

**VIRTUS GLOVISTA EMERGING MARKETS ETF**  
(TICKER: EMEM)

*a series of*  
**ETFIS SERIES TRUST I**

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You may elect at any time to receive not only shareholder reports but also other communications such as prospectuses from the Fund electronically, or you alternatively may elect to receive all future shareholder reports in paper free of charge. Please contact your financial intermediary to make your request and to determine whether an election made with the financial intermediary will apply to all funds in which you own shares through that intermediary.

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## RISK/RETURN SUMMARY INFORMATION

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Virtus Glovista Emerging Markets ETF (Ticker: EMEM) (the “Fund”) seeks investment results that correspond, before fees and expenses, to the price and yield performance of the Solactive Most Favored Nations Emerging Market Index (the “Underlying Index”).

### FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund (“Shares”). Most investors will incur customary brokerage commissions when buying or selling Shares of the Fund, which are not reflected in the table or example set forth below.

**Shareholder Fees** (fees paid directly from your investment): ..... None

#### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

Management Fee <sup>1</sup> .....	0.68%
Other Expenses .....	0.00%
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses <sup>2</sup> .....	0.02%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses .....	0.70%
Fee Waiver <sup>3</sup> .....	0.03%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver .....	0.67%

- (1) The management fee is structured as a “unified fee,” out of which the Fund’s adviser pays all of the ordinary operating expenses of the Fund, except for the following expenses, each of which is paid by the Fund: the Fund’s management fee; payments under any 12b-1 plan; taxes and other governmental fees; brokerage fees, commissions and other transaction expenses; interest and other costs of borrowing; litigation or arbitration expenses; acquired fund fees and expenses; and extraordinary or other non-routine expenses of the Fund.
- (2) The Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses may not correlate to the ratio of expenses to average net assets as reported in the “Financial Highlights” section of the Prospectus, which reflects the operating expenses of the Fund and does not include Acquired Fund Fees & Expenses.
- (3) The Fund’s investment adviser, Virtus ETF Advisers LLC (the “Adviser”), has contractually agreed to waive a portion of the Fund’s management fee equal to 0.03% of the Fund’s average daily net assets, which will have the effect of reducing the Fund’s expenses, including Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses (the “Fee Waiver Agreement”). Unless the Adviser continues the Fee Waiver Agreement, it will terminate on February 28, 2020. While the Adviser or the Fund may discontinue the Fee Waiver Agreement after the contractual period, it may only be terminated during its term by either party upon written notice; provided that such termination shall require the approval of the Fund’s Board of Trustees.

**Example.** This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. This example does not take into account brokerage commissions that you pay when purchasing or selling Shares of the Fund.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your Shares at the end of those periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain at current levels and that the Fee Waiver Agreement remains in place for the contractual period. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Years</u>	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>
\$68	\$221	\$387	\$868

### PORTFOLIO TURNOVER

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities or other instruments (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual Fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the fiscal period November 7, 2017 (commencement of operations) through October 31, 2018, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 162% of the average value of its portfolio.

## PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its assets in component securities of the Underlying Index and in depositary receipts representing such securities. The Underlying Index is based on a proprietary methodology developed by Glovista Investments LLC, the Fund's sub-adviser (the "**Sub-Adviser**"), and is designed to identify securities of companies in "large liquid emerging market countries" based on a country selection model, and provide exposure to those securities on a free-float adjusted market capitalization-weighted basis. A free-float index is one that only uses freely traded shares in calculating the market capitalization weighting. Market capitalization weighting means each component security is weighted by the issuer's market capitalization relative to the overall capitalization of the Underlying Index.

The Underlying Index was co-developed by the Sub-Adviser and Solactive AG ("**Solactive**"), the index provider of the Underlying Index. Solactive is not affiliated with the Fund, the Sub-Adviser, or the Fund's investment adviser, Virtus ETF Advisers LLC (the "**Adviser**"). Solactive is solely responsible for calculating, maintaining, rebalancing and reconstituting the Underlying Index. Subject to periodic review and change, Solactive currently classifies as "large liquid emerging market countries" (and the Fund therefore invests at least 80% of its assets in companies in) the following 15 countries: China, Taiwan, South Korea, India, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Russia, South Africa, Poland, Turkey, Brazil, Mexico and Chile.

The Underlying Index utilizes three different selection models, each of which separately ranks top 10 large liquid emerging market countries based on the criteria of that model: (i) macroeconomic trends, (ii) bottom-up company-specific dynamics, and (iii) relative price momentum dynamics. The macroeconomic trends model analyzes risk-adjusted interest rates, yield curves, fundamental currency values, monetary liquidity, and leading economic indicators within each country. The bottom-up dynamics model analyzes company-level inputs within each country, such as net debt, total assets, and price-earnings ratios. The momentum model analyzes absolute and relative price momentum and reversal of momentum based on each country's price index. Once each model ranks its top 10 large liquid emerging market countries, securities of companies within those countries are eligible for selection if they have free-float adjusted market capitalizations greater than \$750 million and an average daily trading volume of at least \$500,000 over the last three months (the "Selection Criteria"). The Underlying Index will then include the securities of companies with the largest free-float adjusted market capitalizations from each eligible large liquid emerging market country, with not more than 50 portfolio companies from any individual country. It is possible that the Underlying Index may exclude a large liquid emerging market country if that country does not have companies that satisfy the Selection Criteria.

The Underlying Index is rebalanced and reconstituted monthly. The Underlying Index may include small capitalization companies (*i.e.*, companies with less than \$2 billion in capitalization) and medium capitalization companies (*i.e.*, companies with between \$2 billion and \$6 billion in capitalization). Although the Underlying Index can include a maximum of 750 component securities, it is generally expected to include more than 400 component securities. As of February 15, 2019, the Underlying Index had 583 component securities.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest not less than 80% of its net assets (plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) in securities of companies in emerging market countries. The Fund considers securities of companies in emerging market countries to be those included in the Underlying Index. The Underlying Index determines a company's country classification based on one of the following three criteria: (i) the primary exchange on which the company's securities are listed; (ii) the company's country of incorporation; or (iii) the company's country of risk classification (which, in turn, is based on such factors as the country in which the company is headquartered, the company's country of incorporation, and the primary exchange on which the company's securities are listed).

The Fund will not seek to "beat" the performance of the Underlying Index and will not seek temporary defensive measures when markets decline or appear overvalued. Instead, the Fund uses a "passive" or indexing investment approach to try to approximate the investment performance of the Underlying Index by investing in a portfolio of securities that generally replicates the Underlying Index; however, there may be times when the Fund does not hold every security in the Underlying Index. The Sub-Adviser expects that, over time, the correlation between the Fund's performance, before fees and expenses, and that of the Underlying Index will be 95% or better. A figure of 100% would indicate perfect correlation.

The Fund will invest in specific countries or geographic regions to approximately the same extent as the Underlying Index. The Fund will concentrate its investments (*i.e.*, hold 25% or more of its total assets) in a particular industry or group of industries approximately to the same extent that the Underlying Index is concentrated. As of October 31, 2018, the

Underlying Index (and therefore the Fund) is concentrated in the financial sector. The Fund is non-diversified, which means that it can invest a greater percentage of its assets in any one issuer than a diversified fund can. In attempting to meet its investment objective, the Fund may engage in active and frequent trading of portfolio securities.

The Fund invests primarily in equity securities, including American Depositary Receipts (“**ADRs**”) and Global Depositary Receipts (“**GDRs**”), but may seek to implement its investment strategy through investments in U.S. listed exchange-traded funds (“**ETFs**”) and other U.S. registered investment companies. ADRs and GDRs represent ownership interests in shares of foreign companies that are held in financial institution custodial accounts, and are traded on exchanges in the United States and around the world.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS**

An investment in the Fund is subject to investment risks; therefore, you may lose money by investing in the Fund. There can be no assurance that the Fund will be successful in meeting its investment objective. Generally, the Fund will be subject to the following principal risks:

**Authorized Participant Risk.** The Fund has a limited number of financial institutions that may act as Authorized Participants, none of which are obligated to engage in creation or redemption transactions. To the extent these Authorized Participants exit the business or are unable to process creation and/or redemption orders and no other Authorized Participant is able to step forward to process creation and/or redemption orders, in either of these cases, Shares of the Fund may trade at a discount to net asset value (“**NAV**”) and possibly face delisting.

**Calculation Methodology.** The Underlying Index relies on various sources of information to assess the criteria of issuers included in the Underlying Index, including information that may be based on assumptions and estimates. The Fund, the Adviser, the Sub-Adviser and Solactive cannot offer assurances that the Underlying Index’s calculation methodology or sources of information will provide an accurate assessment of included issuers.

**Concentration Risk.** A fund concentrated in an industry or sector is likely to present more risks than a fund that is broadly diversified over several industries or sectors. Compared to the broad market, an individual industry or sector may be more strongly affected by changes in the economic climate, broad market shifts, moves in a particular dominant stock or regulatory changes.

**Costs of Buying or Selling Shares.** Investors buying or selling Shares in the secondary market will pay brokerage commissions or other charges imposed by brokers as determined by those brokers. Brokerage commissions are often a fixed amount and may be a significant proportional cost for investors seeking to buy or sell relatively small amounts of Shares. In addition, secondary market investors will also incur the cost of the difference between the price that an investor is willing to pay for Shares (the “**bid**” price) and the price at which an investor is willing to sell Shares (the “**ask**” price). This difference in bid and ask prices is often referred to as the “**spread**” or “**bid/ask spread**.” The bid/ask spread varies over time for Shares based on trading volume and market liquidity, and is generally lower if the Fund’s Shares have more trading volume and market liquidity and higher if the Fund’s Shares have little trading volume and market liquidity. Further, increased market volatility may cause increased bid/ask spreads. Due to the costs of buying or selling Shares, including bid/ask spreads, frequent trading of Shares may significantly reduce investment results and an investment in Shares may not be advisable for investors who anticipate regularly making small investments.

**Country/Geographic Region Risk.** The Fund will invest in specific countries or geographic regions to approximately the same extent as the Underlying Index. To the extent that the Fund invests a significant portion of its assets in a specific geographic region or a particular country, the Fund will generally have more exposure to that region or country’s economic risks. In the event of economic or political turmoil or a deterioration of diplomatic relations in a region or country where a significant portion of the Fund’s assets are invested, the Fund may experience substantial illiquidity or reduction in the value of the Fund’s investments. Adverse conditions in a certain region or country can also adversely affect securities of issuers in other countries whose economies appear to be unrelated.

**Depositary Receipts.** Changes in foreign currency exchange rates will affect the value of depositary receipts, such as ADRs and GDRs, and, therefore, may affect the value of the Fund’s portfolio. There is no guarantee that a financial institution will continue to sponsor a depositary receipt, or that the depositary receipt will continue to trade on an exchange, either of which could adversely affect the liquidity, availability and pricing of the depositary receipt.

**Emerging Markets Risk.** Investments in emerging markets are subject to the risk of abrupt and severe price declines. The economic and political structures of developing countries, in most cases, do not compare favorably with the U.S. and other developed countries in terms of wealth and stability, and financial markets in developing countries are not as liquid as markets in developed countries. The economies in emerging market countries are less developed and can be overly reliant on particular industries and more vulnerable to the ebb and flow of international trade, trade barriers, and other protectionist measures. Certain countries may have legacies or periodic episodes of hyperinflation and currency devaluations or instability and upheaval that could cause their governments to act in a detrimental or hostile manner toward private enterprise or foreign investment. Significant risks of war and terrorism currently affect some emerging market countries.

**Equity Risk.** The prices of equity securities rise and fall daily. These price movements may result from factors affecting individual issuers, industries or the stock market as a whole. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles which may cause stock prices to fall over short and extended periods of time. In a declining stock market, stock prices for all companies (including those in the Fund's portfolio) may decline, regardless of their long-term prospects. Common stock is subordinated to preferred stocks, bonds and other debt instruments in a company's capital structure, in terms of priority to corporate income, and therefore will be subject to greater dividend risk than preferred stocks or debt instruments of such issuers.

**Exchange-Traded Funds Risk.** In addition to the risks associated with the underlying assets held by an ETF, investments in ETFs are subject to the following additional risks: (1) an ETF's shares may trade above or below its net asset value; (2) an active trading market for the ETF's shares may not develop or be maintained; (3) trading an ETF's shares may be halted by the listing exchange; (4) a passively managed ETF may not track the performance of the reference asset; and (5) a passively managed ETF may hold troubled securities or other investments. Investments in ETFs may involve duplication of management fees and certain other expenses, as the Fund indirectly bears its proportionate share of any expenses paid by the ETFs in which it invests. Further, certain ETFs are leveraged, which may result in economic leverage to the Fund, permitting the Fund to gain exposure that is greater than would be the case in an unlevered instrument and potentially resulting in greater volatility.

**Financial Sector Risk.** The Fund may be susceptible to adverse economic or regulatory occurrences affecting the financial sector. Companies in the financial sector are subject to extensive government regulation and, as a result, their profitability may be affected by new regulations or regulatory interpretations. Unstable interest rates can have a disproportionate effect on companies in the financial sector, which could adversely affect the profitability of such companies. Companies in the financial sector whose securities the Fund may purchase may themselves have concentrated portfolios, which makes them especially vulnerable to unstable economic conditions.

**Fluctuation of NAV; Unit Premiums and Discounts.** The NAV of the Fund's Shares will generally fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's securities holdings. The market prices of Shares will generally fluctuate in accordance with changes in the Fund's NAV and supply and demand of Shares on the Exchange or any other exchange on which Shares are traded. It cannot be predicted whether Shares will trade below, at or above their NAV. Price differences may be due, in large part, to the fact that supply and demand forces at work in the secondary trading market for Shares will be closely related to, but not identical to, the same forces influencing the prices of the securities of the Fund trading individually or in the aggregate at any point in time. The market prices of Shares may deviate significantly from the NAV of the Shares during periods of market volatility. While the creation/redemption feature is designed to make it likely that Shares normally will trade close to the Fund's NAV, disruptions to creations and redemptions and/or market volatility may result in trading prices that differ significantly from the Fund's NAV. If an investor purchases Shares at a time when the market price is at a premium to the NAV of the Shares or sells at a time when the market price is at a discount to the NAV of the Shares, then the investor may sustain losses that are in addition to any losses caused by a decrease in NAV.

**Foreign Securities Risk.** Investments in securities of foreign issuers are subject to risks not usually associated with owning securities of U.S. issuers. There is generally less publicly available information about foreign companies, particularly those not subject to the disclosure and reporting requirements of U.S. securities laws. Foreign issuers are generally not bound by uniform accounting, auditing, and financial reporting requirements and standards of practice comparable to those applicable to domestic issuers. Investments in foreign securities also involve the risk of possible adverse changes in investment or exchange control regulations or currency exchange rates, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, limitation on the removal of cash or other assets of the Fund from foreign markets, political or financial instability, or diplomatic and other developments which could affect such investments. Further, economies of particular countries

or areas of the world may differ favorably or unfavorably from the economy of the United States. Foreign securities often trade with less frequency and volume than domestic securities and therefore may exhibit greater price volatility. Investments in foreign markets also involve currency risk, which is the risk that the values of the Fund's investments denominated in foreign currencies will decrease due to adverse changes in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to the value of foreign currencies. These risks are typically greater in emerging markets. Additionally, to the extent that the underlying securities of the Fund trade on an exchange that is closed when the Exchange is open, there are likely to be deviations between current pricing of an underlying security and stale security pricing (i.e., the last quote from the foreign exchange market), resulting in premiums or discounts to NAV that are greater than those experienced by other ETFs.

**Index Tracking Risk.** While the Sub-Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Underlying Index closely (i.e., to achieve a high degree of correlation with the Underlying Index), it will not seek to beat the performance of the Underlying Index. Further, the Fund's return may not match or achieve a high degree of correlation with the returns of the Underlying Index due to operating expenses, transaction costs, cash flows, regulatory requirements and operational inefficiencies.

**Issuer Risk.** The performance of the Fund depends on the performance of the issuers of the individual securities in which Fund invests. Poor performance by any issuer may cause the value of its securities, and the value of the Fund's Shares, to decline.

**Market Risk.** Market risk refers to the risk that the value of securities in the Fund's portfolio may decline due to daily fluctuations in the securities markets that are generally beyond the Fund's control, including the quality of the Fund's investments, economic conditions, adverse investor sentiment, poor management decisions, lower demand for a company's goods or services and general equity market conditions. In a declining market, the prices for all securities (including those in the Fund's portfolio) may decline, regardless of their long-term prospects. Security values tend to move in cycles, with periods when securities markets generally rise and periods when they generally decline. During a "flash crash," the market prices of the Fund's Shares may decline suddenly and significantly. Such a decline may not reflect the performance of the portfolio securities held by the Fund. Flash crashes may cause Authorized Participants and other market makers to limit or cease trading in the Fund's Shares for temporary or longer periods. Shareholders could suffer significant losses to the extent that they sell Shares at these temporarily low market prices.

**No Assurance of Active Trading Market.** Although the Shares in the Fund are approved for listing on the Exchange, there can be no assurance that an active trading market will develop and be maintained for the Shares of the Fund. Further, market makers (other than lead market makers) have no obligation to make markets in the Fund's shares and may discontinue doing so at any time without notice. As a new fund, there can be no assurance that the Fund will grow to or maintain an economically viable size, in which case the Fund may ultimately liquidate.

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

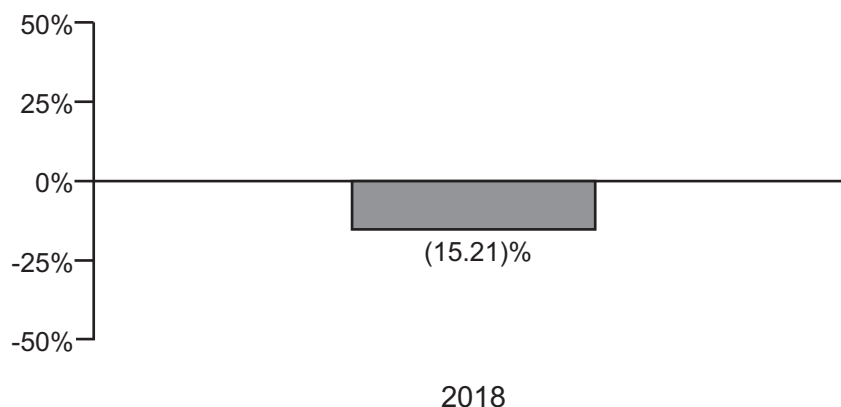
**Passive Strategy/Index Risk.** The Fund is managed with a passive investment strategy that seeks to track the performance of the Underlying Index. This differs from an actively managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund may hold constituent securities of the Underlying Index regardless of the current or projected performance of a specific security or the relevant sector as a whole. Maintaining investments in securities regardless of market conditions or the performance of individual securities could cause the Fund's returns to be lower than if the Fund employed an active strategy. The Fund will seek to track the Underlying Index in all market conditions, including during adverse market conditions when other funds may seek to take temporary defensive measures (such as investing significantly in cash or cash equivalents). Accordingly, unless the Underlying Index allocates significant portions of its assets to cash and cash equivalents during times of adverse market or economic conditions, the Fund may be subject to a higher level of market risk during such times than other funds.

**Risks Related to Portfolio Turnover.** As a result of its trading strategy, the Fund may sell portfolio securities without regard to the length of time they have been held and will likely have a higher portfolio turnover rate than other registered investment companies. Because portfolio turnover may involve paying brokerage commissions and other transaction costs, higher turnover generally results in additional Fund expenses. High rates of portfolio turnover may lower the performance of the Fund due to these increased costs and may also result in the realization of short-term capital gains. If the Fund realizes capital gains when portfolio investments are sold, the Fund must generally distribute those gains to shareholders, increasing the Fund's taxable distributions. High rates of portfolio turnover in a given year would likely result in short-term capital gains that are taxed to shareholders at ordinary income tax rates.

**Small and Medium Capitalization Companies Risk.** Investing in the securities of small and medium capitalization companies generally involves greater risk than investing in larger, more established companies. The securities of small and medium capitalization companies usually have more limited marketability and therefore may be more volatile and less liquid than securities of larger, more established companies or the market averages in general. Because small and medium capitalization companies normally have fewer shares outstanding than larger companies, it may be more difficult to buy or sell significant amounts of their shares without an unfavorable impact on prevailing prices. Small and medium capitalization companies often have limited product lines, markets, or financial resources and lack management depth, making them more susceptible to market pressures. Small and medium capitalization companies are typically subject to greater changes in earnings and business prospects than larger, more established companies. Small and medium capitalization companies may be particularly affected by interest rate increases, as they may find it more difficult to borrow money to continue or expand operations, or may have difficulty in repaying any loans which are floating rate. The foregoing risks are generally increased for smaller capitalization companies as compared to companies with larger capitalizations.

**PERFORMANCE INFORMATION**

The bar chart and table shown below provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the performance of the Fund from year to year and by showing how the Fund’s average annual returns for one year and since inception compare with a broad measure of market performance. The Fund’s past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information for the Fund may be obtained by calling the Fund at (888) 383-0553.



- During the periods shown in the bar chart, the highest return for a calendar quarter was 1.79% (quarter ended 9/30/2018).
- During the periods shown in the bar chart, the lowest return for a calendar quarter was (12.89)% (quarter ended 6/30/2018).

<b>Average Annual Total Returns – (For the Period Ended December 31, 2018)</b>	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>Since Inception<sup>1</sup></b>
Before taxes .....	(15.21)%	(10.08)%
After taxes on distributions .....	(15.27)%	(10.21)%
After taxes on distributions and sale of shares .....	(7.31)%	(6.79)%
Solactive Most Favored Nations Emerging Markets Index (net) (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) .....	(14.56)%	(9.66)%

(1) The Fund commenced operations on November 7, 2017.

After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on an investor’s tax situation and may differ from those shown and are not relevant to investors who hold Fund Shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as an individual retirement account (IRA) or 401(k) plan.



## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

### Investment Adviser and Sub-Adviser

Virtus ETF Advisers LLC is the Fund's investment adviser (the "**Adviser**"). ETFis Series Trust I (the "**Trust**") and the Adviser have engaged Glovista Investments LLC as the Fund's sub-adviser (the "**Sub-Adviser**") to manage the Fund's investments, subject to the oversight and supervision of the Adviser and the Board of Trustees (the "**Board**") of the Trust.

### Portfolio Managers

The following employees of the Sub-Adviser are the Fund's portfolio managers and have served in such positions since the inception of the Fund's operations: Dr. Carlos Asilis and Darshan Bhatt, CFA, CMT.

## PURCHASE AND SALE OF FUND SHARES

Unlike conventional investment companies, the Fund issues and redeems Shares on a continuous basis, at NAV, only in blocks of 50,000 Shares or whole multiples thereof ("**Creation Units**"). The Fund's Creation Units may be issued and redeemed, principally in-kind for securities included in the Fund, only by certain large institutions, referred to as "**Authorized Participants**," that enter into agreements with the Fund's principal underwriter. Retail investors may acquire and sell Shares only on the Exchange through a broker-dealer. Shares of the Fund will trade on the Exchange at market price rather than NAV. As such, Shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount).

## TAX INFORMATION

The Fund's distributions generally are taxed as ordinary income, capital gains or some combination of both, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or an IRA, in which case your distributions may be taxed as ordinary income when withdrawn from such arrangement.

## PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

If you purchase the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser or the Sub-Adviser may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund Shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE FUND'S INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE, STRATEGIES AND RISKS

**Additional Information Regarding the Fund's Objective.** The investment objective of the Fund may be changed by the Board without shareholder approval upon 60 days' notice to the shareholders. There is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its objective.

**Additional Information Regarding the Fund's Investments.** The Fund's 80% investment policy is non-fundamental and may be changed without shareholder approval upon 60 days' notice to the shareholders. Certain fundamental and non-fundamental policies of the Fund are set forth in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information (the "SAI") under "Investment Restrictions."

To the extent that the Fund is not invested in securities of the Underlying Index, the Fund may invest in other investments that the Fund believes will help it track the Underlying Index, including cash and cash equivalents.

In addition, although the Fund generally intends to replicate the component securities of the Underlying Index, the Fund may utilize a representative sampling strategy when a replication strategy might be detrimental to its shareholders, such as when there are practical difficulties or substantial costs involved in compiling a portfolio of securities to follow the Underlying Index. When utilizing a representative sampling strategy, the Fund will invest in what it believes to be a representative sample of the component securities in the Underlying Index. Under the representative sampling technique, each security is selected for inclusion in the Fund through the application of quantitative analytical procedures to give the Fund's portfolio an investment profile similar to that of its Underlying Index. Securities are selected for inclusion if they have aggregate investment characteristics (based on market capitalization and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability, earnings valuation and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of the Underlying Index taken in its entirety. If the representative sampling technique is used, the Fund will not be expected to track the performance of its Underlying Index with the same degree of accuracy as would an investment vehicle that invested in every component security of the Underlying Index with the same weighting as the Underlying Index. The Fund may also use representative sampling to exclude less liquid component securities contained in the Underlying Index in order to create a more tradable portfolio and improve arbitrage opportunities.

**Additional Information Regarding the Fund's Investment Risks.** In addition to the Fund's principal investment risks, an investment in the Fund is also subject to the following risks:

**Early Closing Risk.** An unanticipated early closing of the Exchange may result in a shareholder's inability to buy or sell Shares of the Fund on that day.

**Fund Shares Liquidity Risk.** Trading in Shares of the Fund may be halted because of market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in Shares inadvisable. In addition, trading in Shares is subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility pursuant to "circuit breaker" rules. There can be no assurance that the requirements necessary to maintain the listing of the Shares will continue to be met or will remain unchanged. During stressed market conditions, the liquidity of Shares may be less than the liquidity of the securities in the Fund's portfolio, which may be significantly less than the liquidity of other ETFs.

**Redeeming Risk.** Shares in the Fund may be redeemed only in Creation Units. Shares may not be redeemed in fractional Creation Units. Only Authorized Participants are authorized to transact in Creation Units with the Fund. All other persons or entities transacting in Shares must do so in the secondary market.

**Sampling Risk.** To the extent the Fund utilizes a representative sampling approach, the Fund will be subject to an increased risk of tracking error because the securities selected for the Fund in the aggregate may vary from the investment profile of the Underlying Index. Additionally, if using a representative sampling approach, the Fund will typically hold a smaller number of securities than the Underlying Index and, as a result, an adverse development to an issuer of securities that the Fund holds could result in a greater decline in NAV than would be the case if the Fund held all of the securities in the Underlying Index.

**Disclosure of Portfolio Holdings.** The Fund's portfolio holdings will be disclosed on the Fund's website ([www.virtusetfs.com](http://www.virtusetfs.com)) daily after the close of trading on the Exchange and prior to the opening of trading on the Exchange the following day.

## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

The Fund's investment adviser is Virtus ETF Advisers LLC, located at 1540 Broadway, New York, NY 10036. The Adviser was organized as a Delaware limited liability company in August 2013 and, since April 2015, has been a majority-owned subsidiary of Virtus Partners, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Virtus Investment Partners, Inc. (Ticker: VRTS) (together with its affiliates, "**Virtus**"). Virtus is a public company that operates a multi-manager asset management business and has substantial experience in the investment management and investment company industries. As of December 31, 2018, on a collective basis, Virtus-affiliated registered investment advisers manage approximately \$92 billion in assets.

The Adviser has served as the Fund's investment adviser since inception of the Fund's operations pursuant to an investment advisory agreement with the Trust on behalf of the Fund. The Adviser is responsible for the oversight and management of all service providers to the Trust. The Adviser has engaged the Sub-Adviser to manage the Fund's investments in accordance with the stated investment objective and policies of the Fund, subject to the oversight and supervision of the Adviser and the Board, and will oversee the Sub-Adviser's compliance with the terms and conditions of the ETF exemptive order issued to the Adviser and the Trust. The Adviser also assists with: (a) non-advisory operations of the Fund, (b) the preparation and submission of reports to existing shareholders, (c) the periodic updating of prospectuses and statements of additional information, (d) the preparation of reports to be filed with the SEC and other regulatory authorities, and (e) maintaining certain of the Fund's records.

**Adviser Compensation.** The Adviser receives a monthly advisory fee from the Fund at the annual rate of 0.68% of the Fund's average daily net assets (the "Advisory Fee"). In consideration of the fees paid with respect to the Fund, the Adviser has agreed to pay all of the ordinary operating expenses of the Fund, except for the following expenses, each of which is paid by the Fund: the Advisory Fee; payments under any 12b-1 plan; taxes and other governmental fees; brokerage fees, commissions and other transaction expenses; interest and other costs of borrowing; litigation or arbitration expenses; acquired fund fees and expenses; and extraordinary or other non-routine expenses of the Fund.

**Fee Waiver Agreement.** The Adviser has contractually agreed to waive a portion of the Fund's management fee equal to 0.03% of the Fund's average daily net assets, which will have the effect of reducing the Fund's expenses, including Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses (the "Fee Waiver Agreement"). Unless the Adviser continues the Fee Waiver Agreement, it will terminate on February 28, 2020. While the Adviser or the Fund may discontinue the Fee Waiver Agreement after the contractual period, it may only be terminated during its term by either party upon written notice; provided that such termination shall require the approval of the Fund's Board of Trustees.

### INVESTMENT SUB-ADVISER

The Fund's sub-adviser is Glovista Investments LLC, One Evertrust Plaza, 11th Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07302. The Sub-Adviser serves in that capacity pursuant to a sub-advisory contract (the "**Sub-Advisory Agreement**") with the Adviser and the Trust, on behalf of the Fund, as approved by the Board. The Sub-Adviser makes day-to-day investment decisions for the Fund and selects broker-dealers for executing portfolio transactions, subject to the Sub-Adviser's best execution obligations and the Trust's and the Sub-Adviser's brokerage policies. The Adviser, however, will continue to have overall responsibility for the management and investment of the assets and responsibility for all advisory services furnished by the Sub-Adviser, and will supervise the Sub-Adviser in the performance of its duties for the Fund pursuant to written policies and procedures designed to prevent violations of applicable laws and regulations, Board procedures, and the provisions of the Fund's prospectus and SAI, as supplemented from time to time.

The Sub-Adviser has served as the sub-adviser of the Fund since the inception of the Fund's operations. The Sub-Adviser has been providing investment advisory services since 2007. As of December 31, 2018, the Sub-Adviser had approximately \$523 million in assets under management.

**Sub-Adviser Compensation.** For services provided to the Trust, the Adviser will pay to the Sub-Adviser a fee, payable monthly in arrears, equal to 60% of the net advisory fee payable by the Fund to the Adviser for such month. For this purpose, the "net advisory fee" means the advisory fee paid by the Fund to the Adviser for investment advisory services under the Adviser's investment advisory agreement with the Fund, after deducting the payment of all of the ordinary

operating expenses of the Fund under the Adviser's unified fee arrangement. In the event that the Adviser waives all or a portion of its fee pursuant to an applicable waiver agreement, then the Sub-Adviser will waive its fee in the same proportion as the Adviser.

**Disclosure Regarding Advisory Agreement Approval.** A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's most recent approval of the investment advisory agreement and investment sub-advisory agreement for the Fund is available in the Fund's annual report for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2018. You may obtain a copy of the Fund's annual and semi-annual reports, without charge, upon request to the Fund.

## **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

The following employees of the Sub-Adviser are the Fund's portfolio managers, each of whom is jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund's portfolio and has served in such positions since the inception of the Fund's operations.

**Dr. Carlos Asilis, *Portfolio Manager.*** Dr. Carlos Asilis is co-founder and Chief Investment Officer of the Sub-Adviser. Prior to the Sub-Adviser, Dr. Asilis managed global macro strategies focusing on global equities, fixed income, currencies and commodities at Proxima Alfa Investments (USA) LLC from 2003 to 2007. Between 1999 and 2003, Dr. Asilis worked at JP Morgan Chase, initially as the firm's first Chief Global Emerging Markets Strategist and subsequently as Chief US and Chief Investment Strategist.

**Darshan Bhatt, CFA, CMT, *Portfolio Manager.*** Darshan Bhatt is co-founder and Deputy Chief Investment Officer of the Sub-Adviser. Prior to the Sub-Adviser, Mr. Bhatt co-managed global macro strategies focusing on global equities, fixed income, currencies and commodities at Proxima Alfa Investments (USA) LLC from 2003 to 2007. Prior to 2003, Mr. Bhatt worked in JP Morgan's U.S. Equity Strategy and Institutional Investor-ranked Global Emerging Markets Equity Strategy team.

**Additional Information.** Additional information about the portfolio managers' compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio managers and the portfolio managers' ownership of Shares of the Fund is available in the Fund's SAI.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Fund is a non-diversified series of the Trust, an open-end management investment company organized as a Delaware statutory trust on September 20, 2012. The Board supervises the operations of the Trust and the Fund according to applicable state and federal law, and is responsible for the overall management of the Fund's business affairs.

## **OPERATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR**

Virtus ETF Solutions, LLC (the "**Administrator**"), located at 1540 Broadway, New York, NY 10036, serves as the Fund's operational administrator. The Administrator supervises the overall administration of the Trust and the Fund including, among other responsibilities, the coordination and day-to-day oversight of the Fund's operations, the service providers' communications with the Fund and each other, and assistance with Trust, Board and contractual matters related to the Fund and other series of the Trust. The Administrator also provides persons satisfactory to the Board to serve as officers of the Trust.

## **ACCOUNTING SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR, CUSTODIAN AND TRANSFER AGENT**

The Bank of New York Mellon ("**BNY Mellon**"), located at 240 Greenwich Street, New York, NY 10286, directly and through its subsidiary companies, provides necessary administrative, accounting, tax and financial reporting for the maintenance and operations of the Trust as the Fund's accounting services administrator. BNY Mellon also serves as the custodian for the Fund's assets, and serves as transfer agent and dividend paying agent for the Fund.

## **DISTRIBUTOR**

ETF Distributors LLC (the "**Distributor**"), located at 1540 Broadway, New York, NY 10036, serves as the distributor of Creation Units for the Fund on an agency basis. The Distributor does not maintain a secondary market in Shares.

## **INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, located at Two Commerce Square, Suite 1800, 2001 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, serves as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Trust and the Fund.

## **LEGAL COUNSEL**

Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP, located at 2005 Market Street, Suite 2600 Philadelphia, PA 19103, serves as counsel to the Trust and the Independent Trustees.

## **EXPENSES OF THE FUND**

The Fund pays all expenses not assumed by the Adviser. General Trust expenses that are allocated among and charged to the assets of the Fund and other series of the Trust are done so on a basis that the Board deems fair and equitable, which may be on a basis of relative net assets of the Fund and other series of the Trust or the nature of the services performed and relative applicability to the Fund and other series of the Trust.

## **INVESTING IN THE FUND**

### **DISTRIBUTION AND SERVICE PLAN**

The Board has adopted on behalf of the Fund a Distribution and Service Plan pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act. In accordance with its Rule 12b-1 plan, the Fund is authorized to pay an amount up to 0.25% of its average daily net assets each year to finance activities primarily intended to result in the sale of Creation Units of the Fund or the provision of investor services. No Rule 12b-1 fees are currently paid by the Fund, and there are no current plans to impose these fees. However, in the event Rule 12b-1 fees are charged in the future, they will be paid out of the respective Fund's assets, and over time these fees will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than certain other types of sales charges.

The Adviser and its affiliates may, out of their own resources, pay amounts to third parties for distribution or marketing services on behalf of the Fund. The making of these payments could create a conflict of interest for a financial intermediary receiving such payments.

### **DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE**

The NAV of the Shares for the Fund is equal to the Fund's total assets minus the Fund's total liabilities divided by the total number of Shares outstanding. Interest and investment income on the Trust's assets accrue daily and are included in the Fund's total assets. Expenses and fees (including investment advisory, management, administration and distribution fees, if any) accrue daily and are included in the Fund's total liabilities. The NAV that is published is rounded to the nearest cent; however, for purposes of determining the price of Creation Units, the NAV is calculated to five decimal places.

The pricing and valuation of portfolio securities is determined in good faith in accordance with procedures approved by, and under the direction of, the Board. In determining the value of the Fund's assets, portfolio securities are generally valued at market using quotations from the primary market in which they are traded. Debt securities (other than short-term investments) are valued on the basis of broker quotes or valuations provided by a pricing service, which in determining value utilizes information regarding recent sales, market transactions in comparable securities, quotations from dealers, and various relationships between securities. Short-term investments having a remaining maturity of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value. Other assets, such as accrued interest, accrued dividends and cash are also included in determining the NAV. The Fund normally uses third party pricing services to obtain market quotations.

Securities and assets for which market quotations are not readily available or which cannot be accurately valued using the Fund's normal pricing procedures are valued by the Trust's Fair Value Pricing Committee at fair value as determined in good faith under policies approved by the Board. Fair value pricing may be used, for example, in situations where (i) portfolio securities, such as securities with small capitalizations, are so thinly traded that there have been no transactions for that security over an extended period of time; (ii) an event occurs after the close of the exchange on which a portfolio security is principally traded that is likely to change the value of the portfolio security prior to the Fund's NAV calculation; (iii) the exchange on which the portfolio security is principally traded closes early; or (iv) trading of the particular portfolio

security is halted during the day and does not resume prior to the Fund's NAV calculation. Pursuant to policies adopted by the Board, the Adviser consults with BNY Mellon and the Sub-Adviser on a regular basis regarding the need for fair value pricing. The Fund's policies regarding fair value pricing are intended to result in a calculation of the Fund's NAV that fairly reflects portfolio security values as of the time of pricing. A portfolio security's "fair value" price may differ from the price next available for that portfolio security using the Fund's normal pricing procedures, and the fair value price may differ substantially from the price at which the security may ultimately be traded or sold. If the fair value price differs from the price that would have been determined using the Fund's normal pricing procedures, you may receive more or less proceeds or Shares from redemptions or purchases of Fund Shares, respectively, than you would have otherwise received if the portfolio security were priced using the Fund's normal pricing procedures and the prices used to determine the Fund's Indicative Intra-Day Value ("**IIV**"), which could result in the market prices for Shares deviating from NAV. The performance of the Fund may also be affected if a portfolio security's fair value price were to differ from the security's price using the Fund's normal pricing procedures. The Board monitors and evaluates the Fund's use of fair value pricing, and periodically reviews the results of any fair valuation under the Trust's policies.

To the extent the assets of the Fund are invested in other open-end investment companies that are registered under the 1940 Act, the Fund's NAV is calculated based upon the NAVs reported by such registered open-end investment companies, and the prospectuses for these companies explain the circumstances under which they will use fair value pricing and the effects of using fair value pricing. With respect to securities that are primarily listed on foreign exchanges, the value of the Fund's portfolio securities may change on days when you will not be able to purchase or sell your Shares.

The NAV is determined as of the close of regular trading on the Exchange, normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, on each day that the Exchange is open for business. Currently, the Exchange is closed on weekends and in recognition of the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

#### **INDICATIVE INTRA-DAY VALUE**

The approximate value of the Fund's investments on a per-Share basis, the Indicative Intra-Day Value, or IIV, is disseminated by the Exchange every 15 seconds during hours of trading on the Exchange. The IIV should not be viewed as a "real-time" update of NAV because the IIV may not be calculated in the same manner as NAV, which is computed once per day.

The IIV for the Fund is calculated during hours of trading on the Exchange by dividing the "Estimated Fund Value" as of the time of the calculation by the total number of outstanding Shares of that Fund. "**Estimated Fund Value**" is the sum of the estimated amount of cash held in the Fund's portfolio, the estimated amount of accrued interest owed to the Fund and the estimated value of the securities held in the Fund's portfolio, minus the estimated amount of the Fund's liabilities. The IIV will be calculated based on the same portfolio holdings disclosed on the Fund's website at [www.virtusetfs.com](http://www.virtusetfs.com).

The IIV calculations are based on local market prices and may not reflect events that occur subsequent to the local market's close, which could affect premiums and discounts between the IIV and the market price of the Fund's Shares. Although the Trust provides information used to calculate the IIV, the Trust is not involved in the actual calculation of the IIV and is not responsible for the calculation or dissemination of the IIV. The Trust makes no warranty as to the accuracy of the IIV.

#### **PREMIUM/DISCOUNT INFORMATION**

Information regarding the extent and frequency with which market prices of Shares have tracked the Fund's NAV for the most recently completed calendar year and the most recently completed calendar quarters since that year will be available without charge on the Fund's website at [www.virtusetfs.com](http://www.virtusetfs.com).

#### **FREQUENT TRADING**

The Board has not adopted policies and procedures with respect to frequent purchases and redemptions of Fund Shares by Fund shareholders ("**market timing**"). In determining not to adopt market timing policies and procedures, the Board noted that, unlike traditional mutual funds, the Fund's Shares can only be purchased and redeemed directly from the Fund in Creation Units by Authorized Participants, and that the vast majority of trading in the Fund's Shares occurs on the secondary market. Because secondary market trades do not involve the Fund directly, it is unlikely those trades would

cause many of the harmful effects of market timing, including dilution, disruption of portfolio management, increases in the Fund's trading costs and the realization of capital gains. With respect to trades directly with the Fund, to the extent effected in-kind (namely, for securities), those trades do not cause any of the harmful effects that may result from frequent cash trades. To the extent trades are effected in whole or in part in cash, the Board noted that those trades could result in dilution to the Fund and increased transaction costs (and the Fund may impose higher transaction fees to offset these increased costs), which could negatively impact the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective. However, the Board noted that direct trading on a short-term basis by Authorized Participants is critical to ensuring that the Fund's Shares trade at or close to NAV. The Fund also imposes transaction fees on purchases and redemptions of Creation Units that are designed to offset the Fund's transfer and other transaction costs associated with the issuance and redemption of Creation Units. Given this structure, the Board determined that it is not necessary to adopt market timing policies and procedures. The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order at any time and reserves the right to impose restrictions on disruptive or excessive trading in Creation Units.

The Board has instructed the officers of the Trust to review reports of purchases and redemptions of Creation Units on a regular basis to determine if there is any unusual trading in the Fund's Shares. The officers of the Trust will report to the Board any such unusual trading in Creation Units that is disruptive to the Fund. In such event, the Board may reconsider its decision not to adopt market timing policies and procedures.

## **DISTRIBUTIONS**

The Fund intends to qualify each year as a regulated investment company under the Code. As a regulated investment company, the Fund generally pays no federal income tax on the income and gains it distributes to shareholders. The Fund expects to distribute substantially all of its net investment income quarterly and its net realized capital gains, if any, at least annually. The Fund may distribute such income dividends and capital gains more frequently, if necessary, in order to reduce or eliminate federal excise or income taxes on the Fund. The amount of any distribution will vary, and there is no guarantee the Fund will pay either an income dividend or a capital gains distribution. Distributions may be reinvested automatically in additional whole Shares only if the broker through whom you purchased Shares makes such option available.

Each year, you will receive an annual statement (Form 1099) of your account activity to assist you in completing your federal, state and local tax returns. Distributions declared in December to shareholders of record in such month, but paid in January, are taxable as if they were paid in December. The Fund makes every effort to search for reclassified income to reduce the number of corrected forms mailed to you. However, when necessary, you will receive a corrected Form 1099 to reflect reclassified information.

At the time you purchase your Fund Shares, the price of Shares may reflect undistributed income, undistributed capital gains, or net unrealized appreciation in value of portfolio securities held by the Fund. For taxable investors, a subsequent distribution to you of such amounts, although constituting a return of your investment, would be taxable. Buying Shares in the Fund just before it declares an income dividend or capital gains distribution is sometimes known as "buying a dividend."

## **FEDERAL INCOME TAXES**

### **FUND DISTRIBUTIONS**

The Fund expects, based on its investment objective and strategies, that its distributions, if any, will be taxable as ordinary income, capital gains, or some combination of both. This is true whether you reinvest your distributions in additional Fund Shares or receive them in cash. For federal income tax purposes, Fund distributions of short-term capital gains are taxable to you as ordinary income. Fund distributions of long-term capital gains are taxable to you as long-term capital gains no matter how long you have owned your Shares. A portion of income dividends reported by a Fund may be qualified dividend income eligible for taxation by individual shareholders at long-term capital gain rates provided certain holding period requirements are met.

## **SALE OF FUND SHARES**

A sale of Fund Shares is a taxable event and, accordingly, a capital gain or loss may be recognized. Currently, any capital gain or loss realized upon a sale of Fund Shares generally is treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the Shares have been held for more than one year and as short-term capital gain or loss if the Shares have been held for one year or less. The ability to deduct capital losses may be limited.

## **TAX TREATMENT OF FUND SHAREHOLDERS**

An additional 3.8% Medicare tax is imposed on certain net investment income (including ordinary dividends and capital gain distributions received from the Fund and net gains from other taxable dispositions of Fund Shares) of U.S. individuals, estates and trusts to the extent that such person's "modified adjusted gross income" (in the case of an individual) or "adjusted gross income" (in the case of an estate or trust) exceeds a threshold amount. This Medicare tax, if applicable, is reported by you on, and paid with, your federal income tax return.

If a Fund qualifies to pass through the tax benefits from foreign taxes it pays on its investments, and elects to do so, then any foreign taxes it pays on these investments may be passed through to you as a foreign tax credit.

Fund distributions and gains from the sale of your Fund Shares generally are subject to state and local taxes.

Non-U.S. investors may be subject to U.S. withholding tax at a 30% or lower treaty rate and U.S. estate tax and are subject to special U.S. tax certification requirements to avoid backup withholding and claim any treaty benefits. Exemptions from U.S. withholding tax are provided for certain capital gain dividends paid by the Fund from net long-term capital gains, interest-related dividends and short-term capital gain dividends, if such amounts are reported by the Fund. However, notwithstanding such exemptions from U.S. withholding at the source, any such dividends and distributions of income and capital gains will be subject to backup withholding at a rate of 24% if you fail to properly certify that you are not a U.S. person.

Under the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA"), a 30% withholding tax is imposed on income dividends paid by the Fund to certain foreign entities, referred to as foreign financial institutions or nonfinancial foreign entities, that fail to comply (or be deemed compliant) with extensive reporting and withholding requirements designed to inform the U.S. department of the Treasury of U.S.-owned foreign investment accounts. After December 31, 2018, FATCA withholding also would have applied to certain capital gain distributions, return of capital distributions and the proceeds arising from the sale of Fund Shares; however, based on proposed regulations issued by the IRS, which can be relied upon currently, such withholding is no longer required unless final regulations provide otherwise (which is not expected). Information about a shareholder in the Fund may be disclosed to the IRS, non-U.S. taxing authorities or other parties as necessary to comply with FATCA. Withholding also may be required if a foreign entity that is a shareholder of the Fund fails to provide the appropriate certifications or other documentation concerning its status under FATCA.

## **WITHHOLDING**

By law, if you do not provide your proper taxpayer identification number and certain required certifications, you may be subject to backup withholding on any distributions of income, capital gains or proceeds from the sale of your Shares. Withholding is also imposed if the IRS requires it. When withholding is required, the amount will be 24% of any distributions or proceeds paid.

## **CREATION UNITS**

An Authorized Participant who exchanges equity securities for Creation Units generally will recognize a gain or a loss. The gain or loss will be equal to the difference between the market value of the Creation Units at the time of purchase (plus any cash received by the Authorized Participant as part of the issue) and the Authorized Participant's aggregate basis in the securities surrendered (plus any cash paid by the Authorized Participant as part of the issue). An Authorized Participant who exchanges Creation Units for equity securities generally will recognize a gain or loss equal to the difference between the Authorized Participant's basis in the Creation Units (plus any cash paid by the Authorized Participant as part of the redemption) and the aggregate market value of the securities received (plus any cash received by the Authorized Participant as part of the redemption). The IRS, however, may assert that a loss realized upon an exchange of securities for Creation Units cannot be deducted currently under the rules governing "wash sales," or on the basis that there has been no significant change in economic position. Persons exchanging securities should consult their own tax advisor with respect to whether the wash sale rules apply and when a loss might be deductible.



Under current federal tax laws, any capital gain or loss realized upon redemption of Creation Units is generally treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the Shares have been held for more than one year and as a short-term capital gain or loss if the Shares have been held for one year or less.

If the Fund redeems Creation Units in cash, it may recognize more capital gains than it will if it redeems Creation Units in-kind.

*This discussion of “Federal Income Taxes” is not intended or written to be used as tax advice. Because everyone’s tax situation is unique, you should consult your tax professional about federal, state, local or foreign tax consequences before making an investment in the Fund. For additional information, see the “Taxation” section of the Statement of Additional Information.*

#### DISCLAIMERS

The Fund is not sponsored, promoted, sold or supported in any other manner by Solactive AG nor does Solactive AG offer any express or implicit guarantee or assurance either with regard to the results of using the Underlying Index and/or Underlying Index trade mark or the prices of the Underlying Index at any time or in any other respect. The Underlying Index is calculated and published by Solactive AG. Solactive AG uses its best efforts to ensure that the Underlying Index is calculated correctly. Irrespective of its obligations towards the Sub-Adviser, Solactive AG has no obligation to point out errors in the Underlying Index to third parties including but not limited to investors and/or financial intermediaries of the Fund. Neither publication of the Underlying Index by Solactive AG nor the licensing of the Underlying Index or Underlying Index trade mark for the purpose of use in connection with the Fund constitutes a recommendation by Solactive AG to invest capital in said Fund nor does it in any way represent an assurance or opinion of Solactive AG with regard to any investment in the Fund.

Neither the Adviser nor the Sub-Adviser guarantees the accuracy and/or the completeness of the Underlying Index or any data included therein, and neither the Adviser nor the Sub-Adviser shall have any liability for any errors, omissions or interruptions therein. Neither the Adviser nor the Sub-Adviser make any warranty, express or implied, as to results to be obtained by the Fund, owners of the Shares of the Fund or any other person or entity from the use of the Underlying Index or any data included therein. Each of the Adviser and Sub-Adviser makes no express or implied warranties, and expressly disclaims all warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose or use with respect to the Underlying Index or any data included therein. Without limiting any of the foregoing, in no event shall the Adviser or Sub-Adviser have any liability for any special, punitive, direct, indirect or consequential damages (including lost profits) arising out of matters relating to the use of the Underlying Index, even if notified of the possibility of such damages.

#### FUND WEBSITE AND DISCLOSURE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

The Trust maintains a website for the Fund at [www.virtusetfs.com](http://www.virtusetfs.com). The website for the Fund contains the following information, on a per-Share basis, for the Fund: (i) the prior Business Day’s NAV; (ii) the reported midpoint of the bid-ask spread at the time of NAV calculation (the “**Bid-Ask Price**”); (iii) a calculation of the premium or discount of the Bid-Ask Price against such NAV; and (iv) data in chart format displaying the frequency distribution of discounts and premiums of the Bid-Ask Price against the NAV, within appropriate ranges, for each of the four previous calendar quarters (or for the life of the Fund if, shorter). In addition, on each Business Day, before the commencement of trading in Shares on the Exchange, the Trust will disclose on the Fund’s website the identities and quantities of the portfolio securities and other assets held by the Fund that will form the basis for the calculation of NAV at the end of the Business Day.

A description of the Trust’s policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the Fund’s portfolio securities is available in the SAI.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

The Fund is not sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by the Exchange. The Exchange makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, to the owners of Shares or any member of the public regarding the advisability of investing in securities generally or in the Fund particularly or the ability of the Fund to achieve its objective. The Exchange has no obligation or liability in connection with the administration, marketing or trading of the Fund.

For purposes of the 1940 Act, the Fund is a registered investment company, and the acquisition of Shares by other registered investment companies and companies relying on exemption from registration as investment companies under Section 3(c)(1) or 3(c)(7) of the 1940 Act is subject to the restrictions of Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act, except as permitted by an exemptive order that permits registered investment companies to invest in the Fund beyond those limitations.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The financial highlights table below is intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the period of the Fund's operations. Certain information reflects financial results for a single Fund Share. The total returns in the table represent the rate that an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in the Fund (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions). This information has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the Fund's financial statements, are included in the Fund's Annual Report, which is available upon request, at no charge, by calling the Fund at (888) 383-0553.

	<b>Virtus Glovista Emerging Markets ETF</b> <hr/> <b>For the Period November 7, 2017<sup>1</sup> Through October 31, 2018</b> <hr/>
<b>Per Share Data for a Share Outstanding throughout the period presented:</b>	
Net asset value, beginning of period .....	\$ 24.95
Investment operations:	
Net investment income <sup>2</sup> .....	0.53
Net realized and unrealized loss .....	<u>(3.90)</u>
Total from investment operations .....	<u>(3.37)</u>
<b>Less Distributions from:</b>	
Net investment income .....	<u>(0.09)</u>
Total distributions .....	<u>(0.09)</u>
<b>Net Asset Value, End of period</b> .....	<b><u>\$ 21.49</u></b>
Net Asset Value Total Return <sup>3</sup> .....	<u>(13.58)%</u>
Net assets, end of period (000's omitted) .....	\$ 12,892
<b>RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:</b>	
<b>Ratios to Average Net Assets:</b>	
Expenses, net of expense waivers .....	0.65% <sup>4</sup>
Expenses, prior to expense waivers .....	0.68% <sup>4</sup>
Net investment income .....	2.20% <sup>4</sup>
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>5</sup> .....	162% <sup>6</sup>

1 Commencement of operations.

2 Based on average shares outstanding.

3 Net Asset Value Total Return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value on the first day of the period, reinvestment of dividends and distributions at net asset value during the period, and redemption at net asset value on the last day of the period. Total return calculated for a period of less than one year is not annualized.

4 Annualized.

5 Portfolio turnover excludes the value of portfolio securities received or delivered as a result of in-kind creations or redemptions of the Fund's capital shares.

6 Not annualized.

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<b>FACTS</b>	<b>WHAT DOES ETFIS SERIES TRUST I DO WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?</b>	
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	<b>For our marketing purposes –</b> to offer our products and services to you	No
	<b>For joint marketing with other financial companies</b>	No
	<b>For our affiliates' everyday business purposes –</b> information about your transactions and experiences	No
	<b>For our affiliates' everyday business purposes –</b> information about your creditworthiness	No
	<b>For non-affiliates to market to you</b>	No
	<b>Can you limit this sharing?</b>	
		No
		We don't share
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<b>Who is providing this notice?</b>	ETFis Series Trust I
<b>What we do</b>	
<b>How does ETFis Series Trust I protect my personal information?</b>	<p>To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer safeguards and secured files and buildings.</p> <p>Our service providers are held accountable for adhering to strict policies and procedures to prevent any misuse of your nonpublic personal information.</p>
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<b>Definitions</b>	
<b>Affiliates</b>	<p>Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Virtus ETF Advisers LLC, the investment adviser to ETFis Series Trust I, ETF Distributors LLC, the principal underwriter for ETFis Series Trust I, and Virtus ETF Solutions LLC, the operational administrator for ETFis Series Trust I, could each be deemed to be an affiliate.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Non-affiliates</b>	<p>Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>ETFis Series Trust I does not share with non-affiliates so they can market to you.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Joint marketing</b>	<p>A formal agreement between nonaffiliated financial companies that together market financial products or services to you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>ETFis Series Trust I does not jointly market.</i></li> </ul>

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you would like more information about the Trust, the Fund or the Shares, the following documents are available free upon request:

### **Annual and Semi-Annual Reports**

Additional information about the Fund's investments is available in the Fund's annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders. You will find in the Fund's annual report a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Fund's performance during the prior fiscal year.

### **Statement of Additional Information**

Additional information about the Fund and its policies is also available in the Fund's SAI. The SAI is incorporated by reference into this Prospectus (and is legally considered part of this Prospectus).

To receive a free copy of the Fund's SAI, annual and semi-annual reports or other information about the Fund, or to make inquiries about the Fund, please call the Fund toll-free at (888) 383-0553. You can also access and download the SAI and the most recent annual and semi-annual reports without charge at the Fund's website at [www.virtusetfs.com](http://www.virtusetfs.com) or by written request to the Fund at the address below.

*To obtain other information and for shareholder inquiries:*

By telephone: (888) 383-0553

By mail: ETFis Series Trust I  
1540 Broadway  
New York, NY 10036

On the Internet: SEC Edgar database: <http://www.sec.gov>; or [www.virtusetfs.com](http://www.virtusetfs.com)

Only one copy of a Prospectus or an annual or semi-annual report will be sent to each household address. This process, known as "householding," is used for most required shareholder mailings. (It does not apply to confirmations of transactions and account statements, however.) You may, of course, request an additional copy of a Prospectus or an annual or semi-annual report at any time by calling or writing the Fund. You may also request that householding be eliminated from all your required mailings.

Reports and other information about the Fund are available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC's Internet site at <http://www.sec.gov>, and copies of this information may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following e-mail address: [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov).

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