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Regulatory Information Circular			
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Subject: **SPDR® MSCI EM 50 ETF**
SPDR® MSCI ACWI IMI ETF

<u>Background Information on the Funds</u>

As more fully explained in the Registration Statement (Nos. 333-92106 and 811-21145) for SPDR® Index Shares Funds ("Trust"), the Trust is an open-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended ("1940 Act"), that consists of separate exchange-traded funds, of which SPDR® MSCI EM 50 ETF and SPDR® MSCI ACWI IMI ETF (together the "Funds", individually, the "Fund") are individual Funds. The Funds are exchange-traded index funds ("ETF"). The shares of the Funds are referred to herein as "Shares."

<u>Description of the Funds</u>

SPDR® MSCI EM 50 ETF

The SPDR® MSCI EM 50 ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of the MSCI EM 50 Index (the "Index"), that tracks securities of publicly-traded companies in emerging markets.

In seeking to track the performance of the MSCI EM 50 Index (the "Index"), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund.

SSgA Funds Management, Inc., the investment adviser to the Fund (the "Adviser"), generally expects the Fund to hold less than the total number of securities in the Index, but reserves the right to hold as many securities as it believes necessary to achieve the Fund's investment objective.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). The Fund may also enter into forward currency exchange contracts for hedging purposes.

The Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index comprised of 50 of the largest constituents held in the broader MSCI Emerging Markets Index (the "Parent Index"). The selection universe of the Index is based on the constituent securities of the Parent Index except for Brazil, India, Mexico and Russia. For these four markets the selection universe is limited to depositary receipts. To be included in the Index, securities must meet specific eligibility screens. In particular, securities must have 3-month and 12-month Annualized Traded Value Ratios ("ATVR") of at least 15% and a 3-month frequency of trading of at least 80%. In order to minimize the number of countries and currencies in the Index, only countries with more than three percent weight in the Parent Index are included. Among the remaining countries, only countries with two or more securities ranking in the top 50 companies by free-float adjusted market capitalization are included. After applying the eligibility screens, the remaining securities are ranked by free-float adjusted market capitalization in descending order and the largest 50 securities are identified to construct the Index. Real estate investment trusts, China B shares and constituent securities of the Parent Index subject to a Limited Investability Factor (LIF) are not eligible for the Index. The composition of the Index is fully reviewed on a quarterly basis and changes are implemented at the end of February, May, August and November. As of December 31, 2011, the Index was comprised of 50 securities.

SPDR® MSCI ACWI IMI ETF

The SPDR® MSCI ACWI IMI ETF (the "Fund") seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks securities of publicly-traded companies in developed and emerging markets.

In seeking to track the performance of the MSCI ACWI IMI Index (the "Index"), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund.

SSgA Funds Management, Inc. ("SSgA FM" or the "Adviser"), the investment adviser to the Fund, generally expects the Fund to hold less than the total number of securities in the Index, but reserves the right to hold as many securities as it believes necessary to achieve the Fund's investment objective.

The Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure the combined equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. The Index covers approximately 98% of the global equity investment opportunity set. To be eligible for inclusion in the Index, a security and its issuing company must meet certain size and capitalization requirements. In particular: (i) a company must have a full market capitalization within the range of the top 99% of the developed market equity universe, based on free-float adjusted market capitalization (for emerging market companies, the required full market capitalization is set at one half the corresponding level for developed market companies); and (ii) a security must have a free-float adjusted market capitalization equal to or greater than 50% of the smallest company identified above. In addition, the following liquidity requirements must be met: (i) developed market securities must have a three-month and twelve-month Annualized Traded Value Ratio ("ATVR") of at least 20% and a three-month frequency of trading of at least 90% and (ii) emerging market securities must have a three-month and twelve-month ATVR of at least 15% and a three-month frequency of trading of at least 80%. Mutual funds (other than business development companies in the United States), ETFs, equity derivatives, limited partnerships, and most investment trusts are not eligible for inclusion in the Index. The composition of the Index is fully reviewed on a quarterly basis.

Additional Information of the Funds

State Street Global Markets, LLC is the distributor for the Fund ("Distributor"). State Street Bank and Trust Company is the custodian, administrator, fund accounting agent and transfer agent for the Fund.

The Index is sponsored by MSCI ("Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

As described more fully in the each of the Funds' prospectus ("Prospectus") and Statement of Additional Information ("SAI"), the Funds will issue (or redeem) shares to certain institutional investors (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of shares known as "Creation Units". A Creation Unit of the SPDR® MSCI EM 50 ETF consists of 50,000 Shares. A Creation Unit of the SPDR® MSCI ACWI IMI ETF consists of 100,000 Shares. Creation Unit transactions are typically conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of in-kind securities and/or cash constituting a substantial replication, or a representation, of the securities included in the Funds' performances to their Indexes.

Individual shares of the Funds may only be purchased and sold on an exchange at market prices. Individual shares are not redeemable directly to the Funds. Because Fund shares trade at market prices rather than net asset value ("NAV"), shares may trade at a price that is equal to NAV, greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount).

Income dividend distributions, if any, are generally distributed to shareholders semi-annually, but may vary significantly from period to period. Net capital gains for the Fund 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 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") serves as securities depository for the shares. Shares of the Funds are represented by securities registered in the name of DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., and deposited with, or on behalf of, DTC. Except in the limited circumstance provided in the Prospectus and SAI, certificates will not be issued for shares.

The NAV per share for the Fund will be determined each business day, normally at the close of regular trading (ordinarily, 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time ("ET")) on EDGA Exchange, Inc. and EDGX Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchanges"). NAV is calculated by dividing the value of the net assets of each Fund (i.e., the total value of its assets less all liabilities) by the number of shares outstanding, rounded to the nearest cent. NAV will be available from the Distributor and will also available to National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC") participants through data made available from NSCC.

The Trust's registration statement, describes the various fees and expenses for the Funds' shares. For a more complete description of the Funds and their Indexes, visit www.spdrs.com.

Principal Risks

Interested persons are referred to the discussion in the prospectus for the Fund of the principal risks of an investment in the Fund. These include small cap risk, equity investing risk, foreign investment risk, emerging markets risk, geographic risk, derivatives risk, non-diversification risk, and the risk that a Fund's return may not match the return of the Index for a number of reasons including the incursion by a Fund of operating expenses and costs not applicable to the Index. In addition, as noted in the Prospectus, the Shares may trade at market prices that may differ from their NAV. The NAV of the Shares will fluctuate with changes in the market value of a Fund's holdings. The market prices of the Shares will fluctuate in accordance with changes in NAV as well as the supply and demand for the Shares.

Additional risks are described in the Funds' Prospectus and SAI.

<u>Exchange Rules Applicable to Trading in the Shares</u>

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

<u>Trading Hours</u>

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.

<u>Trading Halts</u>

The Exchanges will halt trading in the shares 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 if the primary market de-lists the shares.

<u>Suitability</u>

Trading in the shares on the Exchanges will be subject to the provisions of Exchange Rules 3.7. Members recommending transactions in the shares to customers should make a determination that the recommendation is suitable for the customer. In addition, members must possess sufficient information to satisfy the “know your customer” obligation that is embedded in Exchange Rules 3.7.

Members also should review FINRA Notice to Members 03-71 for guidance on trading these products. The Notice reminds members of their obligations to: (1) conduct adequate due diligence to understand the features of the product; (2) perform a reasonable-basis suitability analysis; (3) perform customer-specific suitability analysis in connection with any recommended transactions; (4) provide a balanced disclosure of both the risks and rewards associated with the particular product, especially when selling to retail investors; (5) implement appropriate internal controls; and (6) train registered persons regarding the features, risk and suitability of these products.

<u>Delivery of a Prospectus</u>

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 Funds (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 Funds, please refer to the Funds’ registration statements.

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

The Commission has issued letters dated October 24, 2006, November 21, 2005 and August 17, 2001 (together, the "No- Action Letters") granting exemptive, interpretive and no-action relief from certain provisions of and rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for exchange-traded funds listed and traded on a registered national securities exchange that meet certain criteria. Members are referred to the No-Action Letters, available at www.sec.gov, for additional information.

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 SEC 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 each 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.

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).

SEC Rule 14e-5

The Commission has permitted any person acting as a dealer-manager of a tender offer for a component security of fund (1) to redeem fund shares in creation unit aggregations from the issuer that may include a security subject to such tender offer and (2) to purchase fund shares during such tender offer. In addition, a No-Action has been issued under Rule 14e-5 states that if a broker-dealer acting as a dealer-manager of a tender offer for a security of the Fund purchases or arranges to purchase such securities in the secondary market for the purpose of tendering such securities to purchase one or more creation unit aggregations of shares, it must be made in conformance with the following:

i. such bids or purchases are effected in the ordinary course of business, in connection with a basket of 20 or more securities in which any security that is the subject of a distribution, or any reference security, does not comprise more than 5% of the value of the basket purchased; or
ii. purchases are effected as adjustments to such basket in the ordinary course of business as a result of a change in the composition of the underlying index; and
iii. such bids or purchases are not effected for the purpose of facilitating such tender offer.

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, SEC 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 Commission has issued a No-Action letter 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 Funds' website for relevant information.

Appendix A

Ticker	Fund Name	CUSIP
EMFT	SPDR® MSCI EM 50 ETF	78463X467
ACIM	SPDR® MSCI EM 50 ETF	78463X475