

## VIRTUS INFRACAP U.S. PREFERRED STOCK ETF

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## RISK/RETURN SUMMARY INFORMATION

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

Virtus InfraCap U.S. Preferred Stock ETF (Ticker: PFFA) (the “Fund”) seeks current income and, secondarily, capital appreciation.

### FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

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

#### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment):

None

#### Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

Management Fee <sup>1</sup>	0.80%
Other Expenses <sup>2</sup>	0.56%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	1.36%

(1) *The management fee is structured as a “unified fee.” The Fund’s investment adviser has delegated to the Fund’s sub-adviser the obligation to pay all of the ordinary operating expenses of the Fund, except for the management fee paid to the Fund’s adviser; 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; each of which is paid by the Fund.*

(2) *“Other Expenses” are based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.*

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

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

**1 Year**  
\$ 143

**3 Years**  
\$ 444

### PORTFOLIO TURNOVER

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities or other instruments (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual Fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund’s performance. The Fund is newly organized and, as of the date of the Prospectus, has not had any portfolio turnover.

### PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest not less than 80% of its net assets (plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) in U.S. preferred stock, and in derivatives and other instruments that have economic characteristics similar to such investments. The Fund considers an issuer of preferred stock to be in the U.S. if: (i) it is organized under the laws of, or maintains a principal place of business in, the U.S.; (ii) the principal

trading market for its securities is in the U.S.; or (iii) during its most recent fiscal year, it derived at least 50% of its revenues or profits from goods produced or sold, investments made, or services performed in the U.S., or has at least 50% of its assets in the U.S.

Preferred stock are a class of equity security that typically pay fixed or floating dividends to investors and have “preference” over common stock (but are subordinated to bonds), in that the company issuing the preferred and common stock must pay dividends to preferred stockholders before common stockholders, and, in the event of a bankruptcy or liquidation of the company’s assets, must put the claims of the preferred stockholders ahead of the claims of the common stockholders. The Fund’s portfolio will primarily consist of preferred stock issued by companies with market capitalizations of over \$100 million, which may include small and mid-capitalization companies.

Although preferred stock represent an ownership interest in a company, preferred stockholders usually have no voting rights with respect to corporate matters of the issuer. Instead, preferred stock typically have rights and characteristics similar to debt instruments. The Fund may invest in all types of preferred stock, including, without limitation, floating and fixed-rate preferred stock, callable preferred stock, cumulative and non-cumulative preferred stock, convertible preferred stock and depository preferred stock. Certain preferred stock may have call provisions, which entitle the issuer to redeem the stock at a predetermined price (i.e., the “call price”) after a specified date.

Infrastructure Capital Advisors, LLC, the Fund’s sub-adviser (the “**Sub-Adviser**”), may purchase and write put and call options in an effort to generate additional income and reduce volatility in the Fund’s portfolio. The Sub-Adviser may also purchase and write put and call options in an effort to hedge against market or other risks in the Fund’s portfolio. The Fund will also borrow from banks for investment purposes generally in an amount between 15% and 25% of its net assets, although it may borrow an amount up to 33 1/3% of its total assets (including the amount borrowed) in compliance with the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “**1940 Act**”). The use of borrowings to purchase additional investments is known as leverage.

The Sub-Adviser actively manages the Fund’s assets pursuant to a variety of quantitative, qualitative and relative valuation factors. The Sub-Adviser will typically evaluate potential investments with respect to certain key variables that the Sub-Adviser believes make a business successful over time, including, without limitation, a company’s competitive position, its perceived ability to earn a high return on capital, the historical and projected stability and reliability of its profits, its anticipated ability to generate cash in excess of its growth needs and its access to additional capital. In addition, when selecting preferred stock that are subject to a call provision, the Sub-Adviser generally seeks to underweight or eliminate those that trade above the call price and exhibit a low or negative yield-to-call (i.e., the rate of return that an investor would earn if the preferred stock was held until its call date).

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

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

**Costs of Buying or Selling Shares.** Investors buying or selling Shares in the secondary market will pay brokerage commissions or other charges imposed by brokers as determined by those brokers. Brokerage commissions are often a fixed amount and may be a significant proportional cost for investors seeking to buy or sell relatively small

amounts of Shares. In addition, secondary market investors will also incur the cost of the difference between the price that an investor is willing to pay for Shares (the “bid” price) and the price at which an investor is willing to sell Shares (the “ask” price). This difference in bid and ask prices is often referred to as the “spread” or “bid/ask spread.” The bid/ask spread varies over time for Shares based on trading volume and market liquidity, and is generally lower if the Fund’s Shares have more trading volume and market liquidity and higher if the Fund’s Shares have little trading volume and market liquidity. Further, increased market volatility may cause increased bid/ask spreads. Due to the costs of buying or selling Shares, including bid/ask spreads, frequent trading of Shares may significantly reduce investment results, and an investment in Shares may not be advisable for investors who anticipate regularly making small investments.

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

**Leverage Risk.** Leverage is investment exposure which exceeds the initial amount invested. When the Fund borrows money for investment purposes, or when the Fund engages in certain derivative transactions, such as options, the Fund may become leveraged. The loss on a leveraged derivative instruments may far exceed the Fund’s principal amount invested. Leverage can magnify the Fund’s gains and losses and therefore increase its volatility. The Fund cannot guarantee that the use of leverage will produce increased income or a higher return on an investment. The Fund will segregate liquid assets or otherwise cover transactions that may give rise to leverage to the extent required by the 1940 Act. This requirement limits the amount of leverage the Fund may have at any one time, but it does not eliminate leverage risk. The use of leverage may result in the Fund having to liquidate holdings when it may not be advantageous to do so in order to satisfy its borrowing obligations or to meet segregation requirements. To the extent that the Fund borrows money from banks for investment purposes, the Fund will be required to pay interest on the loan, which is not a covered expense under the Fund’s unified fee, and will therefore increase expenses and reduce returns. The Fund’s bank loans may charge variable rate interest, which means that if interest rates rise, the Fund’s interest expense will increase.

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

**Management Risk.** Because the Fund is actively managed, an investment in the Fund is subject to the risk that the investment process, techniques and risk analyses applied by the Sub-Adviser will not produce the desired results, and that the Fund’s investments may underperform the market or applicable benchmarks. The NAV of the Fund’s Shares changes daily based on the performance of the securities and other instruments in which it invests. Different types of securities and other instruments tend to shift into and out of favor with stock market investors depending on market and economic conditions. There is no guarantee that the Sub-Adviser’s judgments about the attractiveness or

value of, or potential income from, particular investments will be correct or produce the desired results. If the Sub-Adviser fails to accurately judge potential investments, the Fund's share price may be adversely affected.

**Options Risk.** The purchase and writing of options involves certain risks. During the option period, a covered call writer has, in return for the premium on the option, given up the opportunity to profit from a price increase in the underlying security, currency, commodity, interest rate, index or other asset (each referred to as an underlying asset) above the exercise price, but, as long as its obligation as a writer continues, has retained the risk of loss should the price of the underlying asset decline. The writer of an option has no control over the time when it may be required to fulfill its obligation as a writer of the option. Once an option writer has received an exercise notice, it cannot effect a closing purchase transaction in order to terminate its obligation under the option and must deliver the underlying asset at the exercise price or provide the cash settlement amount. If a put or call option purchased by the Fund is not sold when it has remaining value, and if the market price of the underlying asset, in the case of a put, remains equal to or greater than the exercise price or, in the case of a call, remains less than or equal to the exercise price, the Fund will lose its entire investment in the option. Also, where a put or call option on a particular underlying asset is purchased to hedge against price movements in a related asset, the price of the put or call option may move more or less than the price of the related asset. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist when the Fund seeks to close out an option position. Furthermore, if trading restrictions or suspensions are imposed on the options market, the Fund may be unable to close out an option position. If the Sub-Adviser applies a hedge in the Fund's portfolio at an inappropriate time or judges market movements incorrectly, options strategies may lower the Fund's return.

**Preferred Stock Risk.** There are special risks associated with investing in preferred stock, including:

*Deferral and Omission.* Preferred stock may include provisions that permit the issuer, at its discretion, to defer or omit distributions for a stated period without any adverse consequences to the issuer. If the Fund owns a preferred stock that is deferring or omitting its distributions, the Fund may be required to report income for tax purposes although it has not yet received such income.

*Subordination.* Preferred stock are generally subordinated to bonds and other debt instruments in a company's capital structure in terms of having priority to corporate income and liquidation payments, and therefore will be subject to greater credit risk than more senior debt instruments.

*Liquidity.* Preferred stock may be substantially less liquid than many other securities, such as common stocks or U.S. government securities.

*Limited Voting Rights.* Generally, traditional preferred stock offer no voting rights with respect to the issuing company unless preferred dividends have been in arrears for a specified number of periods, at which time the preferred stockholders may elect a number of directors to the issuer's board. Generally, once all the arrearages have been paid, the preferred stockholders no longer have voting rights. In the case of hybrid-preferred stock, holders generally have no voting rights.

*Special Redemption Rights.* In certain varying circumstances, an issuer of preferred stock may redeem the securities prior to a specified date. For instance, for certain types of preferred stock, a redemption may be triggered by certain changes in Federal income tax or securities laws. As with call provisions, a special redemption by the issuer may negatively impact the return of the security held by the Fund.

**Small- and Mid-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.

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

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

## **PERFORMANCE INFORMATION**

The Fund is new and therefore does not have a performance history for a full calendar year. Performance information for the Fund will be provided once it has annual returns for a full calendar year. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

## **MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND**

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

Jay D. Hatfield, co-founder and president of the Sub-Adviser, and Edward F. Ryan, co-founder, chief financial officer, chief compliance officer and chief operating officer of the Sub-Adviser, are the Fund's portfolio managers and have served in such positions since the inception of the Fund's operations.

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

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

## **TAX INFORMATION**

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

## **PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

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

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

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

**Additional Information Regarding the Fund's Investments.** The Fund's 80% investment policy is non-fundamental and may be changed without shareholder approval upon 60 days' notice to the shareholders.

While the Fund's primary focus is investment in preferred stock, the Fund has flexibility to invest in other types of securities, including, without limitation, real estate investment trusts ("**REITs**"), master limited partnerships ("**MLPs**"), exchange-traded products ("**ETPs**"), common stock and cash or cash equivalents, such as money market instruments. The Fund may also invest up to 20% of its net assets in short positions on ETPs and other securities, including preferred and common stock. Please see the Fund's Statement of Additional Information (the "**SAI**") for additional information about the securities and investment strategies described in this prospectus and about additional securities and investment strategies that may be used by the Fund.

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

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

**Risks Related to Investments in ETPs.** Through its positions in other ETPs, the Fund will be subject to the risks associated with such vehicles' investments, including the possibility that the value of the securities or instruments tracked by an ETP could decrease (or increase). In addition, certain ETPs may track common portfolio positions, thereby reducing any diversification benefits. To the extent that the Fund invests in other ETPs, your cost of investing in the Fund will generally be higher than the cost of investing directly in other ETPs. By investing in the Fund, you will indirectly bear fees and expenses charged by underlying ETPs, in addition to the Fund's direct fees and expenses. Furthermore, the market value of an ETP'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 ETP 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 ETP trades at a premium (creating the risk that the Fund pays more than NAV for an ETP when making a purchase) or discount (creating the risks that the Fund's NAV is reduced for undervalued ETPs it holds, and that the Fund receives less than NAV when selling an ETP).

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

**MLP Risk.** Investments in securities of MLPs involve risks that differ from investments in common stock including risks related to limited control and limited rights to vote on matters affecting the MLP, risks related to potential conflicts of interest between the MLP and the MLP's general partner and cash flow risks. MLP common units and other equity securities can be affected by macroeconomic and other factors affecting the stock market in general, expectations of interest rates, investor sentiment towards MLPs or the energy infrastructure sector, changes in a particular issuer's financial condition or unfavorable or unanticipated poor performance of a particular issuer (in the case of MLPs, generally measured in terms of distributable cash flow). Prices of common units of individual MLPs and other equity securities also can be affected by fundamentals unique to the partnership or company, including earnings power and coverage ratios.

**MLP Tax Risk.** MLPs taxed as partnerships generally do not pay U.S. federal income tax at the partnership level. Rather, each partner is allocated a share of the MLP's income, gains, losses, deductions and expenses. A change in current tax law, or a change in the underlying business mix of a given MLP, could result in an MLP being treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, which would result in such MLP being required to pay U.S. federal income tax on its taxable income. The classification of an MLP as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes would have the effect of reducing the amount of cash available for distribution by the MLP. Thus, if any of the MLPs owned by the Fund were treated as corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes, it could result in a reduction in the value of your investment in the Fund and lower income.

MLPs taxed as partnerships file a partnership tax return for U.S. federal, state and local income tax purposes and communicate to each investor in such MLP the investor's allocable share of the MLP's income, gains, losses, deductions and expenses via a "Schedule K-1." Each year, the Fund will send you an annual tax statement (Form 1099) to assist you in completing your federal, state and local tax returns. An MLP might need to amend its partnership tax return and, in turn, send amended Schedules K-1 to investors in the MLP, such as the Fund. When necessary, the Fund will send you a corrected Form 1099 to reflect Schedule K-1 information reclassified by an MLP, which could, in turn, require you to amend your federal, state or local tax returns.

Historically, MLPs have been able to offset a significant portion of their taxable income with tax deductions, including depreciation and amortization expense deductions. The law could change to eliminate or reduce such tax deductions, which ultimately shelter the recognition of taxable income by the Fund. The elimination or reduction of such tax benefits could significantly reduce the value of the MLPs held by the Fund, which would similarly reduce the Fund's NAV. Additionally, the Fund could consequently be subject to U.S. federal, state and local corporate income taxes on a greater portion of the amount of the distributions it receives from the MLPs, which would reduce the amount the Fund can distribute to shareholders and could increase the percentage of Fund distributions treated as dividends instead of tax advantaged return of capital.

Depreciation or other cost recovery deductions passed through to the Fund from investments in MLPs taxed as partnerships in a given year generally will reduce the Fund's taxable income (and earnings and profits), but those deductions may be recaptured in the Fund's taxable income (and earnings and profits) in subsequent years when the MLPs dispose of their assets or when the Fund disposes of its interests in the MLPs. When deductions are recaptured, distributions to the Fund's shareholders may be taxable, even though the shareholders at the time of the distribution might not have held shares in the Fund at the time the deductions were taken by the Fund, and even though the Fund's shareholders at the time of the distribution will not have corresponding economic gain on their shares at the time of the distribution.

The portion of the distributions received by the Fund each year that is considered a return of capital from the MLPs taxed as partnerships will not be known until the Fund receives a Schedule K-1 for that year with respect to certain of its MLP investments. The Fund's tax liability will not be known until the Fund completes its annual tax return. The Fund's tax estimates could vary substantially from the actual liability and therefore the determination of the Fund's actual tax liability may have a material impact on the Fund's NAV. The payment of corporate income taxes imposed on the Fund will decrease cash available for distribution to shareholders.

**REIT Risk.** The Fund is subject to the risk that the value of stocks of REITs will decline because of adverse developments affecting the real estate industry and real property values. Such a decline could be precipitated by, among other things, general economic decline, deterioration in the real estate rental market, declines in real estate property demand, changes in interest rates, declines in the availability of real estate financing, increases in borrower defaults, overbuilding, or other developments that reduce credit and cash positions of REITs and REIT operators on a local, regional or national level. REITs may also be adversely affected by poor management, failure to qualify as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), environmental problems, property tax increases or changes in federal, state or local regulations.

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

**Short Position Risk.** Because the Fund's potential loss on a short position arises from increases in the value of the asset sold short, the Fund will incur a loss on a short position, which is theoretically unlimited, if the price of the asset sold short increases from the short sale price. The counterparty to a short position or other market factors may prevent the Fund from closing out a short position at a desirable time or price and may reduce or eliminate any gain or result in a loss. In a rising market, the Fund's short positions will cause the Fund to underperform the overall market and its peers that do not engage in short sales. If the Fund holds both long and short positions, and both positions decline simultaneously, the short positions will not provide any buffer (hedge) from declines in value of the Fund's long positions. Certain types of short positions involve leverage, which may exaggerate any losses, potentially more than the actual cost of the investment, and will increase the volatility of the Fund's returns.

**Temporary Defensive Positions.** In certain adverse market, economic, political or other conditions, the Fund may temporarily depart from its normal investment policies and strategies. At such times, the Fund may invest in cash or cash equivalents, such as money market instruments, and to the extent permitted by applicable law and the Fund's investment restrictions, shares of other investment companies, including money market funds. Under such circumstances, the Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in these investments and may do so for extended periods of time. To the extent that the Fund invests in money market instruments or other investment companies, shareholders of the Fund would indirectly pay both the Fund's expenses and the expenses relating to those other investment companies with respect to the Fund's assets invested in such investment companies. When the Fund takes a temporary defensive position, the Fund may not be able to achieve its investment objective.

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

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## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

The Fund's investment adviser is Virtus ETF Advisers LLC, located at 1540 Broadway, New York, NY 10036. The Adviser was organized as a Delaware limited liability company in August 2013 and, since April 2015, has been a majority-owned subsidiary of Virtus Partners, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Virtus Investment Partners, Inc. (ticker: VRTS) (together with its affiliates, "**Virtus**"). Virtus is a public company that operates a multi-manager asset management business and has substantial experience in the investment management and investment company industries. As of March 31, 2018, on a collective basis, Virtus-affiliated registered investment advisers manage approximately \$89.1 billion in assets.

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

**Adviser Compensation.** The Adviser receives a monthly advisory fee from the Fund at the annual rate of 0.80% of the Fund's average daily net assets (the "Advisory Fee"). The Adviser has not been paid any advisory fees as of the date of this Prospectus. The Advisory Fee is structured as a "unified fee." The Adviser has delegated to the Sub-Adviser the obligation to pay all of the ordinary operating expenses of the Fund, except for the following expenses, each of which is paid by the Fund: the Advisory Fee; payments under any 12b-1 plan; taxes and other governmental fees; brokerage fees, commissions and other transaction expenses; interest and other costs of borrowing; litigation or arbitration expenses; acquired fund fees and expenses; and extraordinary or other non-routine expenses of the Fund.

## INVESTMENT SUB-ADVISER

The Fund's sub-adviser is Infrastructure Capital Advisors, LLC, 1325 Avenue of the Americas, 28th Floor, New York, NY 10019. The Sub-Adviser serves in that capacity pursuant to a sub-advisory contract (the "**Sub-Advisory Agreement**") with the Adviser and the Trust on behalf of the Fund as approved by the Board. The Sub-Adviser makes day-to-day investment decisions for the Fund and selects broker-dealers for executing portfolio transactions, subject to the Sub-Adviser's best execution obligations and the Trust's and the Sub-Adviser's brokerage policies. The Adviser, however, will continue to have overall responsibility for the management and investment of the assets and responsibility for all advisory services furnished by the Sub-Adviser, and will supervise the Sub-Adviser in the performance of its duties for the Fund pursuant to written policies and procedures designed to prevent violations of applicable laws and regulations, Board procedures, and the provisions of the Fund's prospectus and SAI, as supplemented from time to time.

The Sub-Adviser was organized as a New York limited liability company in January 2012. The Sub-Adviser has served as the sub-adviser of the Fund since the inception of the Fund's operations. The Sub-Adviser is controlled by Jay D. Hatfield, its co-founder and president. Mr. Hatfield has been managing investments for clients, including private investment funds, since 2001. As of December 31, 2017, the Sub-Adviser had approximately \$851.8 million in assets under management.

**Sub-Adviser Compensation.** The Adviser pays the Sub-Adviser out of the Advisory Fee it receives from the Fund. The Adviser retains a portion of the Advisory Fee equal to an annualized rate of 0.14% of the Fund's average daily net assets, and the remainder of the Advisory Fee is paid by the Adviser to the Sub-Adviser as full compensation for its services. The Sub-Adviser has not been paid any advisory fees as of the date of this Prospectus.

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

## MANAGER OF MANAGERS STRUCTURE

The SEC has granted exemptive relief that permits the Adviser, subject to certain conditions, to enter into new sub-advisory agreements with affiliated or unaffiliated sub-advisers on behalf of the Fund without shareholder approval. The exemptive relief also permits material amendments to existing sub-advisory agreements with affiliated or unaffiliated sub-advisers (including the Sub-Advisory Agreement with the Sub-Adviser) without shareholder approval. Under this structure, the Adviser has ultimate responsibility, subject to oversight by the Board, to oversee such sub-advisers and recommend to the Board their hiring, termination, and replacement. The structure does not permit investment advisory fees paid by the Fund to be increased without shareholder approval, or change the Adviser's obligations under the investment advisory agreement, including the Adviser's responsibility to monitor and oversee sub-advisory services furnished to the Fund.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

Jay D. Hatfield, co-founder and president of the Sub-Adviser, and Edward F. Ryan, co-founder, chief financial officer, chief compliance officer and chief operating officer of the Sub-Adviser, have served as portfolio managers for the Fund since the inception of the Fund's operations. The portfolio managers are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund's portfolio.

Mr. Hatfield is the Chief Executive Officer of Infrastructure Capital Management, LLC ("**ICM**"), a private investment company that he founded in 2002.

Prior to founding ICM, Mr. Hatfield was a portfolio manager with SAC Capital Advisors, where he managed a \$500 million infrastructure fund focused on investing in credit instruments and infrastructure-related equities. Before joining SAC, Mr. Hatfield was a Managing Director and Head of Fixed Income Research at Zimmer Lucas Partners, where he was responsible for directing research for credit funds, including infrastructure related equities in the energy and utility sectors. Mr. Hatfield began his investment banking career at Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc., where he

spent over 10 years as an investment banker advising clients in the utility, power and energy industries. Mr. Hatfield began his career as an auditor and consultant at Arthur Young & Co. (now Ernst & Young), where he was a Certified Public Accountant and consultant, auditing and providing consulting services to companies in the technology, biotechnology and retailing industries.

Mr. Hatfield has a Master of Business Administration degree from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, where he specialized in Finance and graduated with distinction and as a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma honor society. Mr. Hatfield also has a Bachelor of Science degree in Managerial Economics from the University of California, Davis.

Mr. Ryan is a co-founder, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Compliance Officer and the Chief Operating Officer of the Sub-Adviser. Prior to co-founding the Sub-Adviser, Mr. Ryan was engaged in venture capital projects in the financial technology sector. Prior to his venture capital activities, he was founder and Managing Partner of Mansion Partners, LP, a private investment partnership focused on value stocks and special situations, which he ran for twelve years.

Before launching his own investment management business, Mr. Ryan was Vice President and Director of Ansbacher (Dublin) Asset Management, Ltd., where he was part of a small team managing investments in global equity and fixed income markets for an offshore investment company and U.S. trusts and foundations. His primary investment focus was on financially troubled utilities, REITs and banks and thrifts.

Prior to joining Ansbacher, he was an Investment Analyst and the Secretary/Treasurer at J. Rothschild Capital Management Corp., a unit of RIT Capital Partners plc. Mr. Ryan was a member of the team that launched the U.S. operation, where he evaluated U.S. investment opportunities and managed all corporate financial functions. Mr. Ryan began his career at The Bank of New York, where he was a Senior Industry Analyst specializing in the oil service industry.

Mr. Ryan has a Master of Business Administration from the Graduate School of Business at Columbia University with a concentration in finance. He also has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting from Saint John's University (MN).

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

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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

## **OPERATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR**

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

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

The Bank of New York Mellon ("**BNY Mellon**"), located at 101 Barclay Street, New York, NY 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 Fund's accounting services administrator. BNY Mellon also serves as the custodian for the Fund's assets, and serves as transfer agent and dividend paying agent for the Fund.

## **DISTRIBUTOR**

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

## **INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

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

## **LEGAL COUNSEL**

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

## **EXPENSES OF THE FUND**

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

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## **INVESTING IN THE FUND**

### **DISTRIBUTION AND SERVICE PLAN**

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

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

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

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

The pricing and valuation of portfolio securities is determined in good faith in accordance with procedures approved by, and under the direction of, the Board. In determining the value of the Fund's assets, portfolio securities are generally valued at market using quotations from the primary market in which they are traded. Debt securities (other than short-term investments) are valued on the basis of broker quotes or valuations provided by a pricing service,

which in determining value utilizes information regarding recent sales, market transactions in comparable securities, quotations from dealers, and various relationships between securities. Short-term investments having a remaining maturity of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value. Other assets, such as accrued interest, accrued dividends and cash are also included in determining the NAV. The Fund normally uses third party pricing services to obtain market quotations.

Securities and assets for which market quotations are not readily available or which cannot be accurately valued using the Fund's normal pricing procedures are valued by the Trust's Fair Value Pricing Committee at fair value as determined in good faith under policies approved by the Board. Fair value pricing may be used, for example, in situations where (i) portfolio securities, such as securities with small capitalizations, are so thinly traded that there have been no transactions for that security over an extended period of time; (ii) an event occurs after the close of the exchange on which a portfolio security is principally traded that is likely to change the value of the portfolio security prior to the Fund's NAV calculation; (iii) the exchange on which the portfolio security is principally traded closes early; or (iv) trading of the particular portfolio security is halted during the day and does not resume prior to the Fund's NAV calculation. Pursuant to policies adopted by the Board, the Adviser consults with BNY Mellon and the Sub-Adviser on a regular basis regarding the need for fair value pricing. The Fund's policies regarding fair value pricing are intended to result in a calculation of the Fund's NAV that fairly reflects portfolio security values as of the time of pricing. A portfolio security's "fair value" price may differ from the price next available for that portfolio security using the Fund's normal pricing procedures, and the fair value price may differ substantially from the price at which the security may ultimately be traded or sold. If the fair value price differs from the price that would have been determined using the Fund's normal pricing procedures, you may receive more or less proceeds or Shares from redemptions or purchases of Fund Shares, respectively, than you would have otherwise received if the portfolio security were priced using the Fund's normal pricing procedures and the prices used to determine the Fund's Indicative Intra-Day Value ("IIV"), which could result in the market prices for Shares deviating from NAV. The performance of the Fund may also be affected if a portfolio security's fair value price were to differ from the security's price using the Fund's normal pricing procedures. The Board monitors and evaluates the Fund's use of fair value pricing, and periodically reviews the results of any fair valuation under the Trust's policies.

To the extent the assets of the Fund are invested in other open-end investment companies that are registered under the 1940 Act, the Fund's NAV is calculated based upon the NAVs reported by such registered open-end investment companies, and the prospectuses for these companies explain the circumstances under which they will use fair value pricing and the effects of using fair value pricing.

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, President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

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

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

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

The IIV calculations are based on local market prices and may not reflect events that occur subsequent to the local market's close, which could affect premiums and discounts between the IIV and the market price of the Fund's shares. Although the Trust provides information used to calculate the IIV, the Trust is not involved in the actual

calculation of the IIV and is not responsible for the calculation or dissemination of the IIV. The Trust makes no warranty as to the accuracy of the IIV.

## **PREMIUM/DISCOUNT INFORMATION**

Information regarding the extent and frequency with which market prices of Shares have tracked the Fund's NAV for the most recently completed calendar year and the most recently completed calendar quarters since that year will be available without charge on the Fund's website.

## **FREQUENT TRADING**

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

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

## **DISTRIBUTIONS**

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

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

At the time you purchase your Fund Shares, the price of Shares may reflect undistributed income, undistributed capital gains, or net unrealized appreciation in value of portfolio securities held by the Fund. For taxable investors, a subsequent distribution to you of such amounts, although constituting a return of your investment, would be taxable.

Buying Shares in the Fund just before it declares an income dividend or capital gains distribution is sometimes known as “buying a dividend.”

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## **FEDERAL INCOME TAXES**

### **FUND DISTRIBUTIONS**

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

### **SALE OF FUND SHARES**

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

### **TAX TREATMENT OF FUND SHAREHOLDERS**

An additional 3.8% Medicare tax is imposed on certain net investment income (including ordinary dividends and capital gain distributions received from the Fund and net gains from 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 the Fund from net long-term capital gains, interest-related dividends and short-term capital gain dividends, if such amounts are reported by the Fund. However, notwithstanding such exemptions from U.S. withholding at the source, any such dividends and distributions of income and capital gains will be subject to backup withholding at a rate of 24% if you fail to properly certify that you are not a U.S. person.

Under the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (“FATCA”), a 30% withholding tax is imposed on payments or distributions made by the Fund to certain foreign entities, referred to as foreign financial institutions or nonfinancial foreign entities, that fail to comply (or be deemed compliant) with extensive reporting and withholding requirements designed to inform the U.S. department of the Treasury of U.S.-owned foreign investment accounts: (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 the Fund may be disclosed to the IRS, non-U.S. taxing authorities or other parties as necessary to comply with FATCA. Withholding also may be required if a foreign entity that is a shareholder of the Fund fails to provide the appropriate certifications or other documentation concerning its status under FATCA.

### **WITHHOLDING**

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

## CREATION UNITS

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

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

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

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

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## FUND WEBSITE AND DISCLOSURE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

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

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

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## OTHER INFORMATION

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

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

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**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

The Fund is newly organized and therefore has not yet had any operations as of the date of this Prospectus.

# Privacy Notice

<b>FACTS</b>		<b>WHAT DOES ETFIS SERIES TRUST I DO WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?</b>	
<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		

<b>Who we are</b>	
<b>Who is providing this notice?</b>	ETFis Series Trust I
<b>What we do</b>	
<b>How does ETFis Series Trust I protect my personal information?</b>	<p>To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer safeguards and secured files and buildings.</p> <p>Our service providers are held accountable for adhering to strict policies and procedures to prevent any misuse of your nonpublic personal information.</p>
<b>How does ETFis Series Trust I collect my personal information?</b>	<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>
<b>Why can't I limit all sharing?</b>	<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 non-affiliates to market to you</li> </ul> <p>State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing.</p>
<b>Definitions</b>	
<b>Affiliates</b>	<p>Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Virtus ETF Advisers LLC, the investment adviser to ETFis Series Trust I, ETF Distributors LLC, the principal underwriter for ETFis Series Trust I, and Virtus ETF Solutions LLC, the operational administrator for ETFis Series Trust I, could each be deemed to be an affiliate.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Non-affiliates</b>	<p>Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>ETFis Series Trust I does not share with non-affiliates so they can market to you.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Joint marketing</b>	<p>A formal agreement between nonaffiliated financial companies that together market financial products or services to you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>ETFis Series Trust I does not jointly market.</i></li> </ul>

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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

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

### **Statement of Additional Information**

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

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

*To obtain other information and for shareholder inquiries:*

By telephone: (888) 383-0553

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

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

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

You may review and obtain copies of Fund 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 Fund 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 Fund or its 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 the 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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