

**VIRTUS LIFESCI BIOTECH PRODUCTS ETF**  
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## RISK/RETURN SUMMARY INFORMATION

### VIRTUS LIFESCI BIOTECH PRODUCTS ETF (TICKER: BBP)

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Virtus LifeSci Biotech Products ETF (the “**Products Fund**”) seeks investment results that correspond, before fees and expenses, to the price and yield performance of the LifeSci Biotechnology Products Index (the “**Products 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 Products Fund (“**Shares**”). Most investors will incur customary brokerage commissions when buying or selling Shares of the Products 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> . . . . .	0.79%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses . . . . .	0.79%

(1) The management fee is structured as a “unified fee,” out of which the Products Fund’s adviser pays all of the ordinary operating expenses of the Products Fund, except for the following expenses, each of which is paid by the Products Fund: the Products 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 Products Fund.

**Example.** This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Products 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 Products Fund.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Products 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 Products Fund’s operating expenses remain at current levels. 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>
\$81	\$252	\$439	\$978

#### PORTFOLIO TURNOVER

The Products 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 Products Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in the annual Fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Products Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year ended October 31, 2017, the Products Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 34% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Under normal market conditions, the Products Fund will invest not less than 80% of its assets in component securities of the Products Index. The Products Index seeks to track the performance of the common stock of U.S. exchange-listed biotechnology companies with at least one drug therapy approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (“**FDA**”) for marketing. The Products Index is sponsored by LifeSci Index Partners, LLC (the “**Index Provider**”). The Index Provider utilizes a selection committee comprised of its employees (the “**Index Committee**”) that is responsible, pursuant to the rules included in the methodology for the Products Index, for making certain determinations for the Products Index, as more fully described below. The Index Committee utilizes various public data sources to make

determinations, including, but not limited to, Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) filings, public documents from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”), company press releases and official corporate websites.

*What is a Biotechnology Company?* The Index Provider defines a biotechnology company as one whose primary business (i.e., the source of all or a majority of the company’s revenue) is the research and development and/or marketing and sale of novel drugs or other therapeutics used in the treatment of human diseases.

*Excluded Companies.* Pursuant to the methodology for the Products Index, the Index Committee must exclude from the Products Index companies that are not pure biotechnology companies because they are classified, based on publicly available information, within one of the following nine distinct sub-industries of the Biotechnology subsector: Animal Health, Conglomerate, Diversified Healthcare, Healthcare Services, Large Pharmaceuticals, Specialty Pharmaceuticals, Medical Devices, Nutraceuticals, or Tools (“**Excluded Companies**”). Companies with a primary product offering or product candidate (“**lead drug**”) still in preclinical testing or research stage, prior to entering into human clinical trials, are also excluded from the Products Index. The methodology for the Products Index requires the Index Committee to determine a company’s lead drug based on publicly available information. While other existing biotechnology index products may include many of the Excluded Companies, the Index Provider believes that by excluding them, the Products Index will more accurately capture the performance of traditional biotechnology companies.

*The Products Index.* To initially be considered for the Products Index, a security must have the following characteristics (“**Initial Index Criteria**”):

- Security: Common Stock
- Primary Exchange: United States
- Sector: Classified according to the Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB) as Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology
- Market Capitalization: \$250 million or more
- 6-Month Average Daily Trading Volume: \$2 million or more
- 1-Month Average Daily Trading Volume: \$1 million or more
- Seasoning Period of IPOs and New Issues: 3 months
- Corporate Activity: issuer may not currently be in bankruptcy proceedings or have entered into a definitive agreement or other arrangement which would likely result in the security no longer being eligible.

The Products Index then excludes each issuer meeting the Initial Index Criteria that is an Excluded Company. The methodology for the Products Index then requires the Index Provider to determine, based on publicly available information, the appropriate categorization of each of the remaining issuers based on the issuer’s lead drug:

- Product Stage: The lead drug of these companies has received FDA approval.
- Clinical Trial Stage: The lead drug of these companies is in a Phase 1, Phase 2 or Phase 3 clinical trial stage of development.
- Pre-Clinical Trial Stage: The lead drug of these companies is in its pre-clinical trial stage of development.

The methodology for the Products Index then requires the Index Provider to select for inclusion in the Products Index only the common stock of those remaining issuers with a lead drug determined to be in the Product Stage.

As of December 31, 2017, the Products Index contained the common stock of 39 issuers. The Index Provider reconstitutes the Products Index semi-annually, upon the open of the first trading days after June 15 and December 15 of each year, with equal weightings among all constituent securities. A security may be removed from the Products Index prior to a scheduled reconstitution if, for any consecutive 60-day period, the security’s market capitalization falls below \$50 million and the security’s minimum 6-month average daily trading volume falls below \$500,000, or if the security’s issuer has entered into a definitive merger or acquisition agreement or has filed for bankruptcy. The Products Index is calculated and published daily by Indxx, LLC, which is not affiliated with the Products Fund, the Index Provider or Virtus ETF Advisers LLC, the Products Fund’s investment adviser (the “**Adviser**”).

The Products Fund uses a “passive” or indexing investment approach to try to approximate the investment performance of the Products Index by investing in a portfolio of securities that generally replicates the Products Index; however, there may be times when the Products Fund does not hold every security in the Products Index. The Adviser expects that, over time, the correlation between the Products Fund’s performance, before fees and expenses, and that of the Products Index will be 95% or better. A figure of 100% would indicate perfect correlation.

Unlike many investment companies, the Products Fund will not seek to “beat” the performance of the Products Index and will not seek temporary defensive measures when markets decline or appear overvalued.

Under normal market conditions, the Products Fund will invest not less than 80% of its net assets (plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) in securities of biotechnology companies. The Products Fund concentrates its investments (i.e., holds 25% or more of its total assets) in the securities of issuers engaged primarily in the biotechnology industry. 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.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS**

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

**Authorized Participant Risk.** The Products 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 Products Fund may trade like closed-end fund shares at a discount to net asset value (“NAV”) and possibly face delisting.

**Biotechnology Industry Risk.** A fund concentrated in a single industry or sector, such as the biotechnology industry, is likely to present more risks than a fund that is broadly diversified over several industries or sectors. Companies within the biotechnology industry spend heavily on research and development, which may not necessarily lead to commercially successful products in the near or long term. In order to fund operations, these companies may require financing from the capital markets, which may not always be available on satisfactory terms or at all. The biotechnology industry is also subject to significant governmental regulation, and the need for governmental approvals, including, without limitation, FDA approval. The granting of FDA approval may lead to dramatic changes in a biotechnology company’s stock price; however, because the Products Index only adds securities with a lead drug that has already obtained FDA approval, the Products Fund will likely not receive the benefit from any initial increase in the value of the issuer’s securities that results upon the granting of such approval. Biotechnology companies typically rely heavily on their ability to obtain and enforce intellectual property rights and patents. Any impairment of such rights may have significant adverse effects on a biotechnology company. The securities of biotechnology companies, especially those of smaller or newer companies, tend to be more volatile than those of companies with larger capitalizations or markets generally. Biotechnology companies can be significantly affected by technological change, obsolescence and competition, as well as product liability lawsuits and resulting high insurance costs. Biotechnology companies may have persistent losses during a new product’s transition from development to production, and their revenue patterns may be erratic. Biotechnology companies also face reimbursement risks from government and private payors and public concerns over high prices for biotechnology drugs.

**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 Products Fund’s Shares have more trading volume and market liquidity and higher if the Products 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.

**Equal Weighting.** Equal weighting is a method of weighting index stocks whereby the same exposure is provided to both the smallest and largest companies included in the index. Because the Products Index uses equal weighting, the Products Fund will likely have greater exposure to small- and mid-capitalization companies in its portfolio than it would if it used a market capitalization weighting.

**Fluctuation of NAV; Unit Premiums and Discounts.** The NAV of the Products Fund's Shares will generally fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Products Fund's securities holdings. The market prices of Shares will generally fluctuate in accordance with changes in the Products 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 Products 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 Products Fund's NAV, disruptions to creations and redemptions and/or market volatility may result in trading prices that differ significantly from the Products 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.

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

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

**Market Risk.** Market risk refers to the risk that the value of securities in the Products 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 Products 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, prices for all securities (including those in the Products 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 Products Fund's Shares may decline suddenly and significantly. Such a decline may not reflect the performance of the portfolio securities held by the Products Fund. Flash crashes may cause Authorized Participants and other market makers to limit or cease trading in the Products 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.

**Non-Diversified Fund Risk.** The Products 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.

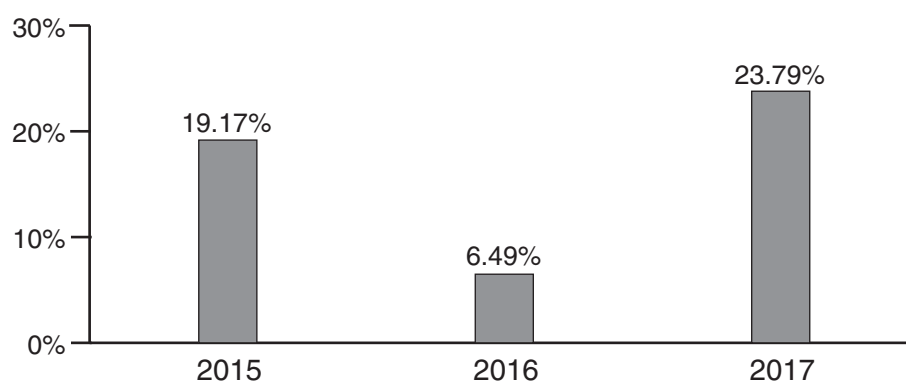
**Passive Strategy/Index Risk.** The Products Fund is managed with a passive investment strategy that seeks to track the performance of the Products Index. This differs from an actively managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Products Fund may hold constituent securities of the Products Index regardless of the current or projected performance of a specific security or the biotechnology industry as a whole. Maintaining investments in securities regardless of market conditions or the performance of individual securities could cause the Products Fund's returns to be lower than if the Products Fund employed an active strategy.

**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 Products Fund by showing changes in the performance of the Products Fund from year to year and by showing how the Products Fund’s average annual returns for one year and since inception compare with a broad measure of market performance and the index the Products Fund seeks to track. The Products Fund’s past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Products Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information for the Products Fund may be obtained by calling the Products Fund at (888) 383-0553.



- During the periods shown in the bar chart, the highest return for a calendar quarter was 23.07% (quarter ended 9/30/2016).
- During the periods shown in the bar chart, the lowest return for a calendar quarter was (21.15)% (quarter ended 9/30/2015).

Average Annual Total Returns – (For the Period Ended December 31, 2017)	1 Year	Since Inception <sup>1</sup>
Before taxes . . . . .	23.79%	17.78%
After taxes on distributions . . . . .	23.73%	17.56%
After taxes on distributions and sale of shares . . . . .	13.51%	13.94%
LifeSci Biotechnology Products Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) . . . . .	24.36%	12.86%
S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) . . . . .	21.83%	18.77%

(1) The Products Fund commenced operations on December 16, 2014.

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

Virtus ETF Advisers LLC is the Products Fund’s investment adviser. The Adviser is responsible for managing the Products Fund’s investments, subject to the oversight and supervision of the Board of Trustees (the “**Board**”) of ETFis Series Trust I (the “**Trust**”).



## **Portfolio Managers**

The Products Fund's portfolio management team is comprised of Matthew B. Brown and Seth Kadushin, each of whom is a Portfolio Manager with the Adviser and has served as portfolio manager of the Products Fund since August 2017.

## **PURCHASE AND SALE OF FUND SHARES**

Unlike conventional investment companies, the Products 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 Products Fund's Creation Units may be issued and redeemed, principally in-kind for securities included in the Products Fund, only by certain large institutions, referred to as "**Authorized Participants**", that enter into agreements with the Products Fund's principal underwriter. Retail investors may acquire and sell Shares only on the Exchange through a broker-dealer. Shares of the Products 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 Products 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 Products Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser may pay the intermediary for the sale of Products 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 Products Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

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## VIRTUS LIFESCI BIOTECH CLINICAL TRIALS ETF (TICKER: BBC)

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Virtus LifeSci Biotech Clinical Trials ETF (the “**Clinical Trials Fund**”) seeks investment results that correspond, before fees and expenses, to the price and yield performance of the LifeSci Biotechnology Clinical Trials Index (the “**Clinical Trials 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 Clinical Trials Fund (“**Shares**”). Most investors will incur customary brokerage commissions when buying or selling Shares of the Clinical Trials 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> . . . . .	0.79%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses . . . . .	0.79%

(1) The management fee is structured as a “unified fee,” out of which the Clinical Trials Fund’s adviser pays all of the ordinary operating expenses of the Clinical Trials Fund, except for the following expenses, each of which is paid by the Clinical Trials Fund: the Clinical Trials 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 Clinical Trials Fund.

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<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Years</u>	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>
\$81	\$252	\$439	\$978

### PORTFOLIO TURNOVER

The Clinical Trials 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 Clinical Trials Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in the annual Fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Clinical Trials Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year ended October 31, 2017, the Clinical Trials Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 45% of the average value of its portfolio.

### PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Under normal market conditions, the Clinical Trials Fund will invest not less than 80% of its assets in component securities of the Clinical Trials Index. The Clinical Trials Index seeks to track the performance of the common stock of U.S. exchange-listed biotechnology companies with a primary product offering (“**lead drug**”) that is typically in a Phase 1, Phase 2 or Phase 3 clinical trial stage of development, but prior to receiving marketing approval. The Clinical Trials Index is sponsored by LifeSci Index Partners, LLC (the “**Index Provider**”). The Index Provider utilizes a selection committee comprised of its employees (the “**Index Committee**”) that is responsible, pursuant to the rules included in the methodology for the Clinical Trials Index, for making certain determinations for the Clinical Trials Index, as more fully described below. The Index Committee utilizes various public data sources to make determinations, including, but

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*Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase 3:* Clinical trials are conducted in a series of steps, called “phases,” and each phase is designed to answer a separate research question, as described below:

- Phase 1: In a Phase 1 trial, researchers test a new drug or treatment in a small group of people (20-80) for the first time to evaluate its safety, determine a safe dosage range and identify side effects.
- Phase 2: In a Phase 2 trial, the drug or treatment is given to a larger group of people (100-300) to see if it is effective and to further evaluate its safety.
- Phase 3: In a Phase 3 trial, the drug or treatment is given to large groups of people (500-3,000) to confirm its effectiveness, monitor side effects, compare it to commonly used treatments and collect information that will allow the drug or treatment to be used safely.

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- Security: Common Stock
- Primary Exchange: United States
- Sector: Classified according to the Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB) as Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology
- Market Capitalization: \$250 million or more
- 6-Month Average Daily Trading Volume: \$2 million or more
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- Seasoning Period of IPOs and New Issues: 3 months
- Corporate Activity: issuer may not currently be in bankruptcy proceedings or have entered into a definitive agreement or other arrangement which would likely result in the security no longer being eligible.

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- Product Stage: The lead drug of these companies has received FDA approval.
- Clinical Trial Stage: The lead drug of these companies is in a Phase 1, Phase 2 or Phase 3 clinical trial stage of development.
- Pre-Clinical Trial Stage: The lead drug of these companies is in its pre-clinical trial stage of development.

The methodology for the Clinical Trials Index then requires the Index Provider to select for inclusion in the Products Index only the common stock of those remaining issuers with a lead drug determined to be in the Clinical Trials Stage.

As of December 31, 2017, the Clinical Trials Index contained the common stock of 85 issuers. The Index Provider reconstitutes the Clinical Trials Index semi-annually, upon the open of the first trading days after June 15 and December 15 of each year, with equal weightings among all constituent securities. An issuer's security will typically be removed from the Clinical Trials Index, at the time of the Clinical Trials Index's next reconstitution, if the issuer's lead drug is granted FDA approval. In addition, an issuer's security will typically be removed from the Clinical Trials Index, at the time of the next reconstitution, if the issuer's Lead Drug fails in development and is no longer being pursued by the issuer, such that the issuer no longer has a lead drug in the Clinical Trials Stage. A security may also be removed from the Clinical Trials Index prior to a scheduled reconstitution if, for any consecutive 60-day period, the security's market capitalization falls below \$50 million and the security's minimum 6-month average daily trading volume falls below \$500,000, or if the security's issuer has entered into a definitive merger or acquisition agreement or has filed for bankruptcy. The Clinical Trials Index is calculated and published daily by Indxx, LLC, which is not affiliated with the Clinical Trials Fund, the Index Provider or Virtus ETF Advisers LLC, the Clinical Trials Fund's investment adviser (the "Adviser").

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

Unlike many investment companies, the Clinical Trials Fund will not seek to "beat" the performance of the Clinical Trials Index and will not seek temporary defensive measures when markets decline or appear overvalued.

Under normal market conditions, the Clinical Trials Fund will invest not less than 80% of its net assets (plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) in securities of biotechnology companies with a lead drug that is typically in a clinical trials stage of development. The Clinical Trials Fund concentrates its investments (i.e., holds 25% or more of its total assets) in the securities of issuers engaged primarily in the biotechnology industry. 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.

## PRINCIPAL RISKS

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

**Authorized Participant Risk.** The Clinical Trials 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 Clinical Trials Fund may trade like closed-end fund shares at a discount to net asset value ("NAV") and possibly face delisting.

**Biotechnology Industry Risk.** A fund concentrated in a single industry or sector, such as the biotechnology industry, is likely to present more risks than a fund that is broadly diversified over several industries or sectors. Companies within the biotechnology industry spend heavily on research and development, which may not necessarily lead to commercially successful products in the near or long term. In order to fund operations, these companies may require financing from the capital markets, which may not always be available on satisfactory terms or at all. The biotechnology industry is also subject to significant governmental regulation, and the need for governmental approvals, including, without limitation, the successful implementation of Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase 3 clinical trials and, ultimately, FDA approval, may prevent or delay the release of new products. The results of these clinical trials, including, without limitation, available data regarding the lead drug's clinical efficacy, safety and adverse events and pharmacokinetic profiles, may lead to dramatic changes in a biotechnology company's stock price. However, because an issuer with a lead drug that is granted FDA approval will no longer be in the clinical trials stage, it will be removed from the Clinical Trials Index at the time of the

Clinical Trials Index's next reconstitution, and the Clinical Trials Fund will likely not receive the benefit from any increase in the value of the issuer's securities. Biotechnology companies typically rely heavily on their ability to obtain and enforce intellectual property rights and patents. Any impairment of such rights may have significant adverse effects on a biotechnology company. The securities of biotechnology companies, especially those of smaller or newer companies, tend to be more volatile than those of companies with larger capitalizations or markets generally. Biotechnology companies can be significantly affected by technological change, obsolescence and competition, as well as product liability lawsuits and resulting high insurance costs. Biotechnology companies may have persistent losses during a new product's transition from development to production, and their revenue patterns may be erratic. Biotechnology companies also face reimbursement risks from government and private payors and public concerns over high prices for biotechnology drugs. These risks are heightened for issuers in the Clinical Trial Stage as compared to an issuer with a lead drug in the Products Stage.

**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 Clinical Trials Fund's Shares have more trading volume and market liquidity and higher if the Clinical Trials 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.

**Equal Weighting.** Equal weighting is a method of weighting index stocks whereby the same exposure is provided to both the smallest and largest companies included in the index. Because the Clinical Trials Index uses equal weighting, the Clinical Trials Fund will likely have greater exposure to small-and mid-capitalization companies in its portfolio than it would if it used a market capitalization weighting.

**Fluctuation of NAV; Unit Premiums and Discounts.** The NAV of the Clinical Trials Fund's Shares will generally fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Clinical Trials Fund's securities holdings. The market prices of Shares will generally fluctuate in accordance with changes in the Clinical Trials 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 Clinical Trials 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 Clinical Trials Fund's NAV, disruptions to creations and redemptions and/or market volatility may result in trading prices that differ significantly from the Clinical Trials 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.

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

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

**Market Risk.** Market risk refers to the risk that the value of securities in the Clinical Trials 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 Clinical Trials 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, prices for all securities (including those in the Clinical Trials 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 Clinical Trials Fund's Shares may decline suddenly and significantly. Such a decline may not reflect the performance of the portfolio securities held by the Clinical Trials Fund. Flash crashes may cause Authorized Participants and other market makers to limit or cease trading in the Clinical Trials 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.

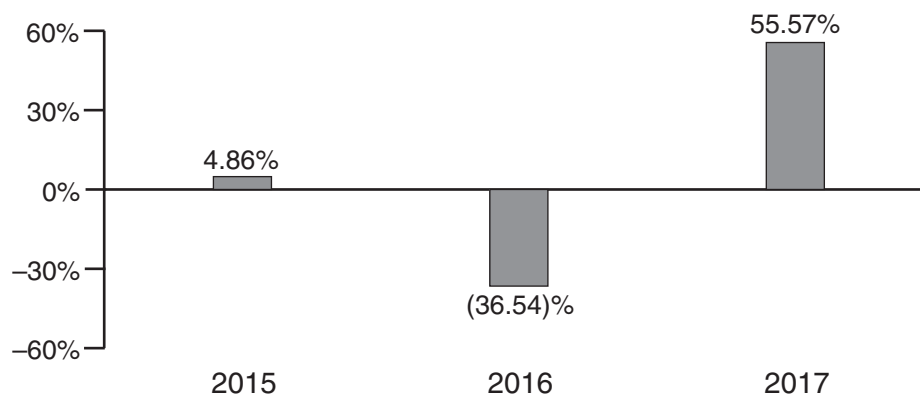
**Non-Diversified Fund Risk.** The Clinical Trials Fund is considered non-diversified and can invest a greater portion of assets in securities of individual issuers than a diversified fund. As a result, changes in the market value of a single investment could cause greater fluctuations in share price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

**Passive Strategy/Index Risk.** The Clinical Trials Fund is managed with a passive investment strategy that seeks to track the performance of the Clinical Trials Index. This differs from an actively managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Clinical Trials Fund may hold constituent securities of the Clinical Trials Index regardless of the current or projected performance of a specific security or the biotechnology industry as a whole. Maintaining investments in securities regardless of market conditions or the performance of individual securities could cause the Clinical Trials Fund's returns to be lower than if the Clinical Trials Fund employed an active strategy.

**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 Clinical Trials Fund by showing changes in the performance of the Clinical Trials Fund from year to year and by showing how the Clinical Trials Fund's average annual returns for one year and since inception compare with a broad measure of market performance and the index the Clinical Trials Fund seeks to track. The Clinical Trials Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Clinical Trials Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information for the Clinical Trials Fund may be obtained by calling the Clinical Trials Fund at (888) 383-0553.



- During the periods shown in the bar chart, the highest return for a calendar quarter was 25.72% (quarter ended 3/31/2017).
- During the periods shown in the bar chart, the lowest return for a calendar quarter was (34.52)% (quarter ended 3/31/2016).

### Average Annual Total Returns – (For the Period Ended December 31, 2017)

	1 Year	Since Inception <sup>1</sup>
Before taxes . . . . .	55.57%	4.76%
After taxes on distributions . . . . .	54.84%	4.53%
After taxes on distributions and sale of shares . . . . .	31.44%	3.56%
S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	21.83%	12.86%
LifeSci Biotechnology Clinical Trials Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) . . . . .	56.97%	5.46%

(1) The Clinical Trials Fund commenced operations on December 16, 2014.

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

Virtus ETF Advisers LLC is the Clinical Trials Fund's investment adviser. The Adviser is responsible for managing the Clinical Trials Fund's investments, subject to the oversight and supervision of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of ETFis Series Trust I (the "Trust").

### Portfolio Managers

The Clinical Trials Fund's portfolio management team is comprised of Matthew B. Brown and Seth Kadushin, each of whom is a Portfolio Manager with the Adviser and has served as portfolio manager of the Clinical Trials Fund since August 2017.

## **PURCHASE AND SALE OF FUND SHARES**

Unlike conventional investment companies, the Clinical Trials 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 Clinical Trials Fund’s Creation Units may be issued and redeemed, principally in-kind for securities included in the Clinical Trials Fund, only by certain large institutions, referred to as “**Authorized Participants**,” that enter into agreements with the Clinical Trials Fund’s principal underwriter. Retail investors may acquire and sell Shares only on the Exchange through a broker-dealer. Shares of the Clinical Trials 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 Clinical Trials 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 Clinical Trials Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Adviser may pay the intermediary for the sale of Clinical Trials 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 Clinical Trials Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.



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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE FUNDS' INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE, STRATEGIES AND RISKS**

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

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

To the extent that a Fund is not invested in securities of the Fund's applicable underlying index, a Fund may invest in other investments that the Adviser believes will help it track its applicable underlying index, including cash and cash equivalents, shares of other registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds and ETFs), options and futures contracts.

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

*No Assurance of Active Trading Market Risk.* Although the Shares in each Fund are approved for listing on the Exchange, there can be no assurance that an active trading market will be maintained for the Shares of a Fund. Further, market makers (other than lead market makers) have no obligation to make markets in a Fund's Shares and may discontinue doing so at any time without notice.

*Fund Shares Liquidity Risk.* Trading in Shares of a 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 a Fund's portfolio, which may be significantly less than the liquidity of other ETFs.

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

*ETF and other Registered Investment Company Risk.* Each Fund may invest in actively managed or index-based ETFs or other registered investment companies. Through its positions in ETFs and other registered investment companies, a Fund will be subject to the risks associated with such vehicles' investments, including the possibility that the value of the securities or instruments held by an ETF or other registered investment company could decrease (or increase). Investments in ETFs and other registered investment companies are also subject to the following additional risks:

*Market Value Risk.* The market value of an ETF's shares may differ from its NAV. This difference in price may be due to the fact that the supply and demand in the market for ETF shares at any point in time is not always identical to the supply and demand in the market for the underlying basket of securities. Accordingly, there may be times when an ETF trades at a premium (creating the risk that a Fund pays more than NAV for an ETF when making a purchase) or discount (creating the risks that a Fund's NAV is reduced for undervalued ETFs it holds, and that a Fund receives less than NAV when selling an ETF).

*Tracking Risk.* Index-based ETFs and other registered investment companies in which a Fund may invest may not be able to replicate exactly the performance of the indices they track because the total return generated by the securities will be reduced by transaction costs incurred in adjusting the actual balance of the securities. In addition, index-based ETFs and other registered investment companies in which a Fund may invest may incur expenses not incurred by their applicable indices. Certain securities comprising the indices may, from time to time, temporarily be unavailable, which may further impede an ETF's or other registered investment company's ability to track its applicable index or match its performance.

*Investment Limitation.* Under the Investment Company Act of 1940 Act, as amended ("1940 Act") a Fund may not acquire shares of an ETF or other registered investment company if, immediately after such acquisition, the Fund and

its affiliated persons would hold more than 3% of the ETF's or investment company's total outstanding shares unless (i) the ETF or other investment company or the Fund has received an order for exemptive relief from the 3% limitation from the SEC that is applicable to the Fund; and (ii) the ETF or other investment company and the Fund take appropriate steps to comply with any conditions in such order. Accordingly, the 3% limitation may prevent a Fund from allocating its investments in the manner the Adviser considers optimal, or cause the Adviser to select an investment other than that which the Adviser considers optimal.

*Expenses.* To the extent a Fund invests in ETFs or other registered investment companies, your cost of investing in that Fund will generally be higher than the cost of investing directly in ETFs or other registered investment companies, because you will indirectly bear fees and expenses charged by the underlying ETFs and registered investment companies in which the Fund invests in addition to the Fund's direct fees and expenses. Furthermore, a Fund's investments in ETFs or other registered investment companies could affect the timing, amount, and character of the Fund's distributions and therefore may increase the amount of your tax liability.

*Sampling Risk.* The index-based ETFs in which a Fund may invest may utilize a representative sampling approach to track their respective underlying indices. ETFs that utilize a representative sampling approach are subject to an increased risk of tracking error because the securities selected for the ETF in the aggregate may vary from the investment profile of the underlying index. Additionally, if using a representative sampling approach, an ETF 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 ETF holds could result in a greater decline in NAV than would be the case if the ETF held all of the securities in the underlying index.

*Redeeming Risk.* Shares in a 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 a Fund. All other persons or entities transacting in a Fund's Shares must do so in the secondary market.

**Disclosure of Portfolio Holdings.** Each Fund's portfolio holdings will be disclosed on the Trust's website daily after the close of trading on the Exchange and prior to the opening of trading on the Exchange the following day.

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## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUNDS

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

The Funds' investment adviser is Virtus ETF Advisers LLC, located at 1540 Broadway, New York, New York 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, 2017, on a collective basis, Virtus-affiliated registered investment advisers manage approximately \$79.2 billion in assets. The Adviser also serves as investment adviser to each other series of the Trust and Virtus ETF Trust II, an open end management investment company registered with the SEC.

The Adviser serves as each Fund's investment adviser pursuant to an investment advisory agreement with the Trust on behalf of each Fund. The Adviser is responsible for the oversight and management of all service providers to the Trust. The Adviser also assists with: (a) non-advisory operations of the Funds, (b) the preparation of all required tax returns, (c) the preparation and submission of reports to existing shareholders, (d) the periodic updating of prospectuses and statements of additional information, (e) the preparation of reports to be filed with the SEC and other regulatory authorities, and (f) maintaining certain of the Funds' records.

**Adviser Compensation.** Effective August 14, 2017, shareholders of each Fund approved an amended and restated investment advisory agreement with the Adviser pursuant to which the Adviser receives a monthly fee at the annual rate of 0.79% of each Fund's average daily net assets (the "**New Advisory Agreement**"). In consideration of the fees paid with respect to each Fund, the Adviser has agreed to pay all ordinary operating expenses of the Fund, except for the following expenses, each of which is paid by the Fund: the Adviser's 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. Prior to shareholder approval of the New Advisory Agreement, the Adviser was paid by each Fund's previous sub-adviser out of the sub-adviser's fee pursuant to an investment sub-advisory agreement then in effect. For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2016, the previous sub-adviser paid the Adviser fees equal to an annual rate of 0.075% and 0.1275% of the Fund's average annual net assets with respect to the Products Fund and the Clinical Trials Fund, respectively. For the same period, the Products Fund and the Clinical Trials Fund paid the previous sub-adviser fees equal to an annual rate of 0.85% and 0.85% of the Fund's average annual net assets, respectively.

**Disclosure Regarding Advisory Agreement Approval.** A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's most recent approval of the investment advisory agreements for the Funds is available in the Funds' annual report for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2017. You may obtain a copy of the Funds' annual and semi-annual reports, without charge, upon request to the Funds.

## **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

The following individuals serve as the Funds' portfolio managers, each of whom is jointly and primarily responsible for the day- to-day management of each Fund's portfolio and has served in such position since August 2017:

**Matthew Brown**, Portfolio Manager. Matthew Brown serves as Portfolio Manager at the Adviser. Mr. Brown is also executive managing director and chief operating officer at Virtus ETF Solutions LLC ("VES") since 2012. Before founding VES in 2012, he served as director of operations for Factor Advisors from 2010 to 2012. In 2009, Mr. Brown co-founded ETP Resources, a consulting and data services business that continues to grow and serve the ETF industry. From 2008 to 2009, he headed U.S. operations and served as chief compliance officer for U.K.-based issuer SPA/London & Capital. Mr. Brown earned a B.A. in Economics from Boston College.

**Seth Kadushin**, Portfolio Manager. Seth Kadushin serves as Portfolio Manager at the Adviser. Mr. Kadushin has also served as director of capital markets at VES since 2013. Prior to joining VES, Mr. Kadushin worked at Euromoney Institutional Investor, Plc where he developed large scale investment management programs focusing on Exchange Traded Instruments and Alternate Investment Strategies. From 2011 through 2012 Mr. Kadushin worked at Wedbush Securities as an Options Desk Strategist. Mr. Kadushin worked at RBS Securities as Head Program Trader from 2009 through 2011. Prior to 2009, Mr. Kadushin held senior level positions at Lehman Brothers and Bear Sterns (J.P. Morgan), where he was a member of the firm's Cross Asset Policy Committee charged with instituting their equity trading division's guidelines. Mr. Kadushin holds a BBA in Finance from Emory University. He achieved his Master's in Business from Fordham University with a concentration in Information Systems.

**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 Funds is available in the Funds' SAI.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Each 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 Funds according to applicable state and federal law, and is responsible for the overall management of the Funds' business affairs.

## **OPERATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR**

Virtus ETF Solutions LLC (the "**Administrator**"), located at 1540 Broadway, New York, New York 10036, serves as the Funds' operational administrator. The Administrator supervises the overall administration of the Trust and the Funds including, among other responsibilities, the coordination and day-to-day oversight of the Funds' operations, the service providers' communications with the Funds and each other and assistance with Trust, Board and contractual matters related to the Funds 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 101 Barclay Street, New York, New York 10007, directly and through its subsidiary companies, provides necessary administrative, accounting, tax and financial reporting for the

maintenance and operations of the Trust as the Funds' accounting services administrator. BNY Mellon also serves as the custodian for the Funds' assets, and serves as transfer agent and dividend paying agent for the Funds.

#### **DISTRIBUTOR**

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

#### **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 FUNDS**

Each Fund pays all of its expenses not assumed by the Adviser. General Trust expenses that are allocated among and charged to the assets of the Funds 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 Funds and other series of the Trust or the nature of the services performed and relative applicability to the Funds and other series of the Trust.

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## INVESTING IN THE FUNDS

### DISTRIBUTION AND SERVICE PLANS

The Board has adopted on behalf of each Fund a Distribution and Service Plan pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act. In accordance with its Rule 12b-1 plan, each 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 either 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 a 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 each 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 a Fund's total assets. Expenses and fees (including investment advisory, management, administration and distribution fees, if any) accrue daily and are included in a 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 a 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 Funds normally use 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 a 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 a 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 a Fund's NAV calculation. Pursuant to policies adopted by the Board, the Adviser consults with BNY Mellon on a regular basis regarding the need for fair value pricing. The Funds' policies regarding fair value pricing are intended to result in a calculation of the Funds' 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 Funds' 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 Funds' normal pricing procedures, you may receive more or less proceeds or Shares from redemptions or purchases of the Fund's Shares, respectively, than you would have otherwise received if the portfolio security were priced using the Funds' normal pricing procedures and the prices used to determine a Fund's Indicative Intra-Day Value ("IIV"), which could result in the market prices for Shares deviating from NAV. The performance of a 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 each 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 a 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.

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 a 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 each 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 a 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 Funds' 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 a 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 a Fund's 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 Funds' 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 either Fund's Shares by the Fund's shareholders ("**market timing**"). In determining not to adopt market timing policies and procedures, the Board noted that, unlike traditional mutual funds, a 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 a Fund's Shares occurs on the secondary market. Because secondary market trades do not involve a 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 a 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 a Fund and increased transaction costs (and the Fund may impose higher transaction fees to offset these increased costs), which could negatively impact a 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 a Fund's Shares trade at or close to NAV. Each 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. Each 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 a Fund's Shares. The officers of the Trust will report to the Board any such unusual trading in Creation Units that is disruptive to a Fund. In such event, the Board may reconsider its decision not to adopt market timing policies and procedures.

## **DISTRIBUTIONS**

Each Fund intends to qualify each year as a regulated investment company under the Code. As a regulated investment company, a Fund generally pays no federal income tax on the income and gains it distributes to shareholders. A Fund expects to distribute substantially all of its net investment income quarterly and its net realized capital gains, if any, at least annually. A 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 a 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. A Fund make 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 a 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 a Fund just before it declares an income dividend or capital gains distribution is sometimes known as "buying a dividend."

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## **FEDERAL INCOME TAXES**

### **FUND DISTRIBUTIONS**

Each 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 a 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.

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 a 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 payments or distributions made by a 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: (a) income dividends and (b) after December 31, 2018, certain capital gain distributions, return of capital distributions and the proceeds arising from the sale of Fund Shares. Information about a shareholder in a 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 a 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 Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) requires it. When withholding is required, the amount will be 28% 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.***



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## **FUND WEBSITE AND DISCLOSURE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS**

The Trust maintains a website for the Funds at [www.virtusetfs.com](http://www.virtusetfs.com). The website for the Funds contains the following information, on a per-Share basis, for each 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 the Funds' Shares on the Exchange, the Trust will disclose on the Funds' website the identities and quantities of the portfolio securities and other assets held by each Fund that will form the basis for the calculation of the Fund's NAV at the end of the Business Day.

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

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## **BENCHMARK DESCRIPTIONS**

The S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index is a free-float market capitalization-weighted index of 500 of the largest U.S. companies. The index is calculated on a total return basis with dividends reinvested. The index is unmanaged, its returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges, and is not available for direct investment.

The LifeSci Biotechnology Products Index is designed to track the performance of U.S. listed biotechnology stocks with at least one drug therapy approved by the FDA for marketing. The index is unmanaged, its returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges, and is not available for direct investment.

The LifeSci Biotechnology Clinical Trials Index is designed to track the performance of U.S. listed biotechnology stocks with a lead drug in the clinical trial stage of development, typically a Phase 1, Phase 2 or Phase 3 trial, but prior to receiving marketing approval. The index is unmanaged, its returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges, and is not available for direct investment.

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## **OTHER INFORMATION**

Neither Fund is sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by the Exchange. The Exchange makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, to the owners of a Fund's Shares or any member of the public regarding the advisability of investing in securities generally or in a Fund particularly or the ability of a Fund to achieve its objective. The Exchange has no obligation or liability in connection with the administration, marketing or trading of the Funds.

For purposes of the 1940 Act, each Fund is a registered investment company, and the acquisition of a Fund's 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 each 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 a Fund (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions). This information for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2017 has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Two Commerce Square, Suite 1800, 2001 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with a 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. The information for the fiscal years ended prior to October 31, 2017 was audited by the Funds' previous independent registered public accounting firm.

	<b>Virtus Biotech Clinical Trials ETF</b>		
	<b>For the Year Ended October 31, 2017</b>	<b>For the Year Ended October 31, 2016</b>	<b>For the period December 16, 2014<sup>1</sup> through October 31, 2015</b>
<b>Per Share Data for a Share Outstanding Throughout each period presented:</b>			
Net asset value, beginning of period . . . . .	\$ 18.05	\$ 27.37	\$ 25.00
Investment operations:			
Net investment loss <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	(0.12)	(0.14)	(0.24)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) . . . . .	9.80	(9.03)	2.61 <sup>3</sup>
Total from investment operations . . . . .	9.68	(9.17)	2.37
<b>Less Distributions from:</b>			
Net realized gains . . . . .	—	(0.15)	—
Total distributions . . . . .	—	(0.15)	—
<b>Net Asset Value, End of period . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 27.73</b>	<b>\$ 18.05</b>	<b>\$ 27.37</b>
Net Asset Value Total Return <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	53.66%	(33.73)%	9.46%
Net assets, end of period (000's omitted) . . . . .	\$30,501	\$18,045	\$23,261
<b>RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:</b>			
<b>Ratios to Average Net Assets:</b>			
Expenses . . . . .	0.83%	0.85% <sup>5</sup>	0.85% <sup>6,7</sup>
Net investment loss . . . . .	(0.53)%	(0.67)%	(0.85)% <sup>6</sup>
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>8</sup> . . . . .	45%	54%	76% <sup>9</sup>

1 Commencement of operations.

2 Based on average shares outstanding.

3 The per share amount of realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments does not accord with the amounts reported in the Statements of Changes due to the timing of creation of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market values.

4 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.

5 The ratio of expenses to average net assets include tax expense fees of less than 0.01%.

6 Annualized.

7 The ratio of expenses to average net assets include interest expense fees of less than 0.01%.

8 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.

9 Not annualized.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	Virtus Biotech Products Trials ETF		
	For the Year Ended October 31, 2017	For the Year Ended October 31, 2016	For the period December 16, 2014 <sup>1</sup> through October 31, 2015
<b>Per Share Data for a Share Outstanding Throughout each period presented:</b>			
Net asset value, beginning of period . . . . .	\$ 28.91	\$ 30.50	\$ 25.00
Investment operations:			
Net investment income (loss) <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	0.07	(0.12)	(0.17)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) . . . . .	10.36	(1.07)	5.67 <sup>3</sup>
Total from investment operations . . . . .	10.43	(1.19)	5.50
<b>Less Distributions from:</b>			
Net realized gains . . . . .	—	(0.40)	—
Total distributions . . . . .	—	(0.40)	—
<b>Net Asset Value, End of period</b> . . . . .	<b>\$ 39.34</b>	<b>\$ 28.91</b>	<b>\$ 30.50</b>
Net Asset Value Total Return <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	36.08%	(3.97)%	21.99%
Net assets, end of period (000's omitted) . . . . .	<u>\$ 37,377</u>	<u>\$ 23,130</u>	<u>\$ 22,874</u>
<b>RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:</b>			
<b>Ratios to Average Net Assets:</b>			
Expenses . . . . .	0.84%	0.85% <sup>5</sup>	0.86% <sup>6,7</sup>
Net investment income (loss) . . . . .	0.19%	(0.43)%	(0.58)% <sup>6</sup>
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>8</sup> . . . . .	34%	35%	45% <sup>9</sup>

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# Privacy Notice

FACTS	WHAT DOES ETFIS SERIES TRUST I DO WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?	
<b>Why?</b>	Financial companies choose how they share your personal information. Federal law gives consumers the right to limit some but not all sharing. Federal law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share and protect your personal information. Please read this notice carefully to understand what we do.	
<b>What?</b>	<p>The types of personal information we collect and share depend on the product or service you have with us. This information can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Security number</li> <li>• Assets</li> <li>• Retirement Assets</li> <li>• Transaction History</li> <li>• Checking Account Information</li> <li>• Purchase History</li> <li>• Account Balances</li> <li>• Account Transactions</li> <li>• Wire Transfer Instructions</li> </ul> <p>When you are <i>no longer</i> our customer, we continue to share your information as described in this notice.</p>	
<b>How?</b>	All financial companies need to share your personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reasons financial companies can share their customers' personal information; the reasons ETFis Series Trust I chooses to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.	
<b>Reasons we can share your personal information</b>	<b>Does ETFis Series Trust I share?</b>	<b>Can you limit this sharing?</b>
<b>For our everyday business purposes –</b> Such as. to process your transactions, maintain your account(s), respond to court orders and legal investigations, or report to credit bureaus	Yes	No
<b>For our marketing purposes –</b> to offer our products and services to you	No	We don't share
<b>For joint marketing with other financial companies</b>	No	We don't share
<b>For our affiliates' everyday business purposes –</b> information about your transactions and experiences	No	We don't share
<b>For our affiliates' everyday business purposes –</b> information about your creditworthiness	No	We don't share
<b>For non-affiliates to market to you</b>	No	We don't share
<b>Questions?</b>	Call (212) 593-4383	

Who we are	
Who is providing this notice?	ETFis Series Trust I
What we do	
How does ETFis Series Trust I protect my personal information?	<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>
How does ETFis Series Trust I collect my personal information?	<p>We collect your personal information, for example, when you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open an account</li> <li>• Provide account information</li> <li>• Give us your contact information</li> <li>• Make deposits or withdrawals from your account</li> <li>• Make a wire transfer</li> <li>• Tell us where to send the money</li> <li>• Show your government-issued ID</li> <li>• Show your driver's license</li> </ul> <p>We also collect your personal information from other companies.</p>
Why can't I limit all sharing?	<p>Federal law gives you the right to limit only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes – information about your creditworthiness</li> <li>• Affiliates from using your information to market to you</li> <li>• Sharing for nonaffiliates to market to you</li> </ul> <p>State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing.</p>
Definitions	
Affiliates	<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 Fund's investment adviser, ETF Distributors, LLC, the Fund's principal underwriter, and Virtus ETF Solutions LLC, the Fund's operational administrator, could each be deemed to be an affiliate.</i></li> </ul>
Non-affiliates	<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>
Joint marketing	<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>

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you would like more information about the Trust, the Funds 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 Funds' annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders. You will find in the Funds' annual report a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected each Fund's performance during the prior fiscal year.

### Statement of Additional Information

Additional information about each 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 a Fund's SAI, annual and semi-annual reports or other information about a Fund, or to make inquiries about a 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 either of the Funds. You may also request that householding be eliminated from all your required mailings.

You may review and obtain copies of a Fund's documents (including the SAI) by visiting the SEC's public reference room in Washington, D.C. You may also obtain copies of Fund documents, after paying a duplicating fee, by writing to the SEC's Public Reference Section, Washington, D.C. 20549-1520 or by electronic request to: [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov). Information on the operation of the public reference room may be obtained by calling the SEC at (202) 551-8090. Reports and other information about the Funds are available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC's Internet site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

No person is authorized to give any information or to make any representations about the Funds or their Shares not contained in this Prospectus, and you should not rely on any other information. Read and keep this Prospectus for future reference.

Dealers effecting transactions in a Fund's Shares, whether or not participating in this distribution, may be generally required to deliver a Prospectus. This is in addition to any obligation dealers have to deliver a Prospectus when acting as underwriters.

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