



| EDGA & EDGX STOCK EXCHANGES     |              |            |                 |
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| Regulatory Information Circular |              |            |                 |
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**Subject: SPDR Biotech ETF  
SPDR Homebuilders ETF  
SPDR Semiconductor ETF**

### **Background Information on the Funds**

As more fully explained in the Registration Statement (No. 333-57793) for the Trust, the Trust is an investment company consisting of separate exchange-traded index funds, including the Funds. Each Fund in the Trust is an “index fund” and is an open-end management investment company, registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”).

The investment objective of each of the Funds is to replicate, as closely as possible, before expenses, the total return of a specified market index.

- The investment objective of the streetTRACKS SPDR Biotech ETF is to replicate as closely as possible, before expenses, the total return of the S&P Biotechnology Select Industry Index.
- The investment objective of the streetTRACKS SPDR Homebuilders ETF is to replicate as closely as possible, before expenses, the total return of the S&P Homebuilders Select Industry Index.
- The investment objective of the streetTRACKS SPDR Semiconductor ETF is to replicate as closely as possible, before expenses, the total return of the S&P Semiconductor Select Industry Index.

The Funds will generally invest all of the securities in the relevant index in the same proportion as in the index. However, under various circumstances, the Funds may purchase a sample of the stocks in the relevant index.

SSgA Funds Management, Inc. (“Adviser”) serves as investment adviser and portfolio manager of the Funds. State Street Global Markets, LLC is the distributor for the Funds (“Distributor”). State Street Bank and Trust Company is the administrator, custodian and fund accounting and transfer agent for each Fund (“Custodian”).

As described more fully in the Trust’s prospectus and statement of additional information (“SAI”), the Funds offer and issue shares (“Shares”) at their net asset value (“NAV”) only in aggregations of 50,000 Shares (each, a “Creation Unit”), generally in exchange for a basket of equity securities included in the underlying index, together with the deposit of a specified cash payment. The Shares described in this bulletin have been approved for trading on the EDGA and EDGX Exchanges (the “Exchanges”). The Shares will trade on the Exchanges at market

prices that may differ from the Shares' NAV. The Shares are redeemable only in Creation Unit aggregations, and, generally, in exchange for portfolio securities and a specified cash payment. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, the Shares may not be redeemed with the Funds.

The Funds pay out dividends from net investment income, if any, to shareholders quarterly. Each Fund distributes its net capital gains, if any, to shareholders annually, but may make distributions more frequently under certain circumstances.

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") serves as securities depository for the Shares, which may be held only in book-entry form; stock certificates will not be issued. DTC, or its nominee, is the record or registered owner of all outstanding Shares of each Fund. The Custodian calculates each Fund's NAV daily after 4:00 pm ET each trading day. The NAV is available from the Distributor and is also available to National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC") participants through data made available from NSCC.

The values of the indices underlying each of the Funds are disseminated to data vendors every 15 seconds. The Shares will trade on the Exchange until 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The trading increment for each Fund's Shares is \$0.01.

### **Trading Hours**

Trading in the shares on the Exchanges is on a UTP basis and is subject to the Exchanges' equity trading rules. The shares will trade from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Members trading the shares during the Extended Market Sessions (Pre-opening and Post-closing sessions) are exposed to the risk of the lack of the calculation or dissemination of underlying index value or intraday indicative value ("IIV"). For certain derivative securities products, an updated underlying index value or IIV may not be calculated or publicly disseminated in the Extended Market hours. Since the underlying index value and IIV are not calculated or widely disseminated during Extended Market hours, an investor who is unable to calculate implied values for certain derivative securities products during Extended Market hours may be at a disadvantage to market professionals.

### **Trading Halts**

The Exchanges will halt trading in the Shares of a Trust in accordance with Exchange Rules 14.1(c)(4). The grounds for a halt under this Rule include a halt by the primary market because it stops trading the Shares and/or a halt because dissemination of the IIV or applicable currency spot price has ceased, or a halt for other regulatory reasons. In addition, the Exchanges will stop trading the Shares of a Trust if the primary market de-lists the Shares.

### **Delivery of a Prospectus**

Pursuant to federal securities laws, investors purchasing Shares must receive a prospectus prior to or concurrently with the confirmation of a transaction. Investors purchasing Shares directly from the Fund (by delivery of the Deposit Amount) must also receive a prospectus.

Prospectuses may be obtained through the Distributor or on the Fund's website. The Prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement (including the exhibits to the registration statement), parts of which have been omitted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC. For further information about the Fund, please refer to the Trust's registration statement.

## **Continuous Offering**

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

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

## **Purchases and Redemptions in Creation Unit Size**

Exchange members and member organizations are hereby informed that procedures for purchases and redemptions of Shares in Creation Unit Size are described in the Funds’ prospectus and Statement of Additional Information, and that Shares are not individually redeemable but are redeemable only in Creation Unit Size aggregations or multiples thereof.

## **Principal Risks**

Members are referred to the prospectus for the Trust for a description of risks associated with an investment in Shares. These risks include tracking error risk that may result from factors such as the fees and expenses of the Fund, imperfect correlation between the Fund and the relevant index, rounding of share prices and changes to the relevant index and regulatory policies, which may affect the ability to achieve close correlation with the indices. The returns for a Fund therefore may deviate from those of the relevant index. In addition, as noted in the prospectus, the Shares may trade below, at or above NAV. The NAV of the Shares will fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Funds’ holdings. The market prices of the Shares will fluctuate in accordance with the changes in each Fund’s NAV as well as the supply and demand for the Shares.

## **Exemptive, Interpretive and No-Action Relief Under Federal Securities Regulations**

The Commission, by letters dated August 17, 2001 and January 3, 2005, has granted exemptive, interpretive and no-action relief from certain rules promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, in connection with secondary market transactions in the shares of certain exchange-traded funds and the creation and redemption of creation units of such funds. The relief is subject to the condition that such transactions in fund shares, any component security, or any related securities are not made for the purpose of creating actual, or apparent, active trading in or raising or otherwise affecting the price of such securities. The

Funds qualify for the relief granted in the letters, which is provided in detail below. Members may refer to the full text of the letters for additional information.

### **Exchange Rules Applicable to Trading in the Shares**

The Shares are considered equity securities, thus rendering trading in the Shares subject to the Exchanges' existing rules governing the trading of equity securities.

### **Regulation M Exemptions**

Generally, Rules 101 and 102 of Regulation M prohibit any "distribution participant" and its "affiliated purchasers" from bidding for, purchasing, or attempting to induce any person to bid for or purchase any security which is the subject of a distribution until after the applicable restricted period, except as specifically permitted in Regulation M. The provisions of the Rules apply to underwriters, prospective underwriters, brokers, dealers, and other persons who have agreed to participate or are participating in a distribution of securities.

The Commission issued a No-Action Letter by which persons participating in a distribution of shares of a fund may engage in secondary market transactions in such shares during their participation in such a distribution, despite the requirements of from Rule 101 under Regulation M. In addition, the Commission has permitted persons who may be deemed to be participating in the distribution of shares of a fund (i) to purchase securities for the purpose of purchasing creation unit aggregations of fund shares and (ii) to tender securities for redemption in Creation Unit Aggregations. Further, the Commission has clarified that the tender of fund shares to the Fund for redemption does not constitute a bid for or purchase of any of the Funds' securities during the restricted period of Rule 101. The Commission has issued a No-Action Letter to paragraph (e) of Rule 102 under Regulation M which allow the redemption of fund shares in creation unit aggregations during the continuous offering of shares.

### **Dealer-Manager Purchases During a Tender Offer**

A dealer-manager of a tender offer for a component security may not purchase (or arrange to purchase) the component security until the tender offer expires, as set forth in Rule 14e-5. Dealer-managers may, however, redeem Shares in Creation Unit aggregations for component securities that may include a security subject to the tender offer, and purchase Shares during the tender offer, pursuant to the Commission's grant of relief

### **Issuer Notice of Certain Actions**

The issuer of the Shares is not required to give notice of certain specified actions (e.g., dividends, stock splits, rights offerings) relating to the Shares pursuant to the Commission's grant of relief from Rule 10b-17.

### **Customer Confirmations for Creation or Redemption of Fund Shares (SEC Rule 10b-10)**

Broker-dealers who handle purchases or redemptions of Fund shares in Creation Units for customers will be permitted to provide such customers with a statement of the number of Creation Unit Aggregations created or redeemed without providing a statement of the identity, number and price of shares of the individual securities tendered to the Fund for purposes of purchasing creation unit aggregations ("Deposit Securities") or the identity, number and price of shares to be delivered by the Trust to the redeeming holder ("Redemption Securities"). The

composition of the securities required to be tendered to the Fund for creation purposes and of the securities to be delivered on redemption will be disseminated each business day and will be applicable to requests for creations or redemption, as the case may be, on that day. This exemptive relief under Rule 10b-10 with respect to creations and redemptions is subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Confirmations to customers engaging in creations or redemptions must state that all information required by Rule 10b-10 will be provided upon request;
- 2) Any such request by a customer for information required by Rule 10b-10 will be filed in a timely manner, in accordance with Rule 10b-10(c);
- 3) Except for the identity, number and price of shares of the component securities of the Deposit Securities and Redemption Securities, as described above, confirmations to customers must disclose all other information required by Rule 10b-10(a).

### **Section 11(d)(1); SEC Rules 11d1-1 and 11d1-2**

Section 11(d)(1) of the Act generally prohibits a person who is both a broker and a dealer from effecting any transaction in which the broker-dealer extends credit to a customer on any security which was part of a new issue in the distribution of which he participated as a member of a selling syndicate or group within thirty days prior to such transaction. The Commission has clarified that Section 11(d)(1) does not apply to broker-dealers that are not authorized participants (and, therefore, do not create creation unit aggregations) that engage in both proprietary and customer transactions in shares of a fund in the secondary market, and for broker-dealer authorized participants that engage in creations of creation unit aggregations. This relief is subject to specific conditions, including the condition that such broker-dealer (whether or not an authorized participant) does not, directly or indirectly, receive from the fund complex any payment, compensation or other economic incentive to promote or sell the shares of a fund to persons outside the fund complex, other than non-cash compensation permitted under NASD Rule 2830 (I)(5)(A), (B) or (C). See letter dated November 22, 2005 from Brian A Bussey, Assistant Chief Counsel, Division of Market Regulation, to Barclays Global Investors, N.A., dated November 22, 2005. The Commission has issued a No-Action Letter under Section 11(d)(1) of the Act states that broker-dealers may treat shares of a fund, for purposes of Rule 11d1-2, as "securities issued by a registered open-end investment company as defined in the Investment Company Act" and thereby extend credit or maintain or arrange for the extension or maintenance of credit on shares that have been owned by the persons to whom credit is provided for more than 30 days, in reliance on the exemption contained in the rule.

### **SEC Rule 15c1-5 and 15c1-6**

The SEC has taken a no-action position with respect to Rule 15c1-5 and Rule 15c1-6 as to the required disclosure of control by a broker or dealer with respect to creations and redemptions of Fund shares and secondary market transactions therein.

**This Regulatory Information Circular is not a statutory Prospectus. Members should consult the Trust's Registration Statement, SAI, Prospectus and the Fund's website for relevant information.**

## Appendix A

| <b>Ticker</b> | <b>Fund Name</b>       | <b>Cusip</b> |
|---------------|------------------------|--------------|
| XBI           | SPDR Biotech ETF       | 78464A870    |
| XHB           | SPDR Homebuilders ETF  | 78464A888    |
| XSD           | SPDR Semiconductor ETF | 78464A862    |