## **Annual Report**

September 30, 2016

# SPDR® S&P® 500 ETF Trust

A Unit Investment Trust

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## SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust Trust Overview

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust (the "Trust") seeks to provide investment results that, before expenses, correspond generally to the price and yield performance of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index (the "Index").

#### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Trust seeks to achieve this investment objective by holding a portfolio of the common stocks that are included in the Index (the "Portfolio"), with the weight of each stock in the Portfolio substantially corresponding to the weight of such stock in the Index.

#### PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

The Trust ended its fiscal year on September 30, 2016, with a 12-month total return of 15.30% based on net asset value ("NAV"), as compared to Index return of 15.43%.

The Trust's performance reflects the operating expenses of the Trust, including brokerage expenses, marketing expenses, license fees, expenses relating to legal and audit services and Trustee fees. The Trust's performance also reflects the impact of an expense waiver, and without this waiver, such performance would be lower. Index returns do not reflect fees and expenses of any kind, which would have a negative impact on returns.

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Common Stocks	Shares	Value	Common Stocks	Shares		Value
3M Co	6,358,405	\$ 1,120,541,713	Apple, Inc.	56,712,296	\$	6,411,325,063
Abbott Laboratories	15,392,220	650,936,984	Applied Materials, Inc.	11,413,648	Ψ	344,121,487
AbbVie, Inc.	16,960,771	1,069,715,827	Archer-Daniels-Midland Co	6,164,425		259,953,802
Accenture PLC Class A	6,558,471	801,248,402	Arthur J Gallagher & Co	1,849,417		94,079,843
Activision Blizzard, Inc.	7,266,135	321,889,780	Assurant, Inc.	649,825		59,946,356
Acuity Brands, Inc.	455,900	120,631,140	AT&T, Inc.	64,541,437		2,621,027,757
Adobe Systems, Inc.(a)	5,244,167	569,201,886	Autodesk, Inc.(a)	2,077,282		150,249,807
Advance Auto Parts, Inc.	766.021	114,229,052	Automatic Data Processing,	2,077,202		130,247,007
	6.882.476	88,439,817	2,	4,778,240		421,440,768
AES Corp.	- , ,	, ,	Inc	769,346		
Affiliated Managers Crown	3,676,116	424,407,592	AutoNation, Inc.(a)	,		37,474,844
Affiliated Managers Group,	564.015	01 (12 071	AutoZone, Inc.(a)	314,738		241,825,795
Inc.(a)	564,015	81,612,971	AvalonBay Communities, Inc.	1 427 061		255 526 004
Aflac, Inc.	4,342,811	312,117,827	REIT	1,437,961		255,726,984
Agilent Technologies, Inc	3,420,035	161,049,448	Avery Dennison Corp	934,591		72,701,834
Air Products & Chemicals, Inc	2,297,949	345,473,653	Baker Hughes, Inc	4,588,645		231,588,913
Akamai Technologies, Inc.(a)	1,836,986	97,341,888	Ball Corp	1,822,220		149,330,929
Alaska Air Group, Inc	1,291,724	85,072,943	Bank of America Corp	107,852,094		1,687,885,271
Albemarle Corp	1,171,105	100,117,766	Bank of New York Mellon			
Alcoa, Inc.	13,723,479	139,156,077	Corp	11,290,752		450,275,190
Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc.(a)	2,353,039	288,341,399	Baxter International, Inc	5,178,211		246,482,844
Allegion PLC	1,003,598	69,157,938	BB&T Corp	8,605,056		324,582,712
Allergan PLC(a)	4,148,305	955,396,125	Becton Dickinson and Co	2,225,043		399,906,978
Alliance Data Systems			Bed Bath & Beyond, Inc	1,617,503		69,730,554
Corp.(a)	618,330	132,650,335	Berkshire Hathaway, Inc.			
Alliant Energy Corp	2,356,387	90,273,186	Class B(a)	20,003,837		2,889,954,331
Allstate Corp	3,949,254	273,209,392	Best Buy Co., Inc.	2,935,841		112,090,409
Alphabet, Inc. Class A(a)	3,106,064	2,497,461,820	Biogen, Inc.(a)	2,296,521		718,879,969
Alphabet, Inc. Class C(a)	3,096,655	2,406,998,965	BlackRock, Inc.	1,284,182		465,464,608
Altria Group, Inc.	20,511,373	1,296,934,115	Boeing Co	6,117,495		805,918,791
Amazon.com, Inc.(a)	4,145,980	3,471,470,514	BorgWarner, Inc.	2,276,906		80,101,553
Ameren Corp	2,543,944	125,111,166	Boston Properties, Inc. REIT	1,610,494		219,494,227
American Airlines Group, Inc	5,557,591	203,463,407	Boston Scientific Corp.(a)	14,228,320		338,634,016
American Electric Power Co.,	3,337,371	203,403,407	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co	17,501,948		943,705,036
Inc.	5,151,195	330,758,231	Broadcom, Ltd	4,180,406		721,203,643
American Express Co.	8,190,314	524,507,709	Brown-Forman Corp. Class B	2,090,881		99,191,395
American International Group,	6,190,514	324,307,709	C.H. Robinson Worldwide,	2,090,001		99,191,393
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Inc.	10,714,151	635,777,720	Inc.	1,494,277		105,286,757
American Tower Corp. REIT	4,451,451	504,482,942	C.R. Bard, Inc.	769,968		172,688,423
American Water Works Co.,	1 055 105	120.000.157	CA, Inc.	3,106,664		102,768,445
Inc	1,855,427	138,860,157	Cabot Oil & Gas Corp	4,876,722		125,819,428
Ameriprise Financial, Inc	1,738,461	173,446,254	Campbell Soup Co	1,880,112		102,842,126
AmerisourceBergen Corp	1,923,003	155,340,182	Capital One Financial Corp	5,366,821		385,498,752
AMETEK, Inc	2,453,721	117,238,789	Cardinal Health, Inc	3,437,987		267,131,590
Amgen, Inc.	7,874,933	1,313,617,574	CarMax, Inc.(a)	2,042,327		108,958,145
Amphenol Corp. Class A	3,214,449	208,682,029	Carnival Corp	4,594,309		224,294,165
Anadarko Petroleum Corp	5,738,386	363,584,137	Caterpillar, Inc	6,121,516		543,406,975
Analog Devices, Inc	3,228,853	208,099,576	CBRE Group, Inc. Class A			
Anthem, Inc	2,756,978	345,476,913	REIT(a)	3,040,044		85,060,431
Aon PLC	2,776,812	312,363,582	CBS Corp. Class B	4,356,103		238,453,078
Apache Corp	3,952,641	252,455,181	Celgene Corp.(a)	8,121,170		848,905,900
Apartment Investment &			Centene Corp.(a)	1,787,538		119,693,544
Management Co. Class A			CenterPoint Energy, Inc	4,490,692		104,318,775
REIT	1,635,810	75,100,037	CenturyLink, Inc.	5,724,867		157,033,102
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Common Stocks	Shares		Value	Common Stocks	Shares		Value
Cerner Corp.(a)	3,153,702	\$	194,741,098	Delphi Automotive PLC	2,890,543	\$	206,153,527
CF Industries Holdings, Inc	2,443,892	Ψ	59,508,770	Delta Air Lines, Inc	8,124,247	Ψ	319,770,362
Charles Schwab Corp	12,610,069		398,099,878	DENTSPLY SIRONA, Inc	2,454,846		145,891,498
Charter Communications, Inc.	12,010,000		370,077,070	Devon Energy Corp	5,495,078		242,387,891
Class A(a)	2,277,339		614,813,210	Digital Realty Trust, Inc. REIT	1,539,990		149,563,829
Chesapeake Energy Corp.(a)	6,155,575		38,595,455	Discover Financial Services	4,317,430		244,150,666
Chevron Corp	19,760,556		2,033,756,424	Discovery Communications, Inc.	.,517,150		2,100,000
Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc.(a)	306,643		129,863,310	Class A(a)	1,568,528		42,224,774
Chubb, Ltd	4,868,241		611,694,482	Discovery Communications, Inc.	1,000,020		,,, .
Church & Dwight Co., Inc.	2,709,845		129,855,772	Class C(a)	2,482,224		65,307,313
Cigna Corp	2,689,415		350,484,563	Dollar General Corp	2,728,670		190,979,613
Cimarex Energy Co	989,792		132,998,351	Dollar Tree, Inc.(a)	2,470,716		195,013,614
Cincinnati Financial Corp	1,544,345		116,474,500	Dominion Resources, Inc	6,465,567		480,197,661
Cintas Corp	907,620		102,198,012	Dover Corp.	1,618,053		119,153,423
Cisco Systems, Inc.	52,733,800		1,672,716,136	Dow Chemical Co	11,773,046		610,196,974
Citigroup, Inc.	30,791,688		1,454,291,424	Dr. Pepper Snapple Group,	11,,,,,,,,,		010,170,77
C 1.				Inc	1,952,380		178,271,818
Citizens Financial Group, Inc	5,512,264		136,208,043	DTE Energy Co	1,873,132		175,456,274
Citrix Systems, Inc.(a)	1,626,331		138,595,928	Duke Energy Corp	7,223,259		578,149,650
Clorox Co	1,350,714		169,082,379	Dun & Bradstreet Corp	373,040		50,964,725
CME Group, Inc.	3,550,622		371,111,011	E*TRADE Financial Corp.(a)	2,944,106		85,732,367
CMS Energy Corp	2,926,971		122,962,052	E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co	9,159,465		613,409,371
Coach, Inc.	2,915,195		106,579,529	Eastman Chemical Co	1,559,220		105,528,010
Coca-Cola Co.	40,819,376		1,727,475,992	Eaton Corp. PLC	4,799,945		315,404,386
Cognizant Technology Solutions	6.064.105		202 (22 001	eBay, Inc.(a)	11,077,043		364,434,715
Corp. Class A(a)	6,364,135		303,632,881	Ecolab, Inc.	2,781,449		338,557,972
Colgate-Palmolive Co	9,362,155		694,110,172	Edison International	3,404,196		245,953,161
Comcast Corp. Class A	25,343,901		1,681,314,392	Edwards Lifesciences Corp.(a)	2,234,606		269,404,099
Comerica, Inc.	1,822,775		86,253,713	Electronic Arts, Inc.(a)	3,162,399		270,068,875
ConAgra Foods, Inc.	4,570,815		215,331,095	Eli Lilly & Co	10,183,952		817,363,988
Concho Resources, Inc.(a)	1,462,089		200,817,924	Emerson Electric Co	6,744,904		367,664,717
ConocoPhillips	12,984,506		564,436,476	Endo International PLC(a)	2,127,972		42,878,636
Consolidated Edison, Inc	3,190,135		240,217,165	Entergy Corp	1,862,680		142,923,436
Constellation Brands, Inc.	1 0 10 0 10		205.002.010	EOG Resources, Inc	5,770,375		558,052,966
Class A	1,849,918		307,992,848	EQT Corp	1,811,183		131,528,109
Cooper Cos., Inc.	512,016		91,783,988	Equifax, Inc	1,248,481		168,020,573
Corning, Inc.	11,261,659		266,338,235	Equinix, Inc. REIT	728,249		262,351,702
Costco Wholesale Corp	4,594,468		700,702,315	Equity Residential REIT	3,831,901		246,506,191
Coty, Inc. Class A(a)	728,800		17,126,800	Essex Property Trust, Inc.			
Crown Castle International Corp.				REIT	683,576		152,232,375
REIT	3,532,760		332,821,320	Estee Lauder Cos., Inc.			
CSRA, Inc.	1,422,221		38,257,745	Class A	2,333,372		206,643,424
CSX Corp	10,056,350		306,718,675	Eversource Energy	3,326,416		180,225,219
Cummins, Inc	1,661,816		212,961,720	Exelon Corp	9,665,153		321,752,943
CVS Health Corp	11,255,811		1,001,654,621	Expedia, Inc.	1,236,964		144,378,438
D.R. Horton, Inc.	3,440,989		103,917,868	Expeditors International of			
Danaher Corp	6,284,152		492,614,675	Washington, Inc	1,900,420		97,909,638
Darden Restaurants, Inc	1,207,012		74,013,976	Express Scripts Holding Co.(a)	6,633,762		467,879,234
DaVita, Inc.(a)	1,725,833		114,025,786	Extra Space Storage, Inc. REIT	1,305,843		103,696,993
Deere & Co	3,121,737		266,440,253	Exxon Mobil Corp	43,474,370		3,794,443,014
Dell Technologies, Inc. —				F5 Networks, Inc.(a)	716,496		89,304,061
VMware, Inc. Class V(a)	1		48	Facebook, Inc. Class A(a)	24,468,511		3,138,575,906
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Fastenal Co	3.028.831	\$ 126,544,55	Hess Corp	2.764.923	\$	148.255.171
Federal Realty Investment Trust	-,,	,,	Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co	17,416,286	-	396,220,506
REIT	743,550	114,454,65	Hologic, Inc.(a)	2,579,159		100,148,744
FedEx Corp	2,615,306	456,841,65	Home Depot, Inc	13,038,672		1,677,816,313
Fidelity National Information	, ,		Honeywell International, Inc	7,989,390		931,482,980
Services, Inc.	3,488,039	268,683,64	Hormel Foods Corp	2,809,546		106,566,080
Fifth Third Bancorp	8,056,590	164,837,83	Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc.			
First Solar, Inc.(a)	796,610	31,458,12	REIT	7,847,536		122,186,136
FirstEnergy Corp	4,452,604	147,292,14	HP, Inc	18,000,787		279,552,222
Fisery, Inc.(a)	2,324,966	231,264,36	Humana, Inc.	1,562,709		276,427,595
FLIR Systems, Inc	1,433,522	45,041,26	Huntington Bancshares, Inc	11,382,614		112,232,574
Flowserve Corp	1,358,881	65,552,41	Illinois Tool Works, Inc	3,392,742		406,586,201
Fluor Corp.	1,448,293	74,326,39	Illumina, Inc.(a)	1,543,481		280,388,758
FMC Corp	1,396,523	67,507,92	Ingersoll-Rand PLC	2,699,491		183,403,419
FMC Technologies, Inc.(a)	2,367,102	70,231,91	Intel Corp	49,509,393		1,868,979,586
Foot Locker, Inc.	1,429,416	96,800,05	Intercontinental Exchange,			
Ford Motor Co	40,910,473	493,789,40	Inc.(b)	1,248,797		336,375,960
Fortive Corp	3,141,137	159,883,87	International Business Machines			
Fortune Brands Home & Security,			Corp	9,156,244		1,454,469,359
Inc	1,597,115	92,792,38	International Flavors &			
Franklin Resources, Inc	3,888,618	138,318,14	Fragrances, Inc	830,007		118,666,101
Freeport-McMoRan, Inc	13,915,225	151,119,34	International Paper Co	4,311,586		206,869,896
Frontier Communications			Interpublic Group of Cos., Inc	4,192,458		93,701,436
Corp	12,206,646	50,779,64	Intuit, Inc.	2,679,632		294,786,316
Gap, Inc.	2,356,430	52,407,00	Intuitive Surgical, Inc.(a)	399,191		289,345,613
Garmin, Ltd	1,225,262	58,947,35	Invesco, Ltd	4,344,361		135,848,168
General Dynamics Corp	3,011,540	467,270,54	Iron Mountain, Inc. REIT	2,516,630		94,449,124
General Electric Co	94,331,459	2,794,097,81	J.M. Smucker Co	1,253,774		169,936,528
General Growth Properties, Inc.			Jacobs Engineering Group,			
REIT	6,086,139	167,977,43	Inc.(a)	1,279,387		66,169,896
General Mills, Inc	6,232,707	398,145,32	JB Hunt Transport Services, Inc	928,426		75,332,486
General Motors Co	14,687,341	466,616,82	Johnson & Johnson	28,834,142		3,406,177,194
Genuine Parts Co	1,568,457	157,551,50	Johnson Controls International			
Gilead Sciences, Inc	13,957,170	1,104,291,29	PLC	9,908,569		461,045,716
Global Payments, Inc	1,609,951	123,579,83	JPMorgan Chase & Co	38,036,871		2,532,875,240
Goldman Sachs Group, Inc	3,969,477	640,157,55	Juniper Networks, Inc	3,710,762		89,280,934
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co	2,782,259	89,866,96	Kansas City Southern	1,133,085		105,739,492
H&R Block, Inc	2,353,224	54,477,13	Kellogg Co	2,642,446		204,710,292
Halliburton Co	9,009,568	404,349,41	KeyCorp	11,350,946		138,141,013
Hanesbrands, Inc	3,961,414	100,025,70	Kimberly-Clark Corp	3,770,080		475,557,891
Harley-Davidson, Inc	1,918,405	100,888,91	Kimco Realty Corp. REIT	4,400,545		127,395,778
Harman International Industries,			Kinder Morgan, Inc	20,319,710		469,994,892
Inc	742,766	62,726,58	KLA-Tencor Corp	1,626,563		113,387,707
Harris Corp	1,307,862	119,813,23	Kohl's Corp	1,967,608		86,082,850
Hartford Financial Services			Kraft Heinz Co	6,246,802		559,151,247
Group, Inc.	4,134,458	177,037,49	Kroger Co	9,996,794		296,704,846
Hasbro, Inc.	1,171,235	92,914,07	L Brands, Inc	2,657,970		188,104,537
HCA Holdings, Inc.(a)	3,157,865	238,829,33	L-3 Communications Holdings,			
HCP, Inc. REIT	4,897,414	185,856,86	Inc	810,242		122,127,777
Helmerich & Payne, Inc	1,128,183	75,926,71	Laboratory Corp. of America			
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Henry Schein, Inc.(a)	1,491,103	142,549,44	Lam Research Corp	1,673,569		158,503,720

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Legg Mason, Inc	1,117,732	\$ 37,421,667	Mylan NV(a)	4,667,281	\$	177,916,752
Leggett & Platt, Inc	1,416,661	64,571,408	Nasdaq, Inc.	1,194,239		80,658,902
Lennar Corp. Class A	1,925,159	81,511,232	National Oilwell Varco, Inc	3,926,926		144,275,261
Leucadia National Corp	3,487,483	66,401,676	Navient Corp	3,568,191		51,631,724
Level 3 Communications,			NetApp, Inc.	3,008,601		107,768,088
Inc.(a)	3,039,994	140,994,922	Netflix, Inc.(a)	4,490,866		442,574,844
Lincoln National Corp	2,512,811	118,051,861	Newell Brands, Inc	5,057,583		266,332,321
Linear Technology Corp	2,501,277	148,300,713	Newfield Exploration Co.(a)	2,068,589		89,900,878
LKQ Corp.(a)	3,213,046	113,934,611	Newmont Mining Corp	5,562,095		218,534,713
Lockheed Martin Corp	2,662,911	638,353,025	News Corp. Class A	3,970,215		55,503,606
Loews Corp	2,795,316	115,027,253	News Corp. Class B	1,149,038		16,339,320
Lowe's Cos., Inc	9,284,386	670,425,513	NextEra Energy, Inc	4,839,902		592,016,813
LyondellBasell Industries NV			Nielsen Holdings PLC	3,535,937		189,420,145
Class A	3,582,120	288,933,799	NIKE, Inc. Class B	13,961,567		735,076,503
M&T Bank Corp	1,666,799	193,515,364	NiSource, Inc	3,338,081		80,481,133
Macerich Co. REIT	1,321,774	106,891,863	Noble Energy, Inc	4,477,387		160,021,811
Macy's, Inc.	3,234,574	119,840,967	Nordstrom, Inc	1,337,115		69,369,526
Mallinckrodt PLC(a)	1,165,899	81,356,432	Norfolk Southern Corp	3,113,413		302,187,866
Marathon Oil Corp	8,887,937	140,518,284	Northern Trust Corp	2,243,026		152,503,338
Marathon Petroleum Corp	5,554,670	225,464,055	Northrop Grumman Corp	1,889,710		404,303,454
Marriott International, Inc.			NRG Energy, Inc	3,265,232		36,603,251
Class A	3,404,304	229,211,788	Nucor Corp	3,321,895		164,267,708
Marsh & McLennan Cos., Inc	5,463,799	367,440,483	NVIDIA Corp	5,669,066		388,444,402
Martin Marietta Materials, Inc	671,195	120,217,736	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.(a)	1,015,113		284,343,302
Masco Corp	3,477,897	119,326,646	Occidental Petroleum Corp	8,007,706		583,921,922
MasterCard, Inc. Class A	10,122,349	1,030,151,458	Omnicom Group, Inc	2,496,699		212,219,415
Mattel, Inc.	3,549,136	107,467,838	ONEOK, Inc.	2,191,515		112,621,956
McCormick & Co., Inc	1,204,953	120,398,904	Oracle Corp	31,700,545		1,245,197,408
McDonald's Corp	8,992,994	1,037,431,788	Owens-Illinois, Inc.(a)	1,678,247		30,862,962
McKesson Corp	2,359,108	393,381,259	PACCAR, Inc.	3,659,845		215,125,689
Mead Johnson Nutrition Co	1,947,567	153,877,269	Parker-Hannifin Corp	1,407,461		176,678,579
Medtronic PLC	14,547,072	1,256,867,021	Patterson Cos., Inc	872,455		40,080,583
Merck & Co., Inc.	29,019,587	1,811,112,425	Paychex, Inc.	3,344,940		193,571,678
MetLife, Inc	11,518,545	511,768,954	PayPal Holdings, Inc.(a)	11,625,317		476,289,237
Mettler-Toledo International,			Pentair PLC	1,901,818		122,172,788
Inc.(a)	276,350	116,020,020	People's United Financial, Inc	3,232,347		51,135,730
Michael Kors Holdings, Ltd.(a)	1,870,743	87,532,065	PepsiCo, Inc	15,141,923		1,646,986,965
Microchip Technology, Inc	2,252,567	139,974,513	PerkinElmer, Inc.	1,134,340		63,647,817
Micron Technology, Inc.(a)	10,820,590	192,390,090	Perrigo Co. PLC	1,502,751		138,749,000
Microsoft Corp.	82,039,052	4,725,449,395	Pfizer, Inc.	63,588,106		2,153,729,150
Mohawk Industries, Inc.(a)	664,368	133,099,485	PG&E Corp.	5,202,042		318,208,909
Molson Coors Brewing Co.	1 020 110	244.050.040	Philip Morris International, Inc	16,264,761		1,581,260,064
Class B	1,930,410	211,959,018	Phillips 66	4,696,782		378,325,790
Mondelez International, Inc.	4 6 9 7 4 9 4 9	<b>5</b> 11206110	Pinnacle West Capital Corp	1,158,774		88,055,236
Class A	16,271,210	714,306,119	Pioneer Natural Resources Co	1,716,255		318,622,741
Monsanto Co	4,599,731	470,092,508	Pitney Bowes, Inc.	1,995,470		36,237,735
Monster Beverage Corp.(a)	1,474,456	216,464,885	PNC Financial Services Group,	£ 222 427		471 200 240
Moody's Corp	1,768,479	191,490,906	Inc.	5,232,427		471,389,348
Morgan Stanley	15,845,431	508,004,518	PPG Industries, Inc	2,786,829		288,046,645
Mosaic Co	3,680,113	90,015,564	PPL Corp	7,097,919		245,375,060
Motorola Solutions, Inc	1,656,880	126,386,806	Praxair, Inc.	2,990,944		361,395,764
Murphy Oil Corp	1,684,329	51,203,602	Priceline Group, Inc.(a)	520,847		766,421,152

Common Stocks	ommon Stocks Shares Value		Common Stocks	Shares		Value	
Principal Financial Group, Inc	2.821.729	\$ 145,347,261	Stanley Black & Decker, Inc	1,585,871	\$	195,030,416	
Procter & Gamble Co	28,114,239	2,523,252,950	Staples, Inc.	6,747,624	-	57,692,185	
Progressive Corp	6,104,189	192,281,953	Starbucks Corp	15,357,988		831,481,470	
Prologis, Inc. REIT	5,508,210	294,909,563	State Street Corp.(c)	3,879,436		270,125,129	
Prudential Financial, Inc	4,656,027	380,164,605	Stericycle, Inc.(a)	887,032		71,086,744	
Public Service Enterprise Group,			Stryker Corp	3,292,596		383,291,100	
Inc	5,290,665	221,520,144	SunTrust Banks, Inc.	5,262,721		230,507,180	
Public Storage REIT	1,545,611	344,887,639	Symantec Corp	6,420,042		161,143,054	
PulteGroup, Inc	3,312,885	66,390,215	Synchrony Financial	8,701,994		243,655,832	
PVH Corp	855,527	94,535,734	Sysco Corp	5,482,780		268,711,048	
Qorvo, Inc.(a)	1,341,195	74,758,209	T Rowe Price Group, Inc	2,602,191		173,045,701	
QUALCOMM, Inc	15,399,774	1,054,884,519	Target Corp	6,173,197		423,975,170	
Quanta Services, Inc.(a)	1,584,882	44,360,847	TE Connectivity, Ltd	3,747,591		241,269,909	
Quest Diagnostics, Inc	1,483,179	125,521,439	TEGNA, Inc.	2,286,932		49,992,334	
Ralph Lauren Corp	605,221	61,212,052	Teradata Corp.(a)	1,384,192		42,909,952	
Range Resources Corp	1,776,548	68,841,235	Tesoro Corp	1,257,898		100,078,365	
Raytheon Co	3,122,219	425,027,672	Texas Instruments, Inc.	10,528,417		738,884,305	
Realty Income Corp. REIT	2,701,667	180,822,572	Textron, Inc.	2,826,224		112,342,404	
Red Hat, Inc.(a)	1,907,335	154,169,888	Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc	4,140,801		658,635,807	
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals,			Tiffany & Co	1,156,844		84,021,580	
Inc.(a)	815,273	327,756,051	Time Warner, Inc.	8,252,774		657,003,338	
Regions Financial Corp	13,412,442	132,380,803	TJX Cos., Inc.	6,930,034		518,227,943	
Republic Services, Inc	2,483,312	125,283,090	Torchmark Corp	1,174,957		75,068,003	
Reynolds American, Inc	8,680,570	409,288,875	Total System Services, Inc	1,769,992		83,455,123	
Robert Half International, Inc	1,366,257	51,726,490	Tractor Supply Co	1,395,142		93,962,814	
Rockwell Automation, Inc	1,370,540	167,671,864	TransDigm Group, Inc.(a)	557,373		161,147,682	
Rockwell Collins, Inc.	1,364,802	115,107,401	Transocean, Ltd	3,577,077		38,131,641	
Roper Technologies, Inc	1,055,906	192,671,168	Travelers Cos., Inc.	3,079,223		352,724,995	
Ross Stores, Inc.	4,228,381	271,884,898	TripAdvisor, Inc.(a)	1,189,387		75,145,471	
Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd	1,765,910	132,354,954	Twenty-First Century Fox, Inc.	-,,		, -,,	
Ryder System, Inc.	558,498	36,832,943	Class A	11,477,780		277,991,832	
S&P Global, Inc.	2,770,921 6,679,646	350,687,762 476,459,149	Twenty-First Century Fox, Inc.	,,		_,,,,,,,,,,	
salesforce.com, Inc.(a)	1,491,521	107,941,375	Class B	4,518,953		111,798,897	
Schlumberger, Ltd	14,568,544	1,145,670,300	Tyson Foods, Inc. Class A	3,150,912		235,278,599	
Scripps Networks Interactive, Inc.	14,500,544	1,143,070,300	UDR, Inc. REIT	2,788,606		100,361,930	
Class A	991,359	62,941,383	Ulta Salon Cosmetics &	,,		,,,	
Seagate Technology PLC	3,090,780	119,149,569	Fragrance, Inc.(a)	654,570		155,774,569	
Sealed Air Corp	2,066,892	94,704,991	Under Armour, Inc. Class A(a)	1,896,425		73,353,719	
Sempra Energy	2,650,996	284,160,261	Under Armour, Inc. Class C(a)	1,909,643		64,660,512	
Sherwin-Williams Co	824,438	228,089,017	Union Pacific Corp	8,839,522		862,118,581	
Signet Jewelers, Ltd	827,225	61,653,079	United Continental Holdings,			, ,	
Simon Property Group, Inc.	027,220	01,000,075	Inc.(a)	3,115,444		163,467,347	
REIT	3,245,026	671,752,832	United Parcel Service, Inc.	-, -,		, , ,	
Skyworks Solutions, Inc	2,000,238	152,298,121	Class B	7,238,815		791,636,808	
SL Green Realty Corp. REIT	1,045,839	113,055,196	United Rentals, Inc.(a)	946,688		74,305,541	
Snap-on, Inc.	606,326	92,137,299	United Technologies Corp	8,159,581		829,013,430	
Southern Co	10,349,196	530,913,755	UnitedHealth Group, Inc	9,968,802		1,395,632,280	
Southwest Airlines Co	6,691,867	260,246,708	Universal Health Services, Inc.				
Southwestern Energy Co.(a)	4,807,270	66,532,617	Class B	939,254		115,734,878	
Spectra Energy Corp	7,179,777	306,935,467	Unum Group	2,490,459		87,938,107	
St. Jude Medical, Inc	2,981,235	237,783,304	Urban Outfitters, Inc.(a)	902,751		31,162,965	
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Common Stocks	Shares	Value	Common Stocks	Shares		Value
US Bancorp	17,056,331	\$ 731,546,037	WestRock Co	2,647,375	\$	128,344,740
Valero Energy Corp	4,911,649	260,317,397	Weyerhaeuser Co. REIT	7,832,837		250,180,814
Varian Medical Systems,			Whirlpool Corp	804,798		130,506,044
Inc.(a)	994,840	99,016,425	Whole Foods Market, Inc	3,383,125		95,911,594
Ventas, Inc. REIT	3,549,571	250,706,200	Williams Cos., Inc	7,132,090		219,169,126
VeriSign, Inc.(a)	1,004,207	78,569,156	Willis Towers Watson PLC	1,449,502		192,450,381
Verisk Analytics, Inc.(a)	1,615,881	131,338,808	Wyndham Worldwide Corp	1,173,074		78,983,072
Verizon Communications, Inc	42,737,731	2,221,507,257	Wynn Resorts, Ltd	849,611		82,769,104
Vertex Pharmaceuticals,			Xcel Energy, Inc.	5,325,293		219,082,554
Inc.(a)	2,593,372	226,167,972	Xerox Corp	9,921,549		100,505,291
VF Corp	3,500,393	196,197,028	Xilinx, Inc.	2,662,866		144,700,138
Viacom, Inc. Class B	3,620,737	137,950,080	XL Group, Ltd	2,985,024		100,386,357
Visa, Inc. Class A	19,964,872	1,651,094,914	Xylem, Inc	1,859,433		97,527,261
Vornado Realty Trust REIT	1,858,719	188,120,950	Yahoo!, Inc.(a)	9,162,951		394,923,188
Vulcan Materials Co	1,391,900	158,300,787	Yum! Brands, Inc	3,912,052		355,253,442
W.W. Grainger, Inc	591,958	133,095,837	Zimmer Biomet Holdings, Inc	2,096,362		272,568,987
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc	16,004,868	1,154,271,080	Zions Bancorp	2,136,703		66,280,527
Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc	9,057,992	730,255,315	Zoetis, Inc.	5,258,494		273,494,273
Walt Disney Co	15,677,546	1,455,816,922	Total Common Stocks		_	
Waste Management, Inc	4,327,893	275,946,458	(Cost \$206,950,171,369)		¢10	97,172,469,106
Waters Corp.(a)	846,414	134,148,155	(Cost \$200,930,171,309)		\$1	97,172,409,100
WEC Energy Group, Inc	3,309,313	198,161,662				
Wells Fargo & Co	47,819,914	2,117,465,792	(a) Non-income producing security.			
Welltower, Inc. REIT	3,743,115	279,872,709	(b) Affiliate of the Sponsor. See the ta			
Western Digital Corp	2,951,427	172,569,937	(c) Affiliate of the Trustee. See the ta		moı	re information.
Western Union Co	5,223,599	108,755,331	REIT = Real Estate Investment Trust			
			PLC = Public Limited Company			

The following table summarizes the value of the Fund's investments according to the fair value hierarchy as of September 30, 2016.

Description	Level 1 — Quoted Prices	Level 2 — Other Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 — Significant Unobservable Inputs	Total
ASSETS:				
INVESTMENTS:				
Common Stocks	\$197,172,469,106	\$—	\$—	\$197,172,469,106

#### INVESTMENTS IN AFFILIATES OF THE TRUSTEE AND THE SPONSOR

SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust has invested in State Street Corp., which is considered an affiliate of the Trustee and Intercontinental Exchange, Inc., which is considered an affiliate of the Sponsor. Amounts related to these investments at September 30, 2016, and for the year then ended, are (Note 3):

	Number of Shares Held at 9/30/15	Value At 9/30/15	Shares Purchased*	Shares Sold*	Number of Shares Held at 9/30/16	Value at 9/30/16	Dividend Income	Realized Gain (Loss)
Intercontinental Exchange, Inc	1,087,396 4,038,276	\$255,527,186 271,412,530 <b>\$526,939,716</b>	1,259,092 3,958,034	1,097,691 4,116,874	1,248,797 3,879,436	\$336,375,960 270,125,129 <b>\$606,501,089</b>	\$3,900,155 5,622,197 <b>\$9,522,352</b>	\$27,909,073 (1,288,406) <b>\$26,620,667</b>

<sup>\*</sup> Purchased and Sold figures include securities received or delivered from processing creations or redemptions of Units.

#### INDUSTRY BREAKDOWN AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

INDUSTRY	PERCENT O
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	6.2%
Pharmaceuticals	5.5
Banks	5.4
Internet Software & Services	4.6
Software	4.4
IT Services	3.8
Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals	3.8
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	3.3
Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)	3.0
Biotechnology	3.0
Media	2.9
Health Care Equipment & Supplies	2.8
Insurance	2.7
Diversified Telecommunication Services	2.6
Health Care Providers & Services	2.6
Industrial Conglomerates	2.6
Capital Markets	2.5
Internet & Catalog Retail	2.5
Specialty Retail	2.5
Beverages	2.2
Aerospace & Defense	2.1
Chemicals	2.1
Food & Staples Retailing	2.1
Electric Utilities	2.0
Household Products	2.0
Food Products	1.7
Tobacco	1.7
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	1.6
Diversified Financial Services	1.5
Machinery	1.4
Communications Equipment	1.1
Energy Equipment & Services	1.1
Multi-Utilities	1.1
Road & Rail	0.9
Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods	0.8
Air Freight & Logistics	0.7
Consumer Finance	0.7
Life Sciences Tools & Services	0.7
Multiline Retail	0.6
Automobiles	0.5
Airlines	0.5
Electrical Equipment	0.5
Household Durables	0.5
Auto Components	0.4
Electronic Equipment, Instruments &	
Components	0.4
Commercial Services & Supplies	0.3
Containers & Packaging	0.3
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INDUSTRY	PERCENT OF NET ASSETS*
Metals & Mining	0.3%
Professional Services	0.3
Trading Companies & Distributors	0.2
Construction Materials	0.1
Building Products	0.1
Construction & Engineering	0.1
Distributors	0.1
Health Care Technology	0.1
Independent Power Producers & Energy	
Traders	0.1
Leisure Equipment & Products	0.1
Personal Products	0.1
Water Utilities	0.1
Diversified Consumer Services	0.0**
Real Estate Management & Development	0.0**
Other Assets in Excess of Liabilities	0.1
Total	100.0%

<sup>\*</sup> SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust's industry breakdown is expressed as a percentage of net assets and may change over time.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Amount shown represents less than 0.05% of net assets.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust Statement of Assets and Liabilities September 30, 2016

ASSETS	************
Investments in unaffiliated issuers, at value (Note 2)	\$196,565,968,017
Investments in affiliates of the Trustee and the Sponsor, at value	606,501,089
Total Investments	197,172,469,106
Cash	926,013,371
Receivable for investments sold	11,824,464
Dividends receivable — unaffiliated issuers — net of withholding tax (Note 2)	222,331,835
Dividends receivable — affiliated issuers (Note 2)	1,488,327
Total Assets	198,334,127,103
LIABILITIES	
Payable for investments purchased	17,124,978
Payable for units of fractional undivided interest ("Units") redeemed in-kind	731,265
Accrued Trustee expense (Note 3)	6,934,866
Accrued Marketing expense (Note 3)	16,191,013
Distribution payable	985,690,493
Other accrued expenses and liabilities	26,490,524
Total Liabilities	1,053,163,139
NET ASSETS	\$197,280,963,964
NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:	
Paid in capital (Note 4)	\$213,393,189,765
Distribution in excess of net investment income	(985,690,493)
Accumulated net realized gain (loss) on investments	(5,348,833,045)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(9,777,702,263)
NET ASSETS	\$197,280,963,964
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT	\$ 216.40
UNITS OUTSTANDING (UNLIMITED UNITS AUTHORIZED)	911,632,116
COST OF INVESTMENTS:	
Unaffiliated issuers	\$206,338,815,247
Affiliates of the Trustee and the Sponsor (Note 3)	611,356,122
Total Cost of Investments	

# **SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust Statements of Operations**

	Year Ended 9/30/16	Year Ended 9/30/15	Year Ended 9/30/14
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Dividend income — unaffiliated issuers (Note 2) Dividend income — affiliates of the Trustee and the	\$ 3,945,216,356	\$ 4,005,208,734	\$ 3,282,246,167
Sponsor	9,522,352	8,629,447	7,737,949
Foreign taxes withheld	(1,701)	(400,124)	(55,714)
Total Investment Income	3,954,737,007	4,013,438,057	3,289,928,402
EXPENSES			
Trustee expense (Note 3)	103,362,752	105,581,093	94,051,423
S&P license fee (Note 3)	55,221,522	55,780,384	49,409,863
Marketing expense (Note 3)	36,504,376	36,786,924	32,539,910
Legal and audit fees	384,056	558,523	31,642
Other expenses	2,221,602	3,771,679	2,594,912
Total Expenses	197,694,308	202,478,603	178,627,750
Trustee expense waiver	(25,222,398)	(28,513,292)	(24,863,548)
Net Expenses	172,471,910	173,965,311	153,764,202
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	3,782,265,097	3,839,472,746	3,136,164,200
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) Net realized gain (loss) on:			
Investments — unaffiliated issuers	10,253,193,589	20,747,712,041	19,553,859,588
Sponsor	26,620,667	50,429,127	71,893,864
Net realized gain (loss)	10,279,814,256	20,798,141,168	19,625,753,452
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on: Investments — unaffiliated issuers	10,942,349,396	(25,396,805,455)	4,246,483,070
Sponsor	24,374,172	(34,779,514)	(15,568,822)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	10,966,723,568	(25,431,584,969)	4,230,914,248
NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)	21,246,537,824	(4,633,443,801)	23,856,667,700
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	\$25,028,802,921	\$ (793,971,055)	\$26,992,831,900

# **SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust Statements of Changes in Net Assets**

	Year Ended 9/30/16	Year Ended 9/30/15	Year Ended 9/30/14
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS:	7/30/10	7/34/13	7/30/14
Net investment income (loss)	\$ 3,782,265,097	\$ 3,839,472,746	\$ 3,136,164,200
Net realized gain (loss)	10,279,814,256	20,798,141,168	19,625,753,452
depreciation	10,966,723,568	(25,431,584,969)	4,230,914,248
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	25,028,802,921	(793,971,055)	26,992,831,900
NET EQUALIZATION CREDITS AND CHARGES (NOTE 2)	21,466,005	69,539,438	62,384,940
DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNITHOLDERS FROM NET INVESTMENT INCOME	(3,930,525,113)	(3,768,615,848)	(3,236,399,773)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM UNIT TRANSACTIONS:			
Proceeds from issuance of Units	432,172,352,001	515,823,857,164	384,831,248,199
Cost of Units redeemed	(422,673,566,737)	(524,519,686,326)	(373,296,420,608)
Net income equalization (Note 2)  NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM ISSUANCE AND REDEMPTION OF UNITS	(21,466,005) 9,477,319,259	(69,539,438)	(62,384,940)
Contribution by Trustee (Note 3)	_	26,920,521	_
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS			
DURING THE PERIOD	30,597,063,072	(13,231,495,544)	35,291,259,718
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	166,683,900,892	179,915,396,436	144,624,136,718
NET ASSETS AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 197,280,963,964	\$ 166,683,900,892	\$ 179,915,396,436
DISTRIBUTION IN EXCESS OF NET INVESTMENT INCOME	\$ (985,690,493)	\$ (919,630,875)	\$ (804,394,943)
UNIT TRANSACTIONS:			
Units sold	2,107,450,000 (2,065,000,000)	2,537,300,000 (2,581,500,000)	2,061,700,000 (2,009,400,000)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE)	42,450,000	(44,200,000)	52,300,000

## SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust

## **Financial Highlights**

Selected data for a unit outstanding throughout each period

		r Ended /30/16	Y	ear Ended 9/30/15		ar Ended 9/30/14	Y	ear Ended 9/30/13	Y	ear Ended 9/30/12
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$	191.77	\$	196.98	\$	167.96	\$	144.00	\$	113.12
Income (loss) from investment operations:  Net investment income (loss)(a)  Net realized and unrealized		4.27		4.28		3.60		3.36		2.77
gain (loss)		24.76		(5.47)		29.03		23.91		30.80
Total from investment operations		29.03		(1.19)		32.63		27.27		33.57
Net equalization credits and charges(a)		0.02		0.08		0.07		0.08		0.16
Contribution by Trustee				0.03(t	)					
Less Distributions from:  Net investment income	\$	(4.42)	\$	(4.13) 191.77	\$	(3.68)	\$	(3.39)	\$	(2.85)
Total return(c)		15.30%	6	$(0.64)^{\circ}$	%(d)	19.57%	,	19.09%	)	29.96%
Ratios and Supplemental Data: Net assets, end of period (in 000s) Ratios to average net assets: Total expenses (excluding Trustee	\$197	,280,964	\$1	66,683,901	\$179	9,915,396	\$14	14,624,137	\$11	18,164,619
earnings credit)		0.11%	6	0.11%	D	0.11%	,	0.11%	)	0.11%
earnings credit and fee waivers)		0.11%	6	0.11%	ว	0.11%	,	0.11%	)	0.11%
Net expenses(e)		0.09%		0.09%		0.09%		0.09%		0.09%
Net investment income (loss) Portfolio turnover rate(f)		2.07% 4%	-	2.09% 3%		1.93% 4%		2.15% 3%		2.08% 4%

<sup>(</sup>a) Per Unit numbers have been calculated using the average shares method, which more appropriately presents per Unit data for the year.

- (b) Contribution paid by the Trustee in the amount of \$26,920,521. (See Note 3).
- (c) Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of Units at net asset value per Unit on the first day and a sale at net asset value per Unit on the last day of each period reported. Distributions are assumed, for the purposes of this calculation, to be reinvested at the net asset value per Unit on the respective payment dates of the Trust. Total return for a period of less than one year is not annualized. Broker commission charges are not included in this calculation.
- (d) Total return would have been lower by 0.01% if the Trustee had not made a contribution. (See Note 3).
- (e) Net of expenses waived by the Trustee.
- (f) Portfolio turnover rate excludes securities received or delivered from in-kind processing of creations or redemptions of Units.

### Note 1 — Organization

SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust (the "Trust") is a unit investment trust created under the laws of the State of New York and registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The Trust was created to provide investors with the opportunity to purchase a security representing a proportionate undivided interest in a portfolio of securities consisting of substantially all of the component common stocks, in substantially the same weighting, which comprise the Standard & Poor's 500® Index (the "S&P 500 Index"). Each unit of fractional undivided interest in the Trust is referred to as a "Unit". The Trust commenced operations on January 22, 1993 upon the initial issuance of 150,000 Units (equivalent to three "Creation Units" — see Note 4) in exchange for a portfolio of securities assembled to reflect the intended portfolio composition of the Trust.

Under the Amended and Restated Standard Terms and Conditions of the Trust, as amended (the "Trust Agreement"), PDR Services LLC, as sponsor of the Trust (the "Sponsor"), and State Street Bank and Trust Company, as trustee of the Trust (the "Trustee"), are indemnified against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Trust. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Trust enters into contracts that contain general indemnification clauses. The Trust's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Trust that have not yet occurred. However, based on experience, the Trustee expects the risk of material loss to be remote.

On November 13, 2013, the Sponsor became an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Intercontinental Exchange, Inc. ("ICE"), following the acquisition of NYSE Holdings LLC (the parent company of the Sponsor) by ICE. As the parent company, ICE is the publicly-traded entity, trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "ICE."

### Note 2 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Trust in the preparation of its financial statements:

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP") requires the Trustee to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The Trust is an investment company under U.S. GAAP and follows the accounting and reporting guidance applicable to investment companies in Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification 946, Financial Services Investment Companies.

#### Security Valuation

The Trust's investments are valued at fair value each day that the Trust's listing exchange is open and, for financial reporting purposes, as of the report date should the reporting period end on a day that the Trust's listing exchange is not open. Fair value is generally defined as the price a fund would receive to sell an asset or pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. By its nature, a fair value price is a good faith estimate of the valuation in a current sale and may not reflect an actual market price. The investments of the Trust are valued pursuant to the policy and procedures developed by the oversight committee of the Trustee (the "Committee"). The Committee provides oversight of the valuation of investments for the Trust. Valuation techniques used to value the Trust's equity investments are as follows:

Equity investments (including preferred stocks) traded on a recognized securities exchange for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the last sale price or official closing price, as applicable, on the

#### Note 2 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (continued)

primary market or exchange on which they trade. Equity investments traded on a recognized exchange for which there were no sales on that day are valued at the last published sale price or at fair value.

In the event that prices or quotations are not readily available or that the application of these valuation methods results in a price for an investment that is deemed to be not representative of the fair value of such investment, fair value will be determined in good faith by the Committee, in accordance with the valuation policy and procedures approved by the Trustee.

Fair value pricing could result in a difference between the prices used to calculate the Trust's net asset value and the prices used by the Trust's underlying index, "S&P 500 Index", which in turn could result in a difference between the Trust's performance and the performance of the S&P 500 Index.

The Trust values its assets and liabilities at fair value using a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques, giving the highest priority to readily available unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements) when market prices are not readily available or reliable. The categorization of a value determined for an investment within the hierarchy is based upon the pricing transparency of the investment and is not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with the investment.

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the assets or liabilities
  either directly or indirectly, including quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted
  prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not considered to be active, inputs other than
  quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability (such as exchange rates, financing terms, interest rates,
  yield curves, volatilities, prepayment speeds, loss severities, credit risks and default rates) or other marketcorroborated inputs; and
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, including the Committee's assumptions used in determining the fair value of investments.

Changes in valuation techniques may result in transfers in or out of an assigned level within the fair value hierarchy. Transfers between different levels of the fair value hierarchy are recognized at the end of the reporting period. The Trust did not hold any investments valued using Level 2 or Level 3 inputs as of September 30, 2016 and did not have any transfers between levels for the year ended September 30, 2016.

#### **Investment Transactions and Income Recognition**

Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date for financial reporting purposes. Dividend income and capital gain distributions, if any, are recognized daily on the ex-dividend date, net of any foreign taxes withheld at source, if any. Non-cash dividends received in the form of stock, if any, are recorded as dividend income at fair value. Distributions received by the Trust may include a return of capital that is estimated by the Trustee. Such amounts are recorded as a reduction of the cost of investments or reclassified to capital gains. The Trust invests in real estate investment trusts ("REITs"). REITs determine the characterization of their income annually and may

#### **Note 2 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (continued)**

characterize a portion of their distributions as a return of capital or capital gain. The Trust's policy is to record all REIT distributions as dividend income initially and re-designate the prior calendar year's return of capital or capital gain distributions at year end. Realized gains and losses from the sale or disposition of investments are determined using the identified cost method.

#### **Distributions**

The Trust declares and distributes dividends from net investment income to its holders of Units ("unitholders"), if any, quarterly. Capital gain distributions, if any, are generally declared and paid annually. Additional distributions may be paid by the Trust to avoid imposition of federal income and excise tax on any remaining undistributed net investment income and capital gains. The amount and character of income and gains to be distributed are determined in accordance with federal tax regulations which may differ from net investment income and realized gains recognized for U.S. GAAP purposes.

#### **Equalization**

The Trust follows the accounting practice known as "Equalization" by which a portion of the proceeds from sales and costs of reacquiring the Trust's Units, equivalent on a per Unit basis to the amount of distributable net investment income on the date of the transaction, is credited or charged to undistributed net investment income. As a result, undistributed net investment income per Unit is unaffected by sales or reacquisitions of the Trust's Units. Amounts related to Equalization can be found on the Statements of Changes in Net Assets.

#### **Federal Income Taxes**

For U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Trust has qualified as a "regulated investment company" under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (a "RIC"), and intends to continue to qualify as a RIC. As a RIC, the Trust will generally not be subject to U.S. federal income tax for any taxable year on income, including net capital gains, that it distributes to its Unitholders, provided that it distributes on a timely basis at least 90% of its "investment company taxable income" determined prior to the deduction for dividends paid by the Trust (generally, its taxable income other than net capital gain) for such taxable year. In addition, provided that the Trust distributes substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gains during each calendar year, the Trust will not be subject to U.S. federal excise tax. Income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with tax regulations which may differ from U.S. GAAP. These book-tax differences are primarily due to differing treatments for expired carry forward losses, in-kind transactions, REITs and losses deferred due to wash sales.

U.S. GAAP requires the evaluation of tax positions taken in the course of preparing the Trust's tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are "more-likely-than-not" to be sustained by the applicable tax authority. For U.S. GAAP purposes, the Trust recognizes the tax benefits of uncertain tax positions only when the position is more likely than not to be sustained, assuming examination by tax authorities.

The Trust has reviewed its tax positions for the open tax years as of September 30, 2016 and has determined that no provision for income tax is required in the Trust's financial statements. Generally, the Trust's tax returns for the prior three fiscal years remain subject to examinations by the Trust's major tax jurisdictions, which include the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State of New York. The Trust recognizes interest and penalties, if any, related to tax liabilities as income tax expense in the Statements of Operations. There were no such expenses for the year ending September 30, 2016.

#### Note 2 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (continued)

No income tax returns are currently under examination. The Trustee has analyzed the relevant tax laws and regulations and their application to the Trust's facts and circumstances and does not believe there are any uncertain tax positions that require recognition of any tax liabilities. Any potential tax liability is also subject to ongoing interpretation of laws by taxing authorities. The tax treatment of the Trust's investments may change over time based on factors including, but not limited to, new tax laws, regulations and interpretations thereof.

During the year ended September 30, 2016, the Trust reclassified \$11,282,034,332 of non-taxable security gains realized from the in-kind redemption of Creation Units (Note 4) as an increase to paid in capital in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

At September 30, 2016, the Trust had the following capital loss carryforwards that may be utilized to offset any net realized gains, expiring September 30:

2017	\$2,553,965,847
2018	188,539,023
Non-Expiring – Short Term*	404,086,012
Non-Expiring – Long Term*	2,197,285,149

During the tax year ended September 30, 2016, the Trust utilized capital loss carryforwards of \$0 and had \$917,820,735 of capital loss carryforwards expire.

\* Must be utilized prior to losses subject to expiration

At September 30, 2016, gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation based on cost for federal income tax purposes were as follows:

	Tax Cost	Gross Unrealized Appreciation	Gross Unrealized Depreciation	Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust	\$206,955,128,384	\$6,952,931,045	\$16,735,590,323	\$(9,782,659,278)

The tax character of distributions paid during the years ended September 30, 2016, 2015 and 2014 were as follows:

Distributions paid from:	2016	2015	2014
Ordinary Income	\$3,930,525,113	\$3,768,615,848	\$3,236,399,773

As of September 30, 2016, the components of distributable earnings (excluding unrealized appreciation/ (depreciation)) were undistributed ordinary income of \$0 and undistributed capital gain of \$0.

#### Note 3 — Transactions with the Trustee and Sponsor

In accordance with the Trust Agreement, the Trustee maintains the Trust's accounting records, acts as custodian and transfer agent to the Trust, and provides administrative services, including the filing of certain regulatory reports. The Trustee is also responsible for determining the composition of the portfolio of securities which must be delivered and/or received in exchange for the issuance and/or redemption of Creation Units of the Trust, and for adjusting the composition of the Trust's portfolio from time to time to conform to changes in the composition and/or weighting

#### Note 3 — Transactions with the Trustee and Sponsor – (continued)

structure of the S&P 500 Index. For these services, the Trustee received a fee at the following annual rates for the year ended September 30, 2016.

Net asset value of the Trust	Fee as a percentage of net asset value of the Trust
\$0 - \$499,999,999	0.10% per annum plus or minus the Adjustment Amount
\$500,000,000 - \$2,499,999,999	0.08% per annum plus or minus the Adjustment Amount
\$2,500,000,000 and above	0.06% per annum plus or minus the Adjustment Amount

The adjustment amount (the "Adjustment Amount") is the sum of (a) the excess or deficiency of transaction fees received by the Trustee, less the expenses incurred in processing orders for the creation and redemption of Units and (b) the amounts earned by the Trustee with respect to the cash held by the Trustee for the benefit of the Trust. During the period ended September 30, 2016, the Adjustment Amount reduced the Trustee's fee by \$6,750,376. The Adjustment Amount included an excess of net transaction fees from processing orders of \$4,745,222 and a Trustee earnings credit of \$2,005,154.

The Trustee has voluntarily agreed to waive a portion of its fee, as needed, for one year until February 1, 2018, so that the total operating expenses would not exceed 0.0945% per annum of the daily Net Asset Value ("NAV") of the Trust. The total amount of such waivers by the Trustee for the years ended September 30, 2016, 2015 and 2014 are identified in the Statements of Operations. The Trustee has not entered into an agreement with the Trust to recapture waived fees in subsequent periods, and the Trustee may discontinue the voluntary waiver.

In accordance with the Trust Agreement and under the terms of an exemptive order issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission, dated December 30, 1997, the Sponsor is reimbursed by the Trust for certain expenses up to a maximum of 0.20% of the Trust's net asset value on an annualized basis. The expenses reimbursed to the Sponsor for the years ended September 30, 2016, 2015 and 2014, did not exceed 0.20% per annum.

S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC ("S&P"), per a license from Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC, and State Street Global Markets, LLC ("SSGM" or the "Marketing Agent") have entered into a license agreement (the "License Agreement"). The License Agreement grants SSGM, an affiliate of the Trustee, a license to use the S&P 500 Index and to use certain trade names and trademarks of S&P in connection with the Trust. The S&P 500 Index also serves as the basis for determining the composition of the Trust's portfolio. The Trustee (on behalf of the Trust), the Sponsor and NYSE Arca, Inc. ("NYSE Arca") have each received a sublicense from SSGM for the use of the S&P 500 Index and certain trade names and trademarks in connection with their rights and duties with respect to the Trust. The License Agreement may be amended without the consent of any of the owners of beneficial interests of Units. Currently, the License Agreement is scheduled to terminate on December 31, 2017, but its term may be extended without the consent of any of the owners of beneficial interests of Units. Pursuant to such arrangements and in accordance with the Trust Agreement, the Trust reimburses the Sponsor for payment of fees under the License Agreement to S&P equal to 0.03% of the daily size of the Trust (based on Unit closing price and outstanding Units) plus an annual license fee of \$600,000.

The Sponsor has entered into an agreement with the Marketing Agent pursuant to which the Marketing Agent has agreed to market and promote the Trust. The Marketing Agent is reimbursed by the Sponsor for the expenses it incurs for providing such services out of amounts that the Trust reimburses the Sponsor. Expenses incurred by the

#### Note 3 — Transactions with the Trustee and Sponsor – (continued)

Marketing Agent include, but are not limited to: printing and distribution of marketing materials describing the Trust, associated legal, consulting, advertising and marketing costs and other out-of-pocket expenses.

ALPS Distributors, Inc. (the "Distributor") serves as the distributor of the Units. The Sponsor pays the Distributor for its services a flat annual fee of \$35,000, and the Trust does not reimburse the Sponsor for this fee.

#### Investments in Affiliates of the Trustee and the Sponsor

The Trust has invested in companies that are considered affiliates of the Trustee (State Street Corp.) and the Sponsor (ICE). Such investments were made according to the representative portion of the S&P 500 Index. The market values of these investments at September 30, 2016 are listed in the Schedule of Investments.

#### **Contribution from the Trustee**

On July 20, 2015, the Trustee made a cash contribution to the Trust in connection with the correction of a class action processing error.

#### Note 4 — Unitholder Transactions

Units are issued and redeemed by the Trust only in Creation Unit size aggregations of 50,000 Units. Such transactions are only permitted on an in-kind basis, with a separate cash payment that is equivalent to the undistributed net investment income per Unit (income equalization) and a balancing cash component to equate the transaction to the NAV per Unit of the Trust on the transaction date. There is a transaction fee payable to the Trustee in connection with each creation and redemption of Creation Units made through the clearing process (the "Transaction Fee"). The Transaction Fee is non-refundable, regardless of the NAV of the Trust. The Transaction Fee is the lesser of \$3,000 or 0.10% (10 basis points) of the value of one Creation Unit at the time of creation per participating party per day, regardless of the number of Creation Units created or redeemed on such day. The Transaction Fee is currently \$3,000. For creations and redemptions outside the clearing process, including orders from a participating party restricted from engaging in transactions in one or more of the common stocks that are included in the S&P 500 Index, an additional amount not to exceed three (3) times the Transaction Fee applicable for one Creation Unit is charged per Creation Unit per day.

#### **Note 5** — **Investment Transactions**

For the year ended September 30, 2016, the Trust had in-kind contributions, in-kind redemptions, purchases and sales of investment securities of \$177,227,631,568, \$167,729,988,725, \$7,783,624,798, and \$6,444,954,759, respectively. Net realized gain (loss) on investment transactions in the Statements of Operations includes net gains resulting from in-kind transactions of \$11,282,034,332.

#### Note 6 — Market Risk

In the normal course of business, the Trust invests in securities and enters into transactions where risks exist due to fluctuations in the market (market risk). Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

An investment in the Trust involves risks similar to those of investing in any fund of equity securities, such as market fluctuations caused by such factors as economic and political developments, changes in interest rates and perceived trends in stock prices. The value of a Unit will decline, more or less, in correlation with any decline in

#### Note 6 — Market Risk – (continued)

value of the S&P 500 Index. The values of equity securities could decline generally or could underperform other investments. The Trust would not sell an equity security because the security's issuer was in financial trouble unless that security was removed from the S&P 500 Index.

### **Note 7 — Subsequent Events**

The Trustee has evaluated the impact of all subsequent events on the Trust through the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued and has determined that there were no subsequent events requiring adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements.

## SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

## To the Trustee and Unitholders of SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust:

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, and the related statements of operations and of changes in net assets and the financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust at September 30, 2016, the results of its operations, the changes in its net assets, and the financial highlights for the periods indicated, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements and financial highlights (hereafter referred to as "financial statements") are the responsibility of the Trustee. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits, which included confirmation of securities at September 30, 2016 by correspondence with the custodian and the application of alternative auditing procedures where securities purchased had not been received, provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Boston, Massachusetts November 22, 2016

## SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust Other Information September 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

For U.S. federal income tax purposes, the percentage of Trust distributions that qualify for the corporate dividends received deduction for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016 is 95.2%.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, certain dividends paid by the Trust may be designated as qualified dividend income for U.S. federal income tax purposes and subject to a maximum U.S. federal income tax rate of 20% in the case of certain non-corporate shareholders that meet applicable holding period requirements with respect to their Units. Complete information will be reported in conjunction with your 2016 Form 1099-DIV.

# FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF DISCOUNTS AND PREMIUMS Bid/Ask Price<sup>(1)</sup> vs Net Asset Value As of September 30, 2016

	Bid/Ask Price Above NAV			Bid/As	sk Price Below NAV			
	50-99 BASIS POINTS	100-199 BASIS POINTS	>200 BASIS POINTS	50-99 BASIS POINTS	100-199 BASIS POINTS	>200 BASIS POINTS		
2016	0	0	0	0	0	0		
2015	0	0	0	0	0	0		
2014	0	0	0	0	0	0		
2013	0	0	0	0	0	0		
2012	0	0	0	0	0	0		

#### Comparison of Total Returns Based on NAV and Bid/Ask Price(1)

The table below is provided to compare the Trust's total pre-tax return at NAV with the total pre-tax returns based on bid/ask price and the performance of the S&P 500 Index. Past performance is not necessarily an indication of how the Trust will perform in the future. The return based on NAV shown in the table below reflects the impact of a fee waiver and, without this waiver, returns would have been lower.

#### **Cumulative Total Return**

	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year
SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust			
Return Based on NAV	15.30%	111.91%	99.29%
Return Based on Bid/Ask Price	15.33%	111.82%	99.21%
S&P 500 Index	15.43%	113.44%	101.14%

## SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust Other Information (continued) September 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

### **Average Annual Total Return**

	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year
SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust			
Return Based on NAV	15.30%	16.21%	7.14%
Return Based on Bid/Ask Price	15.33%	16.20%	7.14%
S&P 500 Index	15.43%	16.37%	7.24%

<sup>(1)</sup> Currently, the bid/ask price is the midpoint of the best bid and best offer prices on NYSE Arca at the time the Trust's NAV is calculated, ordinarily 4:00 p.m. Through November 28, 2008, the bid/ask price was the midpoint of the best bid and best offer prices on NYSE Alternext US (formerly the American Stock Exchange and now NYSE MKT) at the close of trading, ordinarily 4:00 p.m.

## SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust

(Unaudited)

#### **Sponsor**

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#### Trustee

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#### Distributor

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