

## InfraCap REIT Preferred ETF

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### INDEX DESCRIPTION

The InfraCap REIT Preferred ETF (Fund) tracks a modified market-cap-weighted index designed to provide diversified exposure to high yielding, liquid preferred securities issued by real estate investment trusts (REITs) listed in the United States.

### ACCESSING MARKET DISLOCATIONS WITH REIT PREFERRED

In the first quarter of 2024, REIT preferred stocks underperformed other preferred securities as market participants unwound some of their long positions in real estate from Q4 2023.

The trajectory and timing of anticipated interest rate cuts looked less imminent in Q1, as the Federal Reserve continued its focus on controlling inflation. Real estate underperformed less interest-rate-sensitive sectors. Despite that, idiosyncratic issues such as opportunistic sales and successful deleveraging successfully supported substantial outperformance from a handful of names. As interest rates stabilize and the path forward becomes clearer, we expect further transactions to crystallize value and provide support for preferreds.

### HOW THE FUND PERFORMED

For the quarter, the Fund returned 1.72% on net asset value (NAV), while the Fund's benchmark, the Indxx REIT Preferred Stock Index (Benchmark Index), returned 1.88%.

The Fund paid a monthly dividend of \$0.12 per share for each month of the quarter. NAV per share at quarter-end was \$18.40 and the Fund's 30-day SEC yield<sup>1</sup> was 7.12%. This annualized figure reflects the dividends received during the period, minus Fund expenses.

### PORTFOLIO CHANGES

Over the quarter, there were no substantial portfolio changes. The manager will aim to utilize Fund rebalancing strategies in an effort to outperform the Benchmark Index.

### OUTLOOK

We believe REIT preferreds offer an attractive way to access market dislocations and capture opportunities within the real estate sector. Global economies are continuing to return to normal operations and investors may benefit from market rotations by investing in REIT preferreds. REIT preferred securities continue to offer potentially attractive yields at prices below par with risk levels typically below common equities.

<sup>1</sup>30-day SEC yield is a standardized yield calculated according to a formula set by the SEC and is subject to change.

**PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**

Infrastructure Capital Advisors, LLC (ICA)

**INVESTMENT PROFESSIONALS**



**Jay D. Hatfield**  
Chief Investment Officer  
Industry start date: 2000  
Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2017



**Edward Ryan**  
Chief Operating Officer  
Industry start date: 1980  
Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2017



**Andrew Meleney, CFA**  
Portfolio Manager and Director of Research  
Industry start date: 2015  
Start date as fund Portfolio Manager: 2024

**TOP TEN HOLDINGS**

	% Fund
DigitalBridge Group Inc.	2.69
Digital Realty Trust Inc.	2.51
DigitalBridge Group Inc.	2.42
Kimco Realty Corp.	2.06
Hudson Pacific Properties Inc.	2.05
UMH Properties Inc.	2.04
AGNC Investment Corp.	1.91
SL Green Realty Corp.	1.81
Diversified Healthcare Trust	1.75
Kimco Realty Corp.	1.75

Holdings are subject to change. To view the full list of holdings, please visit [virtus.com](http://virtus.com).

**AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%) as of 3/31/24**

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception (02/07/17)
NAV	1.72	1.72	17.76	-1.73	1.26	n/a	2.32
Market Price	1.80	1.80	19.71	-1.38	1.51	n/a	2.46
Index	1.88	1.88	17.95	-1.00	2.09	n/a	3.13

Returns for periods of less than one year are cumulative total returns.

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The fund class gross expense ratio is 0.45%.

The Total Expense Ratio represents the Fund's Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses, which includes the management fee and other expenses where applicable, except for certain payments that are paid directly by the Fund, as described in the Prospectus.

The Fund is an exchange-traded fund ("ETF"). The "net asset value" (NAV) of the Fund is determined at the close of each business day, and represents the dollar value of one share of the Fund; it is calculated by taking the total assets of the Fund, subtracting total liabilities, and dividing by the total number of shares outstanding. The NAV of the Fund is not necessarily the same as its intraday trading value. Fund investors should not expect to buy or sell shares at NAV because shares of ETFs such as the Fund are bought and sold at market price (not NAV) and are not individually redeemed from the Fund. Thus, shares may trade at a premium or discount to their NAV in the secondary market. Brokerage commissions will reduce returns. NAV returns are calculated using the Fund's daily 4:00 pm NAV, and include the reinvestment of all dividends and other distributions (reinvested at the Fund's NAV on distribution ex-date). Market price returns are calculated using the 4:00 pm midpoint between the bid and offer, and include the reinvestment of all dividends and other distributions (reinvested at the 4:00 pm bid/offer midpoint on distribution ex-date). Market price returns do not represent the return you would receive if you traded at other times.

Benchmark: The **Indxx REIT Preferred Stock Index** is a market cap weighted index designed to provide diversified exposure to high yielding liquid preferred securities issued by Real Estate Investment Trusts listed in the U.S. The index is calculated on a total return basis. The index is unmanaged, its returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges, and is not available for direct investment.

IOPV, or Indicative Optimized Portfolio Value, is a calculation disseminated by the stock exchange that approximates the Fund's NAV every fifteen seconds throughout the trading day.

**Notes on Risk: Exchange-Traded Funds (ETF):** The value of an ETF may be more volatile than the underlying portfolio of securities it is designed to track. The costs to the fund of owning shares of an ETF may exceed the cost of investing directly in the underlying securities. **Equity REITs:** The portfolio may be negatively affected by factors specific to the real estate market, such as interest rates, leverage, property, and management; and factors specific to investing in a pooled vehicle such as poor management and concentration risk. **Preferred Stocks:** Preferred stocks may decline in price, fail to pay dividends, or be illiquid. **Industry/Sector Concentration:** A portfolio that focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector will be more sensitive to conditions that affect that industry or sector than a non-concentrated portfolio. **Passive Strategy/Index Risk:** A passive investment strategy seeking to track the performance of the underlying Index may result in the portfolio holding securities regardless of market conditions or their current or projected performance. This could cause the portfolio's returns to be lower than if the portfolio employed an active strategy. **Correlation to Index:** The performance of the portfolio and its index may vary due to factors such as flows, transaction costs, whether the portfolio obtains every security in the index, and timing differences associated with additions to and deletions from the index. **REIT Interest Rate:** When interest rates rise, the value of REIT securities (including preferred securities) can be expected to decline. The current historically low interest rate environment increases the risk associated with rising interest rates. **Small Companies:** The market price of equity securities may be affected by financial market, industry, or issuer-specific events. Focus on a particular style or on small or medium-sized companies may enhance that risk. **Market Price/NAV:** At the time of purchase and/or sale, an investor's shares may have a market price that is above or below the fund's NAV, which may increase the investor's risk of loss. **Non-Diversified:** The portfolio is not diversified and may be more susceptible to factors negatively impacting its holdings to the extent the portfolio invests more of its assets in the securities of fewer issuers than would a diversified portfolio. **Market Volatility:** The value of the securities in the portfolio may go up or down in response to the prospects of individual companies and/or general economic conditions. Local, regional, or global events such as war or military conflict, terrorism, pandemic, or recession could impact the portfolio, including hampering the ability of the portfolio's manager(s) to invest its assets as intended. **Prospectus:** For additional information on risks, please see the fund's prospectus.

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