by corporate actions and will be implemented as practically as possible on a case-by-case basis. Generally, in a merger between two index constituents, the special rebalancing will take place one full trading session after the constituent's issuance of a press release indicating all needed merger votes have passed. If the stock is delisted before market open on the day after all needed merger votes



have passed, the delisted security will trade at the conversion price, including any cash consideration. Data relating to the selection of a replacement constituent are compiled and analyzed as of 16:00 EST two trading days prior to the last required merger vote. Only the units outstanding and investable weight factors of new and surviving constituents in a merger-related special rebalancing will be updated to reflect the latest information available. Index shares are then calculated to the weighting scheme above and assigned after market close on the rebalancing date.

An independent advisory board of MLP and energy infrastructure executives, legal partners, and senior financial professionals reviews all methodology modifications and constituent changes to ensure that they are made objectively and without bias. The board is comprised of a minimum of five members, all of whom must be independent. The President and CEO of Alerian presents to the board on at least a quarterly basis, on the Thursday prior to the second Friday of each March, June, September, and December. A board book is distributed in advance of each meeting so that board members have the ability to review proposed index changes, if any, and the supporting data and index rules and regulations prior to the meeting.

Information regarding methodology modifications and constituent changes is considered to be material and can have an impact on the market. Consequently, all board discussions are confidential. Alerian believes that this process leads to unmatched independence and attention to detail in MLP and energy infrastructure indexing.

The information contained herein regarding the Alerian MLP Infrastructure Index was provided by Alerian.

#### ALERIAN ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE ETF

#### **Investment Objective**

The Fund seeks investment results that correspond (before fees and expenses) generally to the price and yield performance of the Alerian Energy Infrastructure Index. The Fund's investment objective is not fundamental and may be changed by the Board of Trustees without shareholder approval. The Fund has adopted a policy that requires the Fund to provide shareholders with at least 60 days' notice prior to any material change in the Fund's investment objective.

#### **Additional Information about Principal Investment Strategies**

The Board of Trustees of the Trust may change the Fund's investment strategy and other policies without shareholder approval, except as otherwise indicated.

#### **Index Description**

The Alerian Energy Infrastructure Index was created in April 2013 to provide a benchmark of North American energy infrastructure companies that engage in the pipeline transportation, storage, and processing of energy commodities (also known as "midstream energy businesses"). The following four categories

of issuers are included in the Alerian Energy Infrastructure Index: (i) U.S. Energy Infrastructure MLPs; (ii) U.S. General Partners; (iii) U.S. Energy Infrastructure Companies; and (iv) Canadian Energy Infrastructure Companies. Each category is assigned an index weight of 25%. The Alerian Energy Infrastructure Index is a float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index.

Each issuer, except U.S. energy infrastructure companies, included in the Alerian Energy Infrastructure Index must earn the majority of its pro form cash flow from midstream energy businesses. Each U.S. energy infrastructure issuer either must earn the majority of its pro forma cash flow (i) from midstream energy businesses and not own the general partner of a U.S. publicly traded partnership, or (ii) from the retail distribution of electricity and/or natural gas and own the general partner of a U.S. publicly traded partnership that earns the majority of its pro forma cash flow from midstream energy businesses.

#### **Index Construction**

A midstream energy business must meet the following criteria to be included in the Alerian Energy Infrastructure Index, depending on the category of the midstream energy business:

#### U.S. Energy Infrastructure MLPs

- Have a principal executive officer located in the United States
- Elect to be treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes
- Earn the majority of its pro forma cash flow from the pipeline transportation, storage, and processing of energy commodities
- Characterized by at least one of the following:
  - Own the general partner of a U.S. publicly traded partnership, and/or
  - Be in the top 70% of U.S. energy publicly traded partnership market capitalization

#### U.S. General Partners

- Have a principal executive officer located in the United States
- Elect to be treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes
- Earn the majority of its pro forma cash flow from the pipeline transportation, storage, and processing of energy commodities
- Own the general partner of a U.S. publicly traded partnership that earns the majority of its cash flow from qualifying midstream activities

#### U.S. Energy Infrastructure Companies

- Have a principal executive officer located in the United States
- Elect to be treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes
- Characterized by one of the following:

- Earn the majority of its pro forma cash flow from the pipeline transportation, storage, and processing of energy commodities and not own the general partner of a U.S. publicly traded partnership, or
- Earn the majority of its pro forma cash flow from the retail distribution of electricity and/or natural gas and own the general partner of a U.S. publicly traded partnership that earns the majority of its pro forma cash flow from the pipeline transportation, storage, and processing of energy commodities

#### Canadian Energy Infrastructure Companies

- Have principal executive offices located in Canada
- Earn the majority of its pro forma cash flow from the pipeline transportation, storage, and processing of energy commodities

All constituents must have declared a dividend for the trailing two quarters and a median daily trading volume on all exchanges of at least \$2.5 million in U.S. dollars for the six-month period preceding the data analysis date.

A non-constituent will only be added to the index during the (a) quarterly rebalancing process if it meets all criteria or (b) special rebalancing process if it (i) is acquiring the constituent that is being removed, and (ii) meets all criteria. A U.S. energy infrastructure MLP will remain in the index if it continues to the other criteria and has a market capitalization greater than or equal to 80% of the adjusted market capitalization of the smallest company in the top 70% of total energy MLP float-adjusted market capitalization. Constituents will only be removed from the index for failing to meet criteria during the quarterly rebalancing process. A non-constituent that has entered into a merger agreement to be acquired is not eligible to be added to the index. Subsidiaries of AMEI constituents are not eligible to be added to the index.

These criteria are reviewed regularly to ensure consistency with industry trends. Any material changes will be announced on www.alerian.com.

Index rebalancings fall into two groups: quarterly rebalancings and special rebalancings. Quarterly rebalancings occur on the third Friday of each March, June, September, and December, and are effective at the open of the next trading day. In the event that the major U.S. and Canadian exchanges are closed on the third Friday of March, June, September, or December, the rebalancing will take place after market close on the immediately preceding trading day. Data relating to constituent eligibility, additions, and deletions are compiled and analyzed as of 16:00 EST on the last trading day of February, May, August, and November. The index shares of each constituent are then calculated to the system described below and assigned after market close on the quarterly rebalancing date. Since index shares are assigned based on prices on the last trading day of February, May, August, and November, the weight of each constituent on the quarterly rebalancing date may differ from its target weight due to market movements.

After market close on the last trading day of February, May, August, and November, the post-rebalancing constituents are assigned to one of four categories: (i) U.S. Energy Infrastructure MLPs; (ii) U.S. General Partners; (iii) U.S. Energy Infrastructure Companies; and (iv) Canadian Energy Infrastructure Companies. Each category is assigned an index weight of 25%. The constituents are weighted and ranked by float-adjusted market capitalization within their category. If the index weight of the largest constituent in a category exceeds 5% (i.e., 20% of the category weight), it is assigned an index weight of 5% and its excess weight is proportionately distributed to the remaining constituents in the category. This process is repeated until none of the remaining constituents in the category has an index weight that exceeds 5%.

Special rebalancings are triggered by corporate actions and will be implemented as practically as possible on a case-by-case basis. Generally, in a merger between two index constituents, the special rebalancing will take place one full trading session after the constituent's issuance of a press release indicating all needed merger votes have passed. If the stock is delisted before market open on the day after all needed merger votes have passed, the delisted security will trade at the conversion price, including any cash consideration. Data relating to the selection of a replacement constituent are compiled and analyzed as of 16:00 EST two trading days prior to the last required merger vote. Index shares are then calculated to the weighting scheme above and assigned after market close on the rebalancing date.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUNDS' PRINCIPAL RISKS

The following section provides additional information regarding certain of the principal risks identified under "Principal Risks of Investing in the Fund" in each Fund's Summary Information Section along with additional risk information.

**Investment Risk.** An investment in a Fund is subject to investment risk including the possible loss of the entire principal amount that you invest.

Market Risk. The market value of a security may decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. A security's market value also may decline because of factors that affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry.

**Tax Status of the Fund.** With respect to the AMLP Fund, the Fund is taxed as a regular corporation for federal income tax purposes. This differs from most investment companies, which elect to be treated as "regulated investment companies" under the Code in order to avoid paying entity level income taxes. Under current law, the Fund is not eligible to elect treatment as a



regulated investment company due to its investments primarily in MLPs invested in energy assets. As a result, the Fund will be obligated to pay applicable federal and state corporate income taxes on its taxable income as opposed to most other investment companies which are not so obligated. As discussed below, the Fund expects that a portion of the distributions it receives from MLPs may be treated as a tax-deferred return of capital, thus reducing the Fund's current tax liability. However, the amount of taxes currently paid by the Fund will vary depending on the amount of income and gains derived from investments and/or sales of MLP interests and such taxes will reduce your return from an investment in the Fund.

**Deferred Tax Liability.** With respect to the AMLP Fund, cash distributions from an MLP to the Fund that exceed the Fund's allocable share of such MLP's net taxable income are considered a tax-deferred return of capital that will reduce the Fund's adjusted tax basis in the equity securities of the MLP. These reductions in the Fund's adjusted tax basis in the MLP equity securities will increase the amount of gain (or decrease the amount of loss) recognized by the Fund on a subsequent sale of the securities. The Fund will accrue deferred income taxes for any future tax liability associated with (i) that portion of MLP distributions considered to be a tax-deferred return of capital as well as (ii) capital appreciation of its investments. Upon the sale of an MLP security, the Fund may be liable for previously deferred taxes. The Fund's accrued deferred tax liability will be reflected each day in the Fund's net asset value ("NAV"). Increases in deferred tax liability will decrease NAV. Conversely, decreases in deferred liability will increase NAV, but only to the extent of previously accrued deferred tax liability, i.e., no deferred tax asset will be accrued. The Fund will rely to a large extent on information provided by the MLPs, which is not necessarily timely, to estimate deferred tax liability for purposes of financial statement reporting and determining the NAV. From time to time, ALPS Advisors, Inc. will modify the estimates or assumptions regarding the Fund's deferred tax liability as new information becomes available. The Fund's estimates regarding its deferred tax liability are made in good faith, however, the daily estimate of the Fund's deferred tax liability used to calculate the Fund's NAV could vary significantly from the Fund's actual tax liability. The Fund will generally compute deferred income taxes based on the federal income tax rate applicable to corporations, currently 35%, and an assumed rate attributable to state taxes.

Potential Substantial After-Tax Tracking Error from Underlying Index Performance. With respect to the AMLP Fund, as discussed above, the Fund will be subject to taxation on its taxable income. The NAV of Fund Shares will also be reduced by the accrual of any current and deferred tax liabilities. The Underlying Index however is calculated without any deductions for taxes. As a result, the Fund's after tax performance could differ significantly from the Underlying Index even if the pretax performance of the Fund and the performance of the Underlying Index are closely correlated.

Returns of Capital Distributions From the Fund Reduce the Tax Basis of Fund Shares. A portion of each Fund's distributions are expected to be treated as a return of capital

for tax purposes. Returns of capital distribution are not taxable income to you but reduce your tax basis in your Fund Shares. Such a reduction in tax basis will result in larger taxable gains and/or lower tax losses on a subsequent sale of Fund Shares.

Shareholders who periodically receive the payment of dividends or other distributions consisting of a return of capital may be under the impression that they are receiving net profits from the Fund when, in fact, they are not. Shareholders should not assume that the source of the distributions is from the net profits of the Fund.

**Industry Specific Risk.** Companies engaged in the energy infrastructure sector also are subject to risks specific to the industry they serve. Risks inherent in the energy infrastructure business include the following:

A sustained decline in demand for crude oil, natural gas and refined petroleum products could adversely affect revenues and cash flows. Factors that could lead to a decrease in market demand include a recession or other adverse economic conditions, an increase in the market price of the underlying commodity, higher taxes or other regulatory actions that increase costs, or a shift in consumer demand for such products. Demand may also be adversely impacted by consumer sentiment with respect to global warming and/or by any state or federal legislation intended to promote the use of alternative energy sources, such as bio-fuels.

Companies engaged in the energy infrastructure sector employ a variety of means of increasing cash flow, including increasing utilization of existing facilities, expanding operations through new construction, expanding operations through acquisitions, or securing additional long-term contracts. Thus, some companies engaged in the energy infrastructure sector may be subject to construction risk, acquisition risk or other risk factors arising from their specific business strategies. A significant slowdown in large energy companies' disposition of energy infrastructure assets and other merger and acquisition activity in the energy infrastructure industry could reduce the growth rate of cash flows received by the Fund from companies engaged in the energy infrastructure sector that grow through acquisitions.

Oil prices have declined significantly in recent years, and the volatility of energy commodity prices can indirectly affect certain entities engaged in the energy infrastructure sector due to the impact of prices on the volume of commodities transported, processed, stored or distributed. Most energy infrastructure entities are not subject to direct commodity price exposure because they do not own the underlying energy commodity. Nonetheless, the price of an energy infrastructure security can be adversely affected by the perception that the performance of all such entities is directly tied to commodity prices.

In addition, a significant decrease in the production of natural gas, oil or other energy commodity due to a decline in production from existing facilities, import supply disruption or otherwise would reduce revenue and operating income of certain MLPs in the energy infrastructure sector and, therefore, the ability of MLPs to make distributions would be reduced.

The profitability of companies engaged in the energy infrastructure sector could be adversely affected by changes in the regulatory environment. Most assets of such companies are heavily regulated by federal and state governments in diverse matters, such as the way in which such company assets are constructed, maintained and operated and the prices such companies may charge for their services. Such regulation can change over time in scope and intensity. For example, a particular by-product of a process may be declared hazardous by a regulatory agency and unexpectedly increase production costs for a company engaged in the energy infrastructure sector. Moreover, many state and federal environmental laws provide for civil as well as regulatory remediation, thus adding to the potential exposure such a company may face.

Extreme weather patterns, such as hurricane Ivan in 2004 and hurricane Katrina in 2005, could result in significant volatility in the supply of energy and power and could adversely impact the value of the securities in which each Fund invests. This volatility may create fluctuations in commodity prices and earnings of companies in the energy infrastructure industry.

A rising interest rate environment could adversely impact the performance of companies engaged in the energy infrastructure sector. Rising interest rates could limit the capital appreciation of equity units of such companies as a result of the increased availability of alternative investments at competitive yields. Rising interest rates may increase the cost of capital for companies operating in this industry. A higher cost of capital could limit growth from acquisition or expansion projects, limit the ability of such entities to make or grow distributions or meet debt obligations, and adversely affect the prices of their securities.

Since the September 11th terrorist attacks, the U.S. government has issued warnings that energy assets, specifically U.S. pipeline infrastructure, may be targeted in future terrorist attacks. These dangers give rise to risks of substantial losses as a result of loss or destruction of commodity reserves; damage to or destruction of property, facilities and equipment; pollution and environmental damage; and personal injury or loss of life. Any occurrence of such catastrophic events could bring about a limitation, suspension or discontinuation of the operations of companies in the North American energy infrastructure sector. Companies in the North American energy infrastructure sector may not be fully insured against all risks inherent in their business operations and therefore accidents and catastrophic events could adversely affect such companies' financial condition and ability to pay distributions to shareholders.

**MLP Risk.** Investments in securities of MLPs involve risks that differ from investments in common stock including risks related to limited control and limited rights to vote on matters affecting the MLP, risks related to potential conflicts of interest between the MLP and the MLP's general partner, and cash flow risks.

MLP common units and other equity securities can be affected by macro-economic and other factors affecting the stock market in general, expectations of interest rates, investor sentiment towards MLPs or the energy sector, changes in a particular issuer's financial condition, or unfavorable or unanticipated poor performance of a particular issuer (in the case of MLPs, generally measured in terms of distributable cash flow). Prices of common units of individual MLPs and other equity securities also can be affected by fundamentals unique to the partnership or company, including earnings power and coverage ratios.

The AMLP Fund derives substantially all of its cash flow from investments in equity securities of MLPs, and the ENFR Fund derives a significant amount of its cash flow from investments in equity securities of MLPs and MLP affiliates. The amount of cash that each Fund will have available to pay or distribute to you depends largely on the ability of the MLPs that the relevant Fund owns to make distributions to their partners and shareholders. respectively. Neither Fund nor the Adviser has control over the actions of underlying MLPs. The amount of cash that each individual MLP can distribute to its partners will depend on the amount of cash it generates from operations, which will vary from quarter to quarter depending on factors affecting the energy infrastructure market generally and on factors affecting the particular business lines of the MLP. Available cash will also depend on the MLPs' level of operating costs (including incentive distributions to the general partner), level of capital expenditures, debt service requirements, acquisition costs (if any), fluctuations in working capital needs, and other factors. In addition, certain MLPs are dependent on their parents or sponsors for revenues, and a failure by the MLP's parent or sponsor may impact the MLP's ability to make distributions. Each Fund's investments may not distribute the expected or anticipated levels of cash, resulting in the risk that the relevant Fund may not have the ability to make cash distributions as investors expect from investments focused on MLPs.

**MLP Tax Risk.** MLPs generally do not pay U.S. federal income tax at the partnership level. Rather, each partner is allocated a share of the partnership's income, gains, losses, deductions and expenses. A change in current tax law, or a change in the underlying business mix of a given MLP, could result in an MLP being treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, which would result in such MLP being required to pay U.S. federal income tax on its taxable income. The classification of an MLP as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes would have the effect of reducing the amount of cash available for distribution by the MLP. Thus, if any of the MLPs owned by a Fund were treated as corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes, it could result in a reduction in the value of your investment in the Fund and lower income.

Changes in tax laws or regulations, or future interpretations of such laws or regulations, could adversely affect each Fund or the MLPs in which each Fund invests. Legislation could also negatively impact the amount and tax characterization of dividends received by the Fund's shareholders. For example, Congress could take actions which would eliminate the tax benefits of depreciation, depletion and amortization deductions



realized by MLPs. Alternatively, Congress could impose a tax on pass-through entities such as MLPs or eliminate the use of pass-through taxation entirely. The tax benefits of depreciation, depletion and amortization deductions realized by MLPs effectively defer the income of the MLPs and, in turn, the taxable income of the Fund. Without these benefits each Fund would be subject to current U.S. federal, state and local corporate income taxes on a greater proportion of its allocable share of the income and gains of MLPs in which it invests, and each Fund's ability to pay distributions treated as return-of-capital distributions (for tax purposes) may be adversely impacted. Imposing a tax on pass-through entities and/or eliminating the use of pass-through taxation entirely could result in three levels of tax—at the MLP level, the Fund level and the shareholder level.

An MLP's distributions to each Fund generally will not be taxable unless the cash amount (or, in certain cases, the value of marketable securities) distributed exceeds each Fund's basis in its interest in the MLP. Distributions received by each Fund from an MLP will reduce each Fund's adjusted basis in its interest in the MLP, but not below zero. A reduced basis will generally result in an increase in the amount of gain (or decrease in the amount of loss) that will be recognized by each Fund for tax purposes on the sale of its interest in the MLP. Cash distributions from an MLP to each Fund (and, in certain cases, the value of marketable securities distributed by an MLP to each Fund) in excess of each Fund's basis in the MLP will generally be taxable to each Fund as capital gain. The AMLP Fund will not benefit from favorable federal income tax rates on long-term capital gains because it will be treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes.

Depreciation or other cost recovery deductions passed through to each Fund from investments in MLPs in a given year will generally reduce each Fund's taxable income (and earnings and profits), but those deductions may be recaptured in each Fund's income (and earnings and profits) in subsequent years when the MLPs dispose of their assets or when each Fund disposes of its interests in the MLPs. When deductions are recaptured, each Fund may owe a tax (the payment of which will reduce each Fund's net assets) and distributions to each Fund's shareholders may be taxable, even though the shareholders at the time of the recapture might not have held Shares in each Fund at the time the deductions were taken by each Fund, and even though each Fund does not have corresponding economic gain on its investment at the time of the recapture.

The tax treatment of all items allocated to each Fund each year by the MLPs will not be known until each Fund receives a schedule K-1 for that year with respect to each of its MLP investments. Each Fund's tax liability will not be known until each Fund completes its annual tax return. Each Fund's tax estimates could vary substantially from the actual liability and therefore the determination of each Fund's actual tax liability may have a material adverse effect on the value of an investment in each Fund. The payment of corporate income taxes imposed on each Fund will decrease cash available for distribution to

shareholders. With respect to the AMLP Fund, high portfolio turnover may result in the Fund's recognition of gains (losses) that will increase (decrease) the Fund's tax liability and thereby impact the amount of the Fund's after-tax distributions. In addition, high portfolio turnover may increase the AMLP Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits, resulting in a greater portion of the Fund's distributions being treated as taxable dividends for federal income tax purposes.

**U.S. General Partners Risk.** With respect to the ENFR Fund, U.S. general partners are entities that own the general partner of a US publicly traded partnership. U.S. general partners are exposed to the operational risks associated with MLPs. MLP affiliates are also exposed to the tax risk associated with MLP distributions: if any of the MLPs managed by a U.S. general partner were treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, it could result in a reduction in the value of the MLP's ownership of the MLP interests and distributions to the U.S. general partner, and thus to the Fund.

Canadian Investment Risk. With respect to the ENFR Fund, the Fund may be subject to risks relating to its investment in Canadian securities. The Canadian economy may be significantly affected by the U.S. economy, given that the United States is Canada's largest trading partner and foreign investor. Since the implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement ("NAFTA") in 1994, total two-way merchandise trade between the United States and Canada has more than doubled. To further this relationship, all three NAFTA countries entered into The Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America in March 2005, which addressed economic and security related issues. The new agreement may further affect Canada's dependency on the U.S. economy. In addition, past periodic demands by the Province of Quebec for sovereignty have significantly affected equity valuations and foreign currency movements in the Canadian market. Furthermore, the Canadian economy is susceptible to fluctuations in certain commodity markets. Any negative changes in commodity markets could have a great impact on the Canadian economy. Because the Fund will invest in securities denominated in foreign currencies and the income received by the Fund will generally be in foreign currency, changes in currency exchange rates may negatively impact the Fund's return. Each of these factors can make investments in the Fund more volatile and potentially less liquid than other types of investments.

Liquidity Risk. With respect to the AMLP Fund, although common units of MLPs trade on the NYSE and the NASDAQ, certain MLP securities may trade less frequently than those of larger companies due to their smaller capitalizations. In the event certain MLP securities experience limited trading volumes, the prices of such MLPs may display abrupt or erratic movements at times. Additionally, it may be more difficult for a Fund to buy and sell significant amounts of such securities without an unfavorable impact on prevailing market prices. As a result, these securities may be difficult to dispose of at a fair price at the times when a Fund is required to do so based on changes in its Underlying Index or to fund redemptions. A Fund's investment in securities that are less actively traded or

over time experience decreased trading volume may restrict its ability to take advantage of other market opportunities or to dispose of securities. This also may affect adversely a Fund's ability to make dividend distributions to you.

**Issuer-Specific Risk.** The value of an individual security or particular type of security can be more volatile than the market as a whole and can perform differently from the value of the market as a whole.

Non-Diversified Fund Risk. Each Fund is a non-diversified investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). In addition, the AMLP Fund will not elect to be treated as a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). As a result, there are no regulatory requirements under the 1940 Act (or with respect to the AMLP Fund, the Code) that limit the proportion of either Fund's assets that may be invested in securities of a single issuer. Accordingly, each Fund may invest a greater portion of its assets in a more limited number of issuers than a diversified fund. Each Fund will select its investments from the small pool of energy infrastructure MLPs (and, with respect to the ENFR Fund, U.S. general partners and other energy infrastructure companies) that qualify for inclusion in its respective Underlying Index. An investment in each Fund may present greater risk to an investor than an investment in a diversified portfolio because changes in the financial condition or market assessment of a single issuer may cause greater fluctuations in the value of the Fund's Shares.

Fluctuation of Net Asset Value. The NAV of a Fund's Shares will generally fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's holdings. The market prices of the Shares will generally fluctuate in accordance with changes in NAV as well as the relative supply of and demand for Shares on the NYSE Arca, Inc. (the "NYSE Arca"). The Adviser cannot predict whether the Shares will trade below, at or above their NAV. Price differences may be due, in large part, to the fact that supply and demand forces at work in the secondary trading market for the Shares will be closely related to, but not identical to, the same forces influencing the prices of the stocks of the Underlying Index trading individually or in the aggregate at any point in time.

**Index Management Risk.** Unlike many investment companies, the Funds are not "actively" managed. Therefore, a Fund would not necessarily sell a security because the security's issuer was in financial trouble unless that security is removed from the Underlying Index.

**Non-Correlation Risk.** In addition to the risk of tracking error due to the effect of taxes, a Fund's return may not match the return of its Underlying Index for other reasons. For example, a Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to its Underlying Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities, especially when rebalancing the Fund's securities holdings to reflect changes in the composition of the Underlying Index. In addition, the performance of a Fund and its Underlying Index may vary due to asset valuation differences and

differences between the Fund's portfolio and the Underlying Index resulting from legal restrictions, cash flows or operational inefficiencies.

Due to legal and regulatory rules and limitations, a Fund may not be able to invest in all securities included in its Underlying Index. For tax efficiency purposes, a Fund may sell certain securities to realize losses, causing it to deviate from its Underlying Index.

A Fund may not be fully invested at times, either as a result of cash flows into the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions and expenses. If a Fund utilizes a sampling approach, futures or other derivative positions or otherwise does not hold all of the securities in the Underlying Index, its return may not correlate as well with the return on the Underlying Index, as would be the case if it purchased all of the securities in the Underlying Index with the same weightings as the Underlying Index.

The risk that a Fund may not match the performance of its Underlying Index may be heightened during times of increased market volatility or other unusual market conditions. Errors in the construction or calculation of the Underlying Index may occur from time to time. Any such errors may not be identified and corrected by the Index Provider for some period of time, which may have an adverse impact on a Fund and its shareholders.

Risk of Cash Transactions. Unlike many ETFs, the AMLP Fund expects to effect redemptions for cash, rather than inkind. Because the Fund may effect redemptions for cash, rather than in-kind distributions, it may be required to sell portfolio securities in order to obtain the cash needed to distribute redemption proceeds and it may subsequently recognize gains on such sales that the Fund might not have recognized if it were to distribute portfolio securities in kind. Such cash transactions may have to be carried out over several days if the securities market is relatively illiquid and may involve considerable brokerage fees. These brokerage fees, which will be higher than if the Fund redeemed its Shares in-kind, will be passed on to redeemers of Creation Units in the form of redemption transaction fees. In addition, these factors may result in wider spreads between the bid and the offered prices of the Fund's Shares than for more conventional ETFs.

#### SECONDARY INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

As a principal investment strategy, each Fund will normally invest at least 90% of its total assets in component securities that comprise its Underlying Index. As a non-principal investment strategy, each Fund may invest its remaining assets in money market instruments, including repurchase agreements or other funds which invest exclusively in money market instruments, convertible securities, structured notes (notes on which the amount of principal repayment and interest payments are based on the movement of one or more specified factors, such as the movement of a particular stock or stock index), forward foreign currency exchange contracts and in swaps, options and futures contracts. Swaps, options and futures contracts



(and convertible securities and structured notes) may be used by each Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to its Underlying Index, and in managing cash flows. The Adviser anticipates that it may take approximately three business days (i.e., each day the NYSE is open) for additions and deletions to the Underlying Index to be reflected in the portfolio composition of each Fund.

Each Fund may borrow money from a bank up to a limit of 10% of the value of its assets, but only for temporary or emergency purposes.

Although neither Fund currently intends to engage in securities lending, it may do so in the future.

Each Fund operates as an index fund and is not actively managed. Each Fund employs a "passive management" – or indexing – investment to seek investment results that correspond generally, before fees and expenses to the performance of the Underlying Index. Because each Fund uses a passive management approach to seek to achieve its investment objective, each Fund does not take temporary defensive positions during periods of adverse market, economic or other conditions.

Under normal conditions, each Fund generally will invest in all of the securities that comprise the Underlying Index in proportion to their weightings in the Underlying Index; however, under various circumstances, it may not be possible or practicable to purchase all of the securities in the Underlying Index in those weightings. In those circumstances, each Fund may purchase a sample of the securities in the Underlying Index or utilize various combinations of other available investment techniques in seeking performance which corresponds to the performance of the Underlying Index. Each Fund may sell securities that are represented in the Underlying Index or purchase securities that are not yet represented in the Underlying Index in anticipation of their removal from or addition to the Underlying Index.

#### ADDITIONAL RISK CONSIDERATIONS

In addition to the risks described previously, there are certain other risks related to investing in each Fund.

**Trading Issues.** Trading in Shares on the NYSE Arca may be halted due to market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the NYSE Arca, make trading in Shares inadvisable. In addition, trading in Shares on the NYSE Arca is subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility pursuant to the NYSE Arca "Circuit breaker" rules. If a trading halt or unanticipated early closing of NYSE Arca occurs, a shareholder may be unable to purchase or sell Shares of a Fund. There can be no assurance that the requirements of the NYSE Arca necessary to maintain the listing of the Fund will continue to be met or will remain unchanged.

While the creation/redemption feature is designed to make it likely that Shares normally will trade close to a Fund's NAV, market prices are not expected to correlate exactly to a Fund's NAV due to timing reasons, supply and demand imbalances

and other factors. In addition, disruptions to creations and redemptions, adverse developments impacting market makers, authorized participants or other market participants, high market volatility or lack of an active trading market for the Shares (including through a trading halt) may result in market prices for Shares of a Fund that differ significantly from its NAV or to the intraday value of the Fund's holdings. If an investor purchases Shares at a time when the market price is at a premium to the NAV of the Shares or sells at a time when the market price is at a discount to the NAV of the Shares, then the investor may sustain losses.

When you buy or sell Shares of a Fund through a broker, you will likely incur a brokerage commission or other charges imposed by brokers. In addition, the market price of Shares, like the price of any exchange-traded security, includes a "bid-ask spread" charged by the market makers or other participants that trade the particular security. The spread of a Fund's Shares varies over time based on the Fund's trading volume and market liquidity and may increase if the Fund's trading volume, the spread of the Fund's underlying securities, or market liquidity decrease. In times of severe market disruption, including when trading of a Fund's holdings may be halted, the bid-ask spread may increase significantly. This means that Shares may trade at a discount to a Fund's NAV, and the discount is likely to be greatest during significant market volatility.

**Authorized Participant Concentration Risk.** Only an authorized participant may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with a Fund. A Fund has a limited number of intermediaries that act as authorized participants, and none of these authorized participants are or will be obligated to engage in creation or redemption transactions. To the extent that these intermediaries exit the business or are unable to or choose not to proceed with creation and/or redemption orders with respect to a Fund and no other authorized participant is able to step forward to create or redeem, Shares may trade at a discount to NAV and possibly face trading halts and/or delisting. The authorized participant risk concentration risk may be heightened in scenarios where authorized participants have limited or diminished access to the capital required to post collateral.

No Guarantee of Active Trading Market Risk. While Shares are listed on NYSE Arca, there can be no assurance that active trading markets for the Shares will be maintained by market makers or authorized participants. Decisions by market makers or authorized participants to reduce their role or "step away" from these activities in times of market stress may inhibit the effectiveness of the arbitrage process in maintaining the relationship between the underlying value of a Fund's holdings and the Fund's NAV. Such reduced effectiveness could result in a Fund's Shares trading at a discount to its NAV and also in greater than normal intraday bid/ask spreads for a Fund's Shares. Additionally, in stressed market conditions, the market for a Fund's shares may become less liquid in response to deteriorating liquidity in the markets for a Fund's underlying portfolio holdings.

**Operational Risk.** The Funds are exposed to operational risk arising from a number of factors, including, but not limited to, human error, processing and communication errors, errors of the Funds' service providers, counterparties or other third-parties, failed or inadequate processes and technology or system failures.

These risks are described further in the Statement of Additional Information.

#### INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES

#### **Investment Adviser**

ALPS Advisors, Inc. ("ALPS Advisors" or the "Adviser") acts as each Fund's investment adviser pursuant to an advisory agreement with the Trust on behalf of the Fund (each an "Advisory Agreement"). The Adviser, located at 1290 Broadway, Suite 1100, Denver, Colorado 80203, is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment adviser. As of December 31, 2016, the Adviser provided supervisory and management services on approximately \$16.55 billion in assets through closed-end funds, mutual funds and exchange-traded funds. Pursuant to each Advisory Agreement, the Adviser manages the investment and reinvestment of each Fund's assets and administers the affairs of each Fund to the extent requested by the Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to each Advisory Agreement, each Fund pays the Adviser a unitary fee for the services and facilities it provides payable on a monthly basis as a percentage of the relevant Fund's average daily net assets:

Fund	Advisory Fee
Alerian MLP ETF	0.85%
Alerian Energy Infrastructure ETF	0.65%

Out of the unitary management fee, the Adviser pays substantially all expenses of each Fund, including the cost of transfer agency, custody, fund administration, legal, audit, independent trustees and other services, except for taxes, interest expenses, distribution fees or expenses, brokerage expenses, and extraordinary expenses such as litigation, and other expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of each Fund's business.

The Adviser's unitary management fee is designed to pay substantially all the Funds' expenses and to compensate the Adviser for providing services for each Fund.

With respect to the Alerian MLP ETF, the unitary advisory fee as a percentage of net assets is subject to the following breakpoints: (i) 0.85% for average net assets up to and including \$10 billion, (ii) 0.80% for average net assets greater than \$10 billion up to and including \$15 billion, (iii) 0.755% for average net assets greater than \$15 billion up to and including \$20 billion, and (iv) 0.715% for average net assets greater than \$20 billion.

#### **Approval of Advisory Agreement**

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board of Trustees' approval of each Fund's Advisory Agreement is available in the Funds' annual report to shareholders for the period ended November 30, 2016.

#### **Portfolio Management**

Michael Akins, Senior Vice President, Director of Index Management & Product Oversight, Ryan Mischker, Vice President, Portfolio Management & Research and Andrew Hicks, Vice President, Index Management of ALPS Advisors are the Portfolio Managers of the Funds and are also responsible for the refinement and implementation of the equity portfolio management process.

Mr. Akins has been Portfolio Manager of the Alerian MLP ETF since July 2011 and of the Alerian Energy Infrastructure ETF since its inception. Prior to joining ALPS Advisors, Mr. Akins served as Deputy Chief Compliance Officer for ALPS Fund Services, Inc. ("ALPS"). Before joining ALPS, Mr. Akins was AVP and Compliance Officer for UMB Financial Corporation and prior to UMB, he was an Account Manager at State Street Corporation. Mr. Akins has over 10 years financial services experience, is an Honor Graduate from the Fiduciary and Investment Risk Management School and graduated from Briar Cliff University with a B.A. in Business Administration.

Mr. Mischker has been Portfolio Manager of the Funds since March 2015. Prior to joining ALPS Advisors, Mr. Mischker served as Compliance Manager of ALPS, where he was primarily responsible for managing all post-trade monitoring for IRS, SEC and registration statement investment guidelines and restrictions. Mr. Mischker has over 13 years financial services experience and graduated from the University of Northern Colorado with a B.S. in Finance and B.A. in Economics.

Mr. Hicks has been a Portfolio Manager of the Funds since March 2016. He joined ALPS Advisors as a portfolio manager in 2015. Prior to joining ALPS Advisors, Mr. Hicks was a senior equity trader and research analyst with Virtus Investment Partners in New York City, specializing in ETF trading and international research. From 2007 to 2011, Mr. Hicks was an equity trader and research analyst at SCM Advisors in San Francisco, an affiliate of Virtus Investment Partners. With over 15 years of experience, Mr. Hicks gained international equity trading experience while at Wentworth, Hauser & Violich, and he began his career in semiconductor equity research at Citi. Mr. Hicks earned an accounting degree from Miami University (Ohio) while interning each summer on the American Stock Exchange in New York City.

The Statement of Additional Information provides additional information about the portfolio managers' compensation structure, other accounts managed by the portfolio managers and the portfolio managers' ownership of securities of each Fund.



#### PURCHASE AND REDEMPTION OF SHARES

#### General

The Shares are issued or redeemed by a Fund at net asset value per Share only in Creation Unit size. See "How to Buy and Sell Shares."

Most investors buy and sell Shares of a Fund in secondary market transactions through brokers. Shares of the Funds are listed for trading in the secondary market on the NYSE Arca. Shares can be bought and sold throughout the trading day like other publicly traded shares. There is no minimum investment. Although Shares are generally purchased and sold in "round lots" of 100 Shares, brokerage firms typically permit investors to purchase or sell Shares in smaller "odd lots," at no per share price differential. 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. The Funds trade on the NYSE Arca at prices that may differ to varying degrees from the daily NAV of the Shares. Given that a Fund's Shares can be issued and redeemed in Creation Units, the Adviser believes that large discounts and premiums to NAV should not be sustained for long. The Funds trade under the NYSE Arca ticker symbols set forth below:

Name of Fund	NYSE Arca Ticker Symbol
Alerian MLP ETF	AMLP
Alerian Energy Infrastructure ETF	ENFR

Share prices are reported in dollars and cents per Share.

Investors may acquire Shares directly from a Fund, and shareholders may tender their Shares for redemption directly to a Fund, only in Creation Units of 50,000 Shares, as discussed in the "How to Buy and Sell Shares" section below.

#### **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 of the Funds and is recognized as the owner of all Shares for all purposes (except for tax 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 stocks that you hold in book-entry or "street name" form.

#### HOW TO BUY AND SELL SHARES

#### **Pricing Fund Shares**

The trading price of each Fund's Shares on the NYSE Arca may differ from a Fund's daily NAV and can be affected by market forces of supply and demand, economic conditions and other factors.

The NYSE Arca disseminates the approximate value of Shares of each Fund every fifteen seconds. This approximate value should not be viewed as a "real-time" update of the NAV per Share of either Fund 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. Neither Fund is involved in, nor responsible for, the calculation or dissemination of the approximate value and neither Fund makes any warranty as to its accuracy.

The NAV per Share for each Fund is determined once daily as of the close of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") usually 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, each day the NYSE is open for trading. NAV per Share is determined by dividing the value of a Fund's portfolio securities, cash and other assets (including accrued interest), less all liabilities (including accrued expenses and accrued deferred tax liabilities), by the total number of Shares outstanding.

Equity securities are valued at the last reported sale price on the principal exchange on which such securities are traded. as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE on the day the securities are being valued or, if there are no sales, at the mean of the most recent bid and asked prices. Equity securities that are traded in over-the-counter markets are valued at the last guoted sales price in the markets in which they trade or, if there are no sales, at the mean of the most recent bid and asked prices. For securities traded on NASDAQ, the NASDAQ Official Closing Price generally will be used. Debt securities are valued at the mean between the last available bid and asked prices for such securities or, if such prices are not available, at prices for securities of comparable maturity, quality, and type. Securities for which market quotations are not readily available, including restricted securities, are valued by a method that the Trustees believe accurately reflects fair value. Securities will be valued at fair value when market quotations are not readily available or are deemed unreliable, such as when a security's value or meaningful portion of a Fund's portfolio is believed to have been materially affected by a significant event. Such events may include a natural disaster, an economic event like a bankruptcy filing, a trading halt in a security, an unscheduled early market close or a substantial fluctuation in domestic and foreign markets that has occurred between the close of the principal exchange and the NYSE. In such a case, the value for a security is likely to be different from the last quoted market price. In addition, due to the subjective and variable nature of

fair market value pricing, it is possible that the value determined for a particular asset may be materially different from the value realized upon such asset's sale.

#### **Creation Units**

Investors such as market makers, large investors and institutions who wish to deal in Creation Units (large specified blocks of 50,000 Shares) directly with a Fund must have entered into an authorized participant agreement (such investors being "Authorized Participants" or "APs") with the ALPS Portfolio Solutions Distributor, Inc. (the "Distributor"), and accepted by the transfer agent, or purchase through a dealer that has entered into such an agreement. Set forth below is a brief description of the procedures applicable to purchase and redemption of Creation Units. For more detailed information, see "Creation and Redemption of Creation Unit Aggregations" in the Statement of Additional Information.

#### **How to Buy Shares**

In order to purchase Creation Units of a Fund, an investor must generally deposit a designated portfolio of equity securities included in the Underlying Index (the "Deposit Securities") and generally make a small cash payment referred to as the "Cash Component." For those APs that are not eligible for trading a Deposit Security, custom orders are available. The list of the names and the numbers of shares of the Deposit Securities is made available by the Funds' custodian through the facilities of the National Securities Clearing Corporation (the "NSCC"), immediately prior to the opening of business each day of the NYSE Arca. The Cash Component represents the difference between the NAV of a Creation Unit and the market value of the Deposit Securities. In the case of custom orders, cash-in-lieu may be added to the Cash Component to replace any Deposit Securities that the AP may not be eligible to trade.

Orders must be placed in proper form by or through either (i) a "Participating Party" i.e., a broker-dealer or other participant in the Clearing Process of the Continuous Net Settlement System of the NSCC (the "Clearing Process"), with respect to AMLP only, or (ii) a participant of the DTC ("DTC Participant") that has entered into an agreement with the Distributor, and accepted by the transfer agent, with respect to purchases and redemptions of Creation Units. All standard orders must be placed for one or more whole Creation Units of Shares of a Fund and must be received by the Distributor in proper form no later than the close of regular trading on the NYSE (ordinarily 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) ("Closing Time") in order to receive that day's closing NAV per Share. In the case of custom orders, as further described in the Statement of Additional Information, the order must be received by the Distributor no later than one hour prior to Closing Time in order to receive that day's closing NAV per Share. A custom order may be placed by an AP in the event that the Trust permits or requires the substitution of an amount of cash to be added to the Cash Component to replace any Deposit Security which may not be available in sufficient quantity for delivery or which may not be eligible for trading

by such AP or the investor for which it is acting or any other relevant reason. See "Creation and Redemption of Creation Unit Aggregations" in the Statement of Additional Information.

A fixed creation transaction fee of \$500 per transaction (the "Creation Transaction Fee") is applicable to each transaction regardless of the number of Creation Units purchased in the transaction. An additional variable charge for transactions effected outside the Clearing Process (for AMLP only) or for cash creations or partial cash creations may also be imposed to compensate the Fund for the costs associated with buying the applicable securities. The Fund may adjust these fees from time to time based on actual experience. See "Creation and Redemption of Creation Unit Aggregations" in the Statement of Additional Information. The price for each Creation Unit will equal the daily NAV per Share times the number of Shares in a Creation Unit plus the fees described above and, if applicable, any transfer taxes.

Shares of a Fund may be issued in advance of receipt of all Deposit Securities subject to various conditions, including a requirement to maintain cash at least equal to 115% of the market value of the missing Deposit Securities on deposit with the Trust. See "Creation and Redemption of Creation Unit Aggregations" in the Statement of Additional Information.

#### **Legal Restrictions on Transactions in Certain Securities**

An investor subject to a legal restriction with respect to a particular security required to be deposited in connection with the purchase of a Creation Unit may, at a Fund's discretion, be permitted to deposit an equivalent amount of cash in substitution for any security which would otherwise be included in the Deposit Securities applicable to the purchase of a Creation Unit. For more details, see "Creation and Redemption of Creation Unit Aggregations" in the Statement of Additional Information.

#### **Redemption of Shares**

Shares may be redeemed only in Creation Units at their NAV and only on a day the NYSE Arca is open for business. The Funds' custodian makes available immediately prior to the opening of business each day of the NYSE Arca, through the facilities of the NSCC, the list of the names and the numbers of shares of ENFR's portfolio securities ("Fund Securities") and, with respect to AMLP, the amount of cash, that will be applicable that day to redemption requests in proper form. Fund Securities received on redemption may not be identical to Deposit Securities, which are applicable to purchases of Creation Units. AMLP typically effects redemptions for cash. With respect to ENFR, unless cash redemptions are available or specified for the Fund, the redemption proceeds consist of the Fund Securities, plus cash in an amount equal to the difference between the NAV of Shares being redeemed as next determined after receipt by the transfer agent of a redemption request in proper form, and the value of the Fund Securities (the "Cash Redemption Amount"), less the applicable redemption fee and, if applicable, any transfer taxes. Should the Fund Securities have a value greater than the NAV of Shares being redeemed, a compensating cash payment to the



Fund equal to the differential, plus the applicable redemption fee and, if applicable, any transfer taxes will be required to be arranged for, by or on behalf of the redeeming shareholder. For more details, see "Creation and Redemption of Creation Unit Aggregations" in the Statement of Additional Information.

An order to redeem Creation Units of a Fund may only be effected by or through an AP. An order to redeem must be placed for one or more whole Creation Units and must be received by the transfer agent in proper form no later than the close of regular trading on the NYSE (normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) in order to receive that day's closing NAV per Share. In the case of custom orders, as further described in the Statement of Additional Information, the order must be received by the transfer agent no later than 3:00 p.m. Eastern time.

A fixed redemption transaction fee of \$500 per transaction (the "Redemption Transaction Fee") is applicable to each redemption transaction regardless of the number of Creation Units redeemed in the transaction. An additional variable charge for redemptions effected for cash redemptions effected outside the Clearing Process (for AMLP only) or partial cash redemptions may also be imposed to compensate the Fund for the costs associated with selling the applicable securities. The Fund may adjust these fees from time to time based on actual experience. AMLP typically effects redemptions for cash. With respect to ENFR, a shareholder may request a cash redemption in lieu of securities, however, the Fund may, in its discretion, reject any such request. See "Creation and Redemption of Creation Unit Aggregations" in the Statement of Additional Information.

### Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries

The Adviser or its affiliates may make payments to broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries (each, an "Intermediary") related to marketing activities and presentations, educational training programs, the support of technology platforms and/ or reporting systems, or their making shares of the Funds available to their customers. Such payments, which may be significant to the Intermediary, are not made by the Funds. Rather, such payments are made by the Adviser or its affiliates from their own resources, which come directly or indirectly in part from fees paid by the Trust, including the Funds. Payments of this type are sometimes referred to as revenue-sharing payments. An Intermediary may make decisions about which investment options it recommends or makes available, or the level of services provided, to its customers based on the revenue-sharing payments it is eligible to receive. Therefore, such payments to an Intermediary create conflicts of interest between the Intermediary and its customers and may cause the Intermediary to recommend the Funds over another investment. More information regarding these payments is contained in the SAI. Please contact your salesperson or other investment professional for more information regarding any such payments his or her firm may receive from the Adviser or its affiliates.

#### FREQUENT PURCHASES AND REDEMPTIONS

The Funds impose no restrictions on the frequency of purchases and redemptions. The Board of Trustees evaluated the risks of market timing activities by the Funds' shareholders when they determined that no restriction or policy was necessary. The Board considered that, unlike traditional mutual funds, Fund Shares may be purchased and sold on the exchange at prevailing market prices. Given this structure, the Board determined that it is unlikely that (a) market timing would be attempted by the Funds' shareholders or (b) any attempts to market time a Fund by its shareholders would result in negative impact to a Fund or its shareholders.

#### **FUND SERVICE PROVIDERS**

ALPS Fund Services, Inc. is the administrator and fund accounting agent of the Funds.

State Street Bank and Trust Company is the custodian and transfer agent for the Funds.

Dechert LLP serves as counsel to the Funds.

Deloitte & Touche LLP serves as the Funds' independent registered public accounting firm. The independent registered public accounting firm is responsible for auditing the annual financial statements of the Funds.

#### INDEX PROVIDER

Alerian is the index provider for each Fund. Alerian is an independent company that provides objective market information and is a leader of MLP and energy infrastructure market intelligence, providing benchmarks, data sets, and analytics that are used extensively by a range of stakeholders. Its benchmarks are widely used by industry executives, investment professionals, research analysts and national media. The company started its business of developing and maintaining financial indexes, including each Underlying Index, on June 1, 2006. Alerian has entered into an index licensing agreement (the "Licensing Agreement") with the Adviser to allow the Adviser's use of each Underlying Index for the operation of relevant Fund. The Adviser pays licensing fees to Alerian from the Adviser's management fees or other resources.

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#### DIVIDENDS, DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

#### **Net Investment Income and Capital Gains (AMLP Fund only)**

As an AMLP Fund shareholder, you are entitled to your share of the AMLP Fund's distributions of net investment income and net realized capital gains on its investments. The AMLP Fund pays out substantially all of its net earnings to its shareholders as "distributions."

It is the policy of the Trust each fiscal year to distribute substantially all of the AMLP Fund's net investment income (i.e., generally, the income that it earns from cash distributions and interest on its investments, and any capital gains, net of the AMLP Fund's expenses). A portion of the AMLP Fund's distributions are also expected to be treated as a return of capital for tax purposes. The AMLP Fund expects to make distributions on a quarterly basis.

To permit the AMLP Fund to maintain more stable quarterly distributions, the distributions paid by the Fund for any particular quarterly period may be more or less than the amount of investment income actually earned by the Fund during the period, and the Fund may have to sell a portion of its investment portfolio to make a distribution at a time when independent investment judgment might not dictate such action.]

AMLP Fund shareholders will be notified regarding the portion of any distribution that represents a return of capital by a written disclosure provided pursuant to Section 19(a) of and Rule 19a-1 under the 1940 Act. Shareholders should read any such disclosures carefully, and should not assume that the source of any distribution from the AMLP Fund is net profit.

Distributions in cash may be reinvested automatically in additional Shares of the AMLP Fund only if the broker through which you purchased Shares makes such option available.

#### **Dividends and Capital Gains (ENFR Fund only)**

ENFR Fund shareholders are entitled to their share of the ENFR Fund's income and net realized gains on its investments. The ENFR Fund pays out substantially all of its net earnings to its shareholders as "distributions."

These amounts, net of expenses, are passed along to ENFR Fund shareholders as "income dividend distributions." The ENFR Fund realizes capital gains or losses whenever it sells securities. Net long term capital gains are distributed to shareholders as "capital gain distributions."

Income dividends, if any, are distributed to shareholders quarterly. Net capital gains are distributed at least annually. Dividends may be declared and paid more frequently to improve Index tracking or to comply with the distribution requirements of Code. Some portion of each distribution may result in a return of capital (which is a return of the shareholder's investment in the ENFR Fund). ENFR Fund shareholders will be notified regarding the portion of any distribution that represents a return of capital by a written disclosure provided pursuant to Section 19(a) of and Rule 19a-1 under the 1940 Act. Shareholders should read any such disclosures carefully, and should not assume that the source of any distribution from the ENFR Fund is net profit.

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

### FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION OF THE ALERIAN MLP ETF

The discussion below is applicable to the Alerian MLP ETF only.

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 the Shares is made through a taxexempt entity or tax-deferred retirement account, such as an IRA plan, you need to be aware of the possible tax consequences when:

- A Fund makes distributions,
- You sell your Shares listed on the NYSE Arca, and
- You purchase or redeem Creation Units.

Please note that you are still subject to taxes on withdrawals that you make from an IRA plan.

The following is a summary of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to an investment in Shares of the Fund. The summary is based on the laws in effect on the date of this Prospectus and existing judicial and administrative interpretations thereof, all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect. In addition, this summary assumes that the Fund shareholder holds Shares as capital assets within the meaning of the Code and does not hold Shares in connection with a trade or business. This summary does not address all potential U.S. federal income tax considerations possibly applicable to an investment in Shares of the Funds, to Fund shareholders that are, or that are holding Shares through, a partnership (or other pass-through entity) or to Fund shareholders subject to special tax rules. Prospective Fund shareholders are urged to consult their own tax advisors with respect to the specific federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences of investing in Fund Shares.

The following discussion is based upon the Code, Treasury Regulations, judicial authorities, published positions of the IRS and other applicable authorities, all as in effect on the date of this Prospectus and all of which are subject to change or differing interpretations (possibly with retroactive effect). No ruling has been or will be sought from the IRS regarding any matter discussed in this Prospectus. Counsel to the Funds has not rendered any legal opinion regarding any tax consequences relating to the Funds or your investment in the Funds. No assurance can be given that the IRS would not assert, or that a court would not sustain, a position contrary to any of the tax information set out below.

Tax matters are complicated, and the tax consequences of an investment in and holding of the Funds' Shares will depend on the particular facts of each investor's situation. You are advised to consult your own tax advisors with respect to the application to your own circumstances of the general federal income tax rules described below and with respect to other federal, state, local, or foreign tax consequences to you before making an investment in the Funds' Shares.

#### **Federal Income Taxation of the Fund**

The Fund is taxed as a regular corporation for federal income tax purposes and as such is obligated to pay federal and applicable state and foreign corporate taxes on its taxable income. This differs from most investment companies, which elect to be treated as "regulated investment companies" under the Code in order to avoid paying entity level income taxes. Under current law, the Fund is not eligible to elect treatment as a regulated investment company due to its investments primarily in MLPs invested in energy assets. As a result, the Fund will be obligated to pay federal and state taxes on its taxable income as opposed to most other investment companies which are not so obligated.

As discussed below, the Fund expects that a portion of the distribution it receives from MLPs may be treated as a tax-deferred return of capital, thus reducing the Fund's current tax liability. However, the amount of taxes currently paid by the Fund will vary depending on the amount of income and gains derived from investments and/or sales of MLP interests and such taxes will reduce your return from an investment in the Fund.

The Fund invests its assets primarily in MLPs, which generally are treated as partnerships for federal income tax purposes. As a partner in the MLPs, the Fund must report its allocable share of the MLPs' taxable income in computing its taxable income, regardless of the extent (if any) to which the MLPs make distributions. Based upon the Adviser's review of the historic results of the types of MLPs in which the Fund invests, the Adviser expects that the cash flow received by the Fund with respect to its MLP investments will generally exceed the taxable income allocated to the Fund (and this excess generally will not be currently taxable to the Fund but, rather, will result in a reduction of the Fund's adjusted tax basis in each MLP as described in the following paragraph). This is the result of a variety of factors, including significant non-cash deductions,

such as accelerated depreciation. There is no assurance that the Adviser's expectation regarding the tax character of MLP distributions will be realized. If this expectation is not realized, there may be greater tax expense borne by the Fund and less cash available to distribute to you or to pay to expenses.

The Fund will also be subject to U.S. federal income tax at the regular graduated corporate tax rates on any gain recognized by the applicable Fund on any sale of equity securities of an MLP. Cash distributions from an MLP to the Fund that exceed such Fund's allocable share of such MLP's net taxable income will reduce the Fund's adjusted tax basis in the equity securities of the MLP. These reductions in such Fund's adjusted tax basis in the MLP equity securities will increase the amount of any taxable gain (or decrease the amount of any tax loss) recognized by the Fund on a subsequent sale of the securities.

The Fund will accrue deferred income taxes for any future tax liability associated with (i) that portion of MLP distributions considered to be a tax-deferred return of capital as well as (ii) capital appreciation of its investments. Upon the sale of MLP security, the Fund may be liable for previously deferred taxes. The Fund will rely to a large extent on information provided by the MLPs which is not necessarily timely, to estimate deferred tax liability for purposes of financial statement reporting and determining the NAV. From time to time, the Investment Adviser will modify the estimates or assumptions regarding the Fund's deferred tax liability as new information becomes available. The Fund will generally compute deferred income taxes based on the federal income tax rate applicable to corporations currently 35% and an assumed rate attributable to state taxes.

### Federal Income Taxation of Holders of the Fund's Shares — U.S. Shareholders

#### Receipt of Distributions

Distributions made to you by the Fund (other than distributions in redemption of Shares subject to Section 302(b) of the Code) will generally constitute dividends to the extent of your allocable share of the Fund's current or accumulated earnings and profits, as calculated for federal income tax purposes. Generally, a corporation's earnings and profits are computed based upon taxable income, with certain specified adjustments. As explained above, based upon the historic performance of the types of MLPs in which the Fund intend to invest, the Adviser anticipates that the distributed cash from the MLPs generally will exceed the Fund's share of the MLPs' taxable income. Consequently, the Adviser anticipates that only a portion of the Fund's distributions will be treated as dividend income to you. To the extent that distributions to you exceed your allocable share of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits, your tax basis in the Fund's Shares with respect to which the distribution is made will be reduced, which will increase the amount of any taxable gain (or decrease the amount of any tax loss) realized upon a subsequent sale or redemption of such Shares. To the extent you hold such Shares as a capital asset and have no further basis in the Shares to offset the distribution, you will report the excess as capital gain.



Distributions treated as dividends under the foregoing rules generally will be taxable as ordinary income to you but may be treated as "qualified dividend income." Under current federal income tax law, qualified dividend income received by individuals and other non-corporate shareholders is taxed at long-term capital gain rates, which currently reach a maximum of either 15% or 20% depending on whether the shareholder's income exceeds certain threshold amounts. For a dividend to constitute qualified dividend income, the shareholder generally must hold the Shares paying the dividend for more than 60 days during the 121-day period beginning 60 days before the ex-dividend date, although a longer period may apply if the shareholder engages in certain risk reduction transactions with respect to the common stock.

Dividends paid by the Fund are expected to be eligible for the dividends received deduction available to corporate shareholders under Section 243 of the Code. However, corporate shareholders should be aware that certain limitations apply to the availability of the dividends received deduction, including rules which limit the deduction in cases where (i) certain holding period requirements are not met, (ii) the corporate shareholder is obligated (e.g., pursuant to a short sale) to make related payments with respect to positions in substantially similar or related property, or (iii) the corporate shareholder's investment in Shares of a particular Fund is financed with indebtedness. Corporate shareholders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the application of these limitations to their particular situations.

An additional 3.8% Medicare tax is imposed on certain net investment income (including ordinary dividends received from a Fund and net gains from redemptions or other taxable dispositions of Fund Shares) of U.S. individuals, estates and trusts to the extent that such person's "modified adjusted gross income" (in the case of an individual) or "adjusted gross income" (in the case of an estate or trust) exceeds certain threshold amounts.

#### **Redemptions and Sales of Shares**

A redemption of common Shares will be treated as a sale or exchange of such Shares, provided the redemption either is not essentially equivalent to a dividend, is a substantially disproportionate redemption, is a complete redemption of a shareholder's entire interest in the Fund, or is in partial liquidation of such Fund. Redemptions that do not qualify for sale or exchange treatment will be treated as described in "Receipt of Distributions" above.

Upon a redemption treated as a sale or exchange under the foregoing rules, or upon a sale of your Shares to a third party, you generally will recognize capital gain or loss equal to the difference between the cost of your Shares and the amount you receive when you sell them. An exchange of Shares of the Fund for Shares of another fund will be treated as a taxable sale of such Fund's Shares with an amount realized equal to the fair market value of the Shares received in the exchange. Any such capital gain or loss will be a long-term capital gain or

loss if you held the Shares for more than one year at the time of disposition. Long-term capital gains of certain non-corporate common shareholders (including individuals) are currently subject to U.S. federal income taxation at a maximum rate of either 15% or 20% depending on whether the shareholder's income exceeds certain threshold amounts. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations under the Code.

Employee benefit plans and most other organizations exempt from federal income tax, including individual retirement accounts and other retirement plans, are subject to federal income tax on their unrelated business taxable income, or UBTI. Because the Fund is a corporation for federal income tax purposes, an owner of any of the Fund's Shares will not report on its federal income tax return any items of income, gain, loss, and deduction that are allocated to the Fund from the MLPs in which the Fund invests. Moreover, dividend income from, and gain from the sale of, corporate stock generally does not constitute UBTI unless the corporate stock is debt-financed. Therefore, a tax-exempt investor will not have UBTI attributable to its ownership, sale, or the redemption of such Fund's Shares unless its ownership is debt-financed. In general, Shares are considered to be debt-financed if the tax-exempt owner of the Shares incurred debt to acquire the Shares or otherwise incurred a debt that would not have been incurred if the Shares had not been acquired.

Similarly, the income and gain realized from an investment in the Fund's Shares by an investor that is a regulated investment company will constitute qualifying income for the regulated investment company. Furthermore, the Fund's Shares will generally constitute "qualifying assets" to regulated investment companies, which generally must own at least 50% in qualifying assets at the end of each quarter, provided that the amount of the Fund's Shares owned by the regulated investment company does not constitute more than 5% of the value of the total assets held by the regulated investment company or more than 10% of the Fund's outstanding voting securities.

### Federal Income Taxation of Holders of the Fund's Shares — Non-U.S. Shareholders

For purposes of this summary, the term "Non-U.S. Shareholder" means a beneficial owner of the Fund's Shares that is not a U.S. Shareholder.

#### **Receipt of Distributions**

Distributions by the Fund will be treated as dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the extent paid from such Fund's current or accumulated earnings and profits (as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles). Dividends paid by the Fund to a Non-U.S. Shareholder generally will be subject to withholding tax at a 30% rate or a reduced rate specified by an applicable income tax treaty. If an income tax treaty applies to a Non-U.S. Shareholder, the Non-U.S. Shareholder will be required to provide an IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E certifying its entitlement to benefits under the treaty in order to obtain a reduced rate of withholding tax.

#### "FATCA" and Estate Tax

Non-U.S. Shareholders of the Fund may be subject to U.S. estate tax with respect to their Shares of the Fund.

Withholding of U.S. tax (at a 30% rate) is required with respect to payments of dividends and (effective January 1, 2019) redemption proceeds made to certain non-U.S. entities that fail to comply (or be deemed compliant) with extensive new reporting and withholding requirements designed to inform the U.S. Department of the Treasury of U.S.-owned foreign investment accounts. Shareholders may be requested to provide additional information to enable the applicable withholding agent to determine whether withholding is required.

If the amount of a distribution exceeds a Non-U.S. Shareholder's allocable share of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits, such excess will be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a tax-free return of capital to the extent of the Non-U.S. Shareholder's tax basis in such Fund's Shares. To the extent that any distribution received by a Non-U.S. Shareholder exceeds the sum of (i) such Non-U.S. Shareholder's allocable share of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits and (ii) such Non-U.S. Shareholder's tax basis in such Fund's Shares, such excess will be treated as gain from the sale of the Shares and will be taxed as described in "Redemptions and Sales of Shares" below.

#### **Redemptions and Sales of Shares**

A redemption of common Shares will be treated as a sale or exchange of such Shares, provided the redemption either is not essentially equivalent to a dividend, is a substantially disproportionate redemption, is a complete redemption of a shareholder's entire interest in the Fund, or is in partial liquidation of the Fund. Redemptions that do not qualify for sale or exchange treatment will be treated as described in "Receipt of Distributions" above.

A Non-U.S. Shareholder generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on gain realized on a redemption that is treated as a sale or exchange for U.S. federal income tax purposes, or on gain realized on the sale, exchange or other non-redemption disposition of the Fund's Shares, except in the following cases:

- the gain is effectively connected with a trade or business of the Non-U.S. Shareholder in the U.S. or, if the Non-U.S. Shareholder is a qualifying resident of a country with which the U.S. has a tax treaty, such gain is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by such Non-U.S. Shareholder in the U.S.,
- the Non-U.S. Shareholder is an individual who is present in the U.S. for 183 days or more in the taxable year of disposition and who has a "tax home" in the U.S., or
- the Fund is or has been a U.S. real property holding corporation, as defined below, at any time within the five-year period preceding the date of disposition of the common Shares or, if shorter, within the period during which the Non-U.S. Shareholder has held the common Shares. Generally, a corporation is a U.S. real

property holding corporation if the fair market value of its U.S. real property interests, as defined in the Code and applicable regulations, equals or exceeds 50% of the aggregate fair market value of its worldwide real property interests and its other assets used or held for use in a trade or business. The Fund may be, or may prior to a Non-U.S. Shareholder's disposition of common Shares become, a U.S. real property holding corporation.

Any Non-U.S. Shareholder who is described in one of the foregoing cases is urged to consult his, her or its own tax advisor regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the redemption, sale, exchange or other disposition of common Shares.

#### **Backup Withholding**

Federal regulations generally require the Fund to withhold and remit to the U.S. Treasury a "backup withholding" tax with respect to dividends and the proceeds of any redemption paid to you if you fail to furnish the applicable Fund or the Fund's paying agent with a properly completed and executed IRS Form W-9, Form W-8BEN, Form W-8BEN-E or other applicable form. Furthermore, the IRS may notify the Fund to institute backup withholding if the IRS determines that your TIN is incorrect or if you have failed to properly report taxable dividends or interest on a federal tax return. A TIN is either the Social Security number or employer identification number of the record owner of the account. Any tax withheld as a result of backup withholding does not constitute an additional tax imposed on the record owner of the account and may be claimed as a credit on the record owner's federal income tax return. The backup withholding rate is 28%.

#### **Taxes on Exchange-Listed Shares Sales**

Currently, 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 treated as short-term capital gain or loss if the Shares have been held for one year or less.

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

An AP who exchanges equity securities for Creation Units generally will recognize a gain or a loss. The gain or loss will be equal to the difference between the market value of the Creation Units at the time of the exchange and the exchanger's aggregate basis in the securities surrendered and the Cash Component paid. A person who exchanges Creation Units for equity 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 received and the Cash Redemption Amount. 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," or on the basis that there has been no significant change in economic position. Persons exchanging



securities should consult their own tax advisor with respect to whether the wash sale rules apply and when a loss might be deductible.

Under current federal tax laws, 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 a 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 and at what price you purchased or sold Shares.

The foregoing discussion summarizes some of the possible consequences under current federal tax law of an investment in the Fund. It is not a substitute for personal tax advice. You may also be subject to state and local taxation on Fund distributions, and sales of Fund Shares. Consult your personal tax advisor about the potential tax consequences of an investment in Fund Shares under all applicable tax laws.

### FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION FOR THE ALERIAN ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE ETF

The discussion below relates to the Alerian Energy Infrastructure ETF only.

#### **General Taxation**

The ENFR Fund intends to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code. This is in contrast to the AMLP Fund, which as described above, will be classified as a "C corporation" for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The discussion below assumes that the ENFR Fund will qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code.

#### **Taxes on Distributions**

Dividends from net investment income, if any, are declared and paid quarterly. The Fund may also pay a special distribution at the end of the calendar year to comply with federal tax requirements. 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. Dividends paid out of the Fund's income and net short-term capital gains, if any, are taxable as ordinary income. 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.

The maximum individual rate applicable to long-term capital gains is either 15% or 20%, depending on whether the individual's income exceeds certain threshold amounts. In addition, some ordinary dividends declared and paid by the Fund to non-corporate shareholders may qualify for taxation at the lower reduced tax rates applicable to long-term capital gains, provided that holding period and other requirements are met by the Fund and the shareholder.

An additional 3.8% Medicare tax is imposed on certain net investment income (including ordinary dividends and capital gain distributions received from the Fund and net gains from redemptions or other taxable dispositions of Fund shares) of U.S. individuals, estates and trusts to the extent that such person's "modified adjusted gross income" (in the case of an individual) or "adjusted gross income" (in the case of an estate or trust) exceeds certain threshold amounts.

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 net asset value per Share and may be taxable to you as ordinary income or capital gain even though, from an investment standpoint, the distribution may constitute a return of capital.

The Fund generally would be required to withhold a percentage of your distributions and proceeds if you have not provided a taxpayer identification number (generally your social security number) or otherwise provide proof of an applicable exemption from backup withholding. The backup withholding rate for an individual is 28%.

#### Non-U.S. Shareholders

Non-U.S. shareholders of the Fund may be subject to U.S. estate tax with respect to their shares of the Fund.

Withholding of U.S. tax (at a 30% rate) is required with respect to payments of dividends and (effective January 1, 2019) redemption proceeds and certain capital gain dividends made to certain non-U.S. entities that fail to comply (or be deemed compliant) with extensive new reporting and withholding requirements designed to inform the U.S. Department of the Treasury of U.S.-owned foreign investment accounts. Shareholders may be requested to provide additional information to enable the applicable withholding agent to determine whether withholding is required.

If you are not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States, or if you are a foreign entity, the Fund's ordinary income dividends (which include distributions of net short-term capital gains) will generally be subject to a 30% U.S. withholding tax (and certain capital gain dividends may be subject to a 35% withholding tax), unless a lower treaty rate applies or unless such income is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business. Prospective investors are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the specific tax consequences described above.

#### **Taxes on Exchange-Listed Shares Sales**

Currently, 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 may be limited.

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

An AP who exchanges equity securities for Creation Units generally will recognize a gain or a loss. The gain or loss will be equal to the difference between the market value of the Creation Units at the time of the exchange and the exchanger's aggregate basis in the securities surrendered and the Cash Component paid. A person who exchanges Creation Units for equity 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 received and the Cash Redemption Amount. 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," or on the basis that there has been no significant change in economic position. Persons exchanging securities should consult their own tax advisor with respect to whether the wash sale rules apply and when a loss might be deductible.

Under current federal tax laws, 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 a 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 and at what price you purchased or sold Shares.

The foregoing discussion summarizes some of the possible consequences under current federal tax law of an investment in the Fund. It is not a substitute for personal tax advice. You may also be subject to state and local taxation on Fund distributions, and sales of Fund Shares. Consult your personal tax advisor about the potential tax consequences of an investment in Fund Shares under all applicable tax laws.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

For purposes of the 1940 Act, each 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 each Fund. The SEC has issued an exemptive order to the Trust permitting registered investment companies to invest in exchange-traded funds offered by the Trust 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.

#### **Disclosure of Portfolio Holdings**

The Funds' portfolio holdings will be disclosed each day on their website at www.alpsfunds.com. A description of the Trust's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the Funds' portfolio securities is available in the Funds' Statement of Additional Information.

#### Premium/Discount Information

Information regarding how often the Shares of each Fund traded on the Exchange at a price above (i.e., at a premium) or below (i.e., at a discount) the NAV of each Fund during the prior calendar year and subsequent quarters, when available, will be available at www.alpsfunds.com.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The financial highlights table is intended to help you understand each Fund's financial performance for the fiscal periods noted below. Certain information reflects financial results for a single Fund share. The total returns in the table represent the rate that an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in each Fund (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions). This information has been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, whose report, along with the Funds' financial statements, are included in the Funds' annual report, which is available upon request by calling the Funds at 877.398.8461. This information is also available free of charge on the Funds' website at www.alpsfunds.com.



#### **Alerian MLP ETF**

		or the Year Ended vember 30, 2016		or the Year Ended vember 30, 2015		or the Year Ended vember 30, 2014		or the Year Ended vember 30, 2013		or the Year Ended vember 30, 2012
NET ASSET VALUE, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$	12.25	\$	18.10	\$	17.69	\$	16.32	\$	15.97
INCOME/(LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS:										
Net investment income/(loss) <sup>(a)</sup>		0.04		(0.13)		(0.16)		(0.09)		(0.09)
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments		1.04		(4.53)		1.70		2.53		1.44
Total from investment operations		1.08		(4.66)		1.54		2.44		1.35
DISTRIBUTIONS:										
From net realized gains		_		_		(0.73)		_		(0.00) <sup>(a)(b)</sup>
From tax return of capital		(1.02)		(1.19)		(0.40)		(1.07)		(1.00)
Total distributions		(1.02)		(1.19)		(1.13)		(1.07)		(1.00)
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSET VALUE		0.06		(5.85)		0.41		1.37		0.35
NET ASSET VALUE, END OF PERIOD	\$	12.31	\$	12.25	\$	18.10	\$	17.69	\$	16.32
TOTAL RETURN(c)		9.76%		(26.84)%		8.82%		15.16%		8.62%
RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:										
Net assets, end of period (000s)	\$ 9	,378,019	\$ 7	,203,754	\$ 9	349,001	\$ 7	,384,685	\$ 4	466,815
RATIO TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS:										
Expenses (excluding net current and deferred tax expenses/benefits and franchise tax expense)		0.85%		0.85%		0.85%		0.85%		0.85%
Expenses (including net current and deferred tax expenses/benefits) <sup>(d)</sup>		1.42%		(11.40)%		5.43%		8.56%		4.85%
Expenses (including current and deferred tax expenses/benefits) <sup>(e)</sup>		(0.36)%		1.57%		0.55%		0.55%		0.54%
Net investment loss (excluding deferred tax expenses/benefits and franchise tax expense)		(0.85)%		(0.85)%		(0.85)%		(0.85)%		(0.85)%
Net investment income/(loss)(including deferred tax expenses/benefits) <sup>(e)</sup>		0.36%		(1.57)%		(0.55)%		(0.55)%		(0.54)%
PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATE <sup>(f)</sup>		31%		21%		29%		12%		12%

<sup>(</sup>a) Based on average shares outstanding during the period.

<sup>(</sup>b) Less than (\$0.005) per share.

<sup>(</sup>c) Total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net assets value at the beginning of the period and redemption at the net asset value on the last day of the period and assuming all distributions are reinvested at actual reinvestment prices. Total return calculated for a period of less than one year is not annualized.

<sup>(</sup>d) Includes amount of current and deferred taxes/benefits for all components of the Statement of Operations.

<sup>(</sup>e) Includes amount of current and deferred tax benefit associated with net investment income/(loss).

O Portfolio turnover does not include securities received or delivered from processing creations or redemptions in-kind.

#### **Alerian Energy Infrastructure ETF**

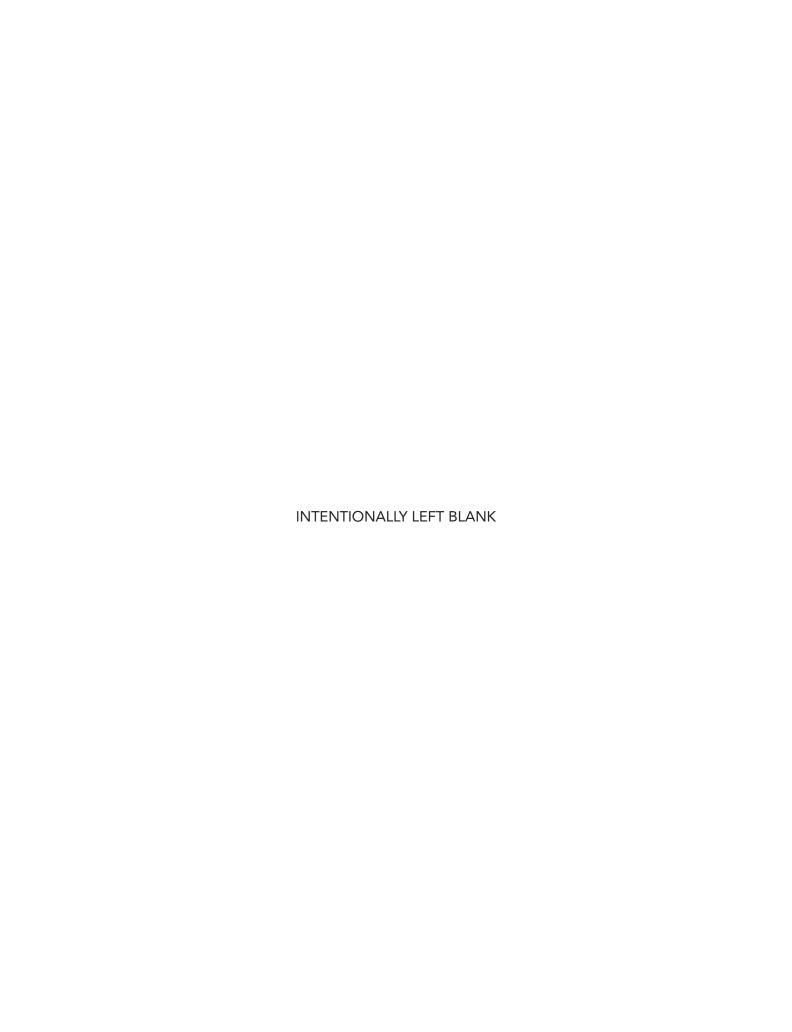
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	For the Year Ended November 30, 2016		Ended		For the Year Ended November 30, 2014		mmencement operations) to ovember 30, 2013
NET ASSET VALUE, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$ 18.97	\$	28.55	\$	24.86	\$	25.00
INCOME/(LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:							
Net investment income <sup>(a)</sup>	0.80		0.83		0.85		0.06
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments	3.95		(9.78)		3.40		(0.20)
Total from investment operations	4.75		(8.95)		4.25		(0.14)
DISTRIBUTIONS:							
From net investment income	(0.63)		(0.48)		(0.56)		_
Tax return of capital	(0.14)		(0.15)		_		
Total distributions	(0.77)		(0.63)		(0.56)		
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSET VALUE	3.98		(9.58)		3.69		(0.14)
NET ASSET VALUE, END OF PERIOD	\$ 22.95	\$	18.97	\$	28.55	\$	24.86
TOTAL RETURN <sup>(b)</sup>	25.63%		(31.83)%		17.12%		(0.56)%
RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:							
Net assets, end of period (000s)	\$ 18,357	\$	12,331	\$	17,131	\$	3,729
Ratio of expenses to average net assets	0.65%		0.65%		0.65%		0.65% <sup>(c)</sup>
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	4.04%		3.31%		2.98%		3.21% <sup>(c)</sup>
PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATE(d)	38%		47%		27%		0%

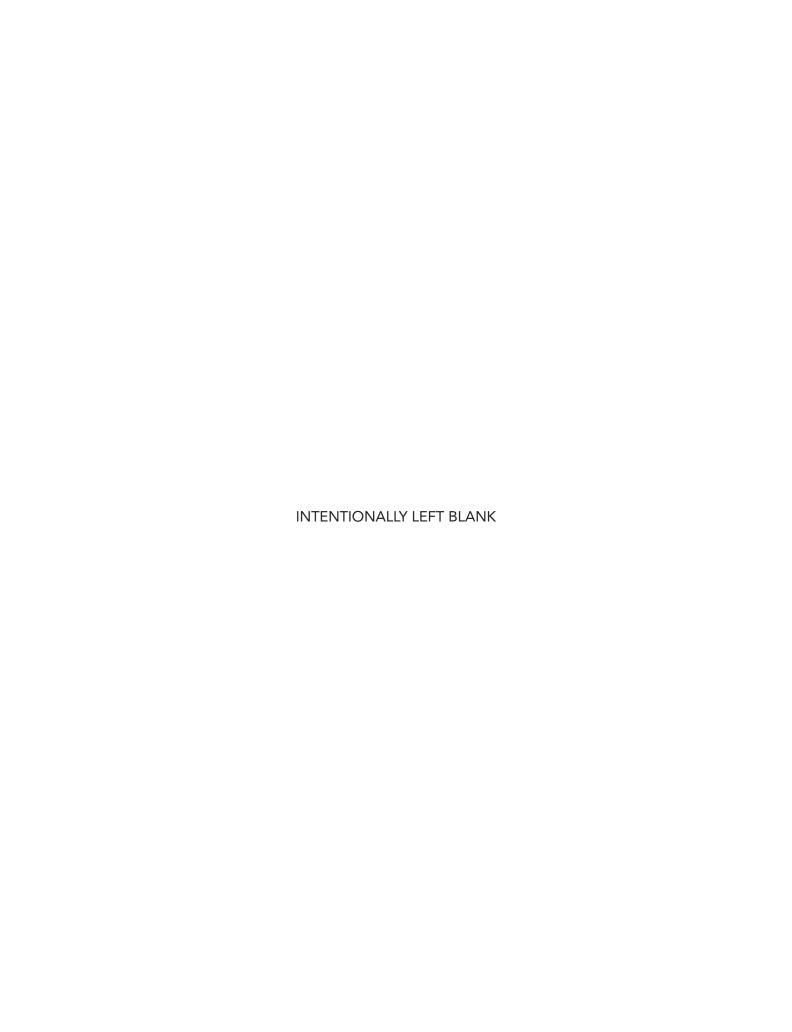
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(a)</sup> Based on average shares outstanding during the period.

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<sup>(</sup>c) Annualized.

<sup>(</sup>d) Portfolio turnover for periods less than one year is not annualized and does not include securities received or delivered from processing creations or redemptions in-kind.





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Deloitte & Touche LLP 555 17th Street Suite 3600 Denver, Colorado 80202 A Statement of Additional Information dated March 31, 2017, which contains more details about the Funds, is incorporated by reference in its entirety into this Prospectus, which means that it is legally part of this Prospectus.

You will find additional information about the Funds in their annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders, when available. The annual report will explain the market conditions and investment strategies affecting each Fund's performance during its last fiscal year.

You can ask questions or obtain a free copy of the Funds' shareholder reports or the Statement of Additional Information by calling 877.398.8461. Free copies of the Fund's shareholder reports and the Statement of Additional Information are available from our website at www.alpsfunds.com.

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Information about each Fund, including its reports and the Statement of Additional Information, has been filed with the SEC. It can be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC or on the EDGAR database on the SEC's internet site (http://www.sec.gov). Information on the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at 202.551.8090. You can also request copies of these materials, upon payment of a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the SEC's e-mail address (publicinfo@sec.gov) or by writing the Public Reference Section of the SEC, Washington, DC 20549-1520.

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