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**VIRTUS CUMBERLAND MUNICIPAL BOND ETF**  
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## RISK/RETURN SUMMARY INFORMATION

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Virtus Cumberland Municipal Bond ETF (Ticker: CUMB) (the “Fund”) seeks to provide a competitive level of current income exempt from federal income tax, while preserving capital.

### 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 .....	0.49%
Other Expenses <sup>1</sup> .....	0.72%
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses <sup>1</sup> .....	0.00%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses .....	1.21%
Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement <sup>2</sup> .....	0.62%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement .....	0.59%

(1) “Other Expenses and “Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses” have been restated to reflect current fees.

(2) The Fund’s investment adviser, Virtus ETF Advisers LLC (the “Adviser”) has entered into an Expense Limitation Agreement (“Expense Limitation Agreement”) to limit the Fund’s total operating expenses (excluding interest, taxes, brokerage commissions, expenses incurred in connection with any merger or reorganization, unusual or infrequently occurring expenses (such as litigation) or acquired fund fees, and expenses, if any, payable pursuant to a plan adopted in accordance with Rule 12b-1) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (“1940 Act”) so that such expenses do not exceed 0.59% of the Fund’s average daily net assets through February 28, 2019. While the Adviser or the Fund may discontinue the Expense Limitation Agreement after the contractual period, it may only be terminated during its term by either party upon written notice; provided that such termination shall require the approval of the Fund’s Board of Trustees. Pursuant to the Expense Limitation Agreement, the Adviser may recapture operating expenses waived or reimbursed under this arrangement for a period of three years following the date on which such waiver or reimbursement occurred; provided that such recapture may not cause the Fund’s total operating expenses to exceed 0.59% of the average daily net assets of the Fund (or any lower expense limitation or limitations to which the Fund and the Adviser may otherwise agree).

**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 the same, except that the Expense Limitation Agreement remains in place for the contractual period. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Years</u>	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>
\$61	\$323	\$606	\$1,413

### 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. For the period from January 17, 2017 (commencement of operations) to October 31, 2017, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 60% of the average value of its portfolio.

## PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In seeking to achieve the Fund's investment objective, the Fund invests, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its net assets (plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) in debt securities whose interest is, in the opinion of bond counsel for the issuer at the time of issuance, exempt from U.S. federal income tax ("**Municipal Bonds**"). Cumberland Advisors Inc., the Fund's sub-adviser (the "**Sub-Adviser**"), will invest the Fund's assets using a barbell strategy, which means that the Sub-Adviser will overweight the Fund's investments in Municipal Bonds with maturities on the short and long ends of the fixed income yield curve, while underweighting exposure to Municipal Bonds with intermediate maturities.

Municipal Bonds in which the Fund may invest include, without limitation, one or more of the following:

- general obligation bonds, which are typically backed by the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the issuer;
- revenue bonds, which are typically secured by revenues generated by the issuer;
- discount bonds, which may be originally issued at a discount to par value or sold at market price below par value;
- premium bonds, which are sold at a premium to par value;
- zero coupon bonds, which are issued at an original issue discount, with the full value, including accrued interest, paid at maturity; and
- private activity bonds, which are typically issued by or on behalf of local or state government for the purpose of financing the project of a private user.

The Fund has no target duration for its investment portfolio, and the Sub-Adviser may target a shorter or longer average portfolio duration based on the Sub-Adviser's forecast of interest rates and view of fixed-income markets, generally. Duration measures the interest rate sensitivity of a debt security by assessing and weighting the present value of the security's payment pattern. Generally, the longer the maturity, the greater the duration and, therefore, the greater effect interest rate changes have on the price of the security. The Sub-Adviser will generally apply a heavier weight toward Municipal Bonds with shorter maturities during periods of high interest rates and longer maturities during periods of lower interest rates.

With respect to credit quality, the Fund will generally purchase Municipal Bonds rated "A" or better by at least one major credit rating agency or, if unrated, deemed to be of comparable quality by the Sub-Adviser. From time to time, the Fund may focus its investments (i.e., invest more than 15% of its total assets) in particular sectors, including those with special risks, such as education, health care, housing, transportation, utilities, or private activity bonds. The Fund may sell investments for a variety of reasons, such as to adjust the portfolio's average maturity, duration, or overall credit quality, or to shift assets into and out of higher-yielding or lower-yielding securities or certain sectors.

Normally, at least 80% of the Fund's income will be exempt from federal income taxes. However, a significant portion of the Fund's income could be derived from securities subject to the alternative minimum tax. In addition, the Fund may purchase taxable municipal bonds when the Sub-Adviser believes they offer opportunities for the Fund, or variable rate demand notes (VRDNs) that pay interest monthly or quarterly based on a floating rate that is reset daily or weekly based on an index of short-term municipal rates.

The Fund is an actively-managed ETF and, thus, does not seek to replicate the performance of a specified passive index of securities. Instead, it uses an active investment strategy that seeks to meet its investment objective. 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.

**Fixed Income Risks:** Risks of investments in fixed income securities include, without limitation, credit risk, interest rate risk, maturity risk, yield curve risk, prepayment risk, extensions risk and liquidity risk. These risks could affect the value of investments of the Fund, possibly causing the Fund’s share price and total return to be reduced and fluctuate more than other types of investments.

- *Credit Risk.* The value of a fixed income investment is dependent on the creditworthiness of their issuers. A deterioration in the financial condition or credit rating of an issuer, changes in the market’s perception of the issuer’s financial strength, or a deterioration in general economic conditions may have an adverse effect on the value of the investment and may cause an issuer to fail to pay principal and interest when due. Municipal Bonds are subject to varying degrees of risk which may be reflected in credit ratings. There is a possibility that the credit rating of a Municipal Bond may be downgraded after purchase or the perception of an issuer’s credit worthiness may decline, which may adversely affect the value of the security. The Fund may hold Municipal Bonds that are insured by a bond issuer. A downgrade of the credit rating of such bond issuer may cause the value of the insured security to decline.
- *Interest Rate Risk.* The value of a fixed income investment will generally vary inversely with the direction of prevailing interest rates. Generally, when interest rates rise, the value of a fixed income investment is expected to decline. Additionally, changes in market interest rates of fixed income investments may affect the spread between the long-term interest rates and short-term interest rates, which could affect the prices of the fixed income investments held by the Fund differently.
- *Maturity Risk.* The value of the Fund’s fixed income investments is also dependent on their maturity. Generally, the longer the maturity of a fixed income security, the greater its sensitivity to changes in interest rates.
- *Prepayment Risk.* This is the risk that the issuers of a fixed income investment owned by the Fund will prepay them at a time when interest rates have declined. Because interest rates have declined, the Fund may have to reinvest the proceeds in fixed income investments with lower interest rates, which can reduce the Fund’s returns.
- *Yield Curve Risk.* This is the risk that there is an adverse shift in market interest rates of fixed income investments held by the Fund. The risk is associated with either flattening or steepening of the yield curve, which is a result of changing yields among comparable fixed income investments with different maturities. If the yield curve flattens, then the yield spread between long- and short-term interest rates narrows and the price of a fixed income investments will change. If the yield curve steepens, then the spread between the long- and short-term interest rates increases, which means long-term fixed income investments prices decrease relative to short-term fixed income investments prices.
- *Extension Risk.* During periods of rising interest rates, certain debt obligations will be paid off substantially more slowly than originally anticipated and the value of those fixed income securities may fall sharply, resulting in a decline in the Fund’s income and potentially in the value of the Fund’s investments.
- *Liquidity Risk.* Liquidity risk is the risk that a fixed income security may be difficult to sell at an advantageous time or price due to limited market demand (resulting from a downgrade, a decline in price or adverse

conditions within the fixed income market), or due to a material increase in interest in selling a security as a result of negative publicity about a particular fixed income security or a particular issuer (e.g., a municipality or government issuer) of fixed income securities.

**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.

**Income Risk.** The income that shareholders receive from the Fund is based primarily on the interest the Fund earns from the Fund's investments, which can vary widely over the short and long-term. If prevailing market interest rates drop, distribution rates of the Fund's bond holdings could drop as well. The Fund's income also would likely be affected adversely when prevailing short-term interest rates increase.

**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. In general, a "barbell strategy" outperforms when the yield curve flattens and may underperform when the yield curve steepens. 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 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.

**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 Sub-Adviser'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.

**Municipal Bond Risk.** Municipal Bonds are subject to the risks of fixed-income securities generally. They are also subject to the risk that litigation, legislation or other political events, local business or economic conditions or the bankruptcy of the issuer could have a significant effect on an issuer's ability to make payments of principal and/or interest. In addition, there is a risk that, as a result of the recent economic downturn, the ability of any issuer to pay, when due, the principal or interest on its Municipal Bonds may be materially affected. Certain municipalities may have difficulty meeting their obligations due to, among other reasons, changes in underlying demographics. Municipal Bonds can be significantly affected by political changes as well as uncertainties in the municipal market related to taxation, legislative changes or the rights of municipal security holders. Because many Municipal Bonds are issued to finance similar projects, especially those relating to education, health care, transportation and utilities, conditions in those sectors can affect the overall municipal market. In addition, changes in the financial condition of an individual municipal insurer can affect the overall municipal market.

Municipal Bonds may include revenue bonds, which are generally backed by revenue from a specific project or tax, and general obligation bonds, which are secured by the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the municipality issuing the obligation. The ability of an issuer of a revenue bond to make timely payments of interest and principal payments depends on sufficient revenues generated by the particular project or specific taxes related to such project. Revenue bonds generally are not backed by the full faith and credit and general taxing power of the issuer. Revenue bonds backed by current or anticipated revenues from a specific project or specific assets can be negatively affected by the discontinuance of the taxation supporting the project or assets or the inability to collect revenues for the project or from the assets. If the specified revenues do not materialize, then the revenue bond may not be repaid. The timely payment of general obligation bonds typically depends on the municipality's ability to raise tax revenue and maintain a fiscally sound budget.

The market for Municipal Bonds may be less liquid than the market for taxable bonds. There may also be less information available on the financial condition of issuers of Municipal Bonds than for public corporations. This means that it may be harder to buy and sell Municipal Bonds, especially on short notice, and Municipal Bonds may be more difficult for the Fund to value accurately than securities of public corporations. Since the Fund invests a significant portion of its portfolio in Municipal Bonds, the Fund may have greater exposure to liquidity risk than a fund that invests in non-municipal securities. In addition, the value and liquidity of many Municipal Bonds have decreased as a result of the recent financial crisis, which has also adversely affected many Municipal Bond issuers and may continue to do so. The markets for many credit instruments, including Municipal Bonds, have experienced periods of illiquidity and extreme volatility since the latter half of 2007. In response to the recent global economic downturn, governmental cost burdens may be reallocated among federal, state and local governments. In addition, issuers of Municipal Bonds may seek protection under the bankruptcy laws. Many state and local governments that issue Municipal Bonds are currently under significant economic and financial stress and may not be able to satisfy their obligations. The taxing power of any governmental entity may be limited and an entity's credit may depend on factors which are beyond the entity's control.

**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.

**Private Activity Bond Risk.** Municipal Bonds used to finance the development of industrial facilities for use by private enterprise (e.g., airports, stadiums, and student loan programs) are referred to as "private activity bonds" and typically carry higher yields than regular Municipal Bonds. The interest on private activity bonds is a tax-preference item for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax, and shareholders subject to the alternative minimum tax must include income derived from private activity bonds that are not exempt from the alternative minimum tax in their alternative minimum tax calculation. As a result, for shareholders that are subject to the alternative minimum tax, income derived from private activity bonds will not be exempt from federal income tax. The portion the Fund's income subject to the alternative minimum tax will be reported annually to shareholders. Additionally, the principal and interest payments of private activity bonds are the obligation of the private enterprise benefitting from the development, which means that the holder of the private activity bond is exposed to the risk that the private issuer may default on the private activity bond. Such enterprises may be negatively impacted by conditions affecting either the general credit of the user of the private activity project or the project itself. Conditions such as regulatory and environmental restrictions and economic downturns may lower the need for these facilities and the ability of users of the project to pay for the facilities. See "Federal Income Taxes" for more details.

**Risk of Cash Transactions.** Unlike certain ETFs, the Fund expects to generally effect its creations and redemptions entirely for cash, rather than for in-kind securities. Therefore, it may be required to sell portfolio securities and subsequently recognize gains on such sales that the Fund might not have recognized if it were to distribute portfolio securities in-kind. As such, investments in Fund shares may be less tax-efficient than an investment in an ETF that distributes portfolio securities entirely in-kind. Additionally, cash transactions may have to be carried out over several days if the securities market is relatively illiquid and may involve considerable brokerage fees and taxes. These brokerage

fees and taxes, which will be higher than if the Fund sold and redeemed its shares principally in-kind, could be imposed on the Fund and thus decrease the Fund's NAV to the extent they are not offset by the creation and redemption transaction fees paid by purchasers and redeemers of creation units.

**Sector Focus Risk.** To the extent the Fund focuses its investments in one or more sectors, this may make the Fund particularly susceptible to adverse economic, political or regulatory occurrences and changes affecting companies in those sectors. As the Fund's investments in a sector increase, so does the potential for fluctuation in the NAV of the Fund.

**Tax Risk.** There is no guarantee that the Fund's income will be exempt from U.S. federal or state income taxes. Events occurring after the date of issuance of a Municipal Bond or after the Fund's acquisition of a Municipal Bond may result in a determination that interest on that Municipal Bond is includible in gross income for U.S. federal income tax purposes retroactively to its date of issuance. Such a determination may cause a portion of prior distributions by the Fund to its shareholders to be taxable to those shareholders in the year of receipt. If the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") determines that an issuer of a Municipal Bond has not complied with applicable tax requirements, interest from the Municipal Bond could become taxable and the Municipal Bond could decline significantly in value. Federal or state changes in income or alternative minimum tax rates or in the tax treatment of Municipal Bonds, or even serious consideration of these topics by lawmakers, may make Municipal Bonds less attractive as investments and cause them to lose value.

## PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The Fund 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. Please remember that the Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of its future performance. It may perform better or worse in the future.

## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

### Investment Adviser and Sub-Adviser

Virtus ETF Advisers LLC is the Fund's investment adviser (the "**Adviser**"). ETFis Series Trust I (the "**Trust**") and the Adviser have engaged Cumberland Advisors Inc. as the Fund's 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**").

### Portfolio Managers

The Fund's portfolio management team includes David Kotok, Chairman and Chief Investment Officer of the Adviser, and John Mosseau, Executive Vice President & Director of Fixed Income of the Sub-Adviser, both of whom have served in such position 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, generally for cash, 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 seeks to earn income and pay dividends exempt from federal income tax. Income exempt from federal income tax may be subject to state or local tax. A portion of the dividends you receive may be subject to federal and state income taxes and you may be subject to the alternative minimum tax. You may receive taxable distributions attributable to the Fund's sale of Municipal Bonds. The Fund's distributions that are not exempt from federal income tax generally are taxed as ordinary income, capital gains or some combination of both, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or an IRA, in which case your distributions may be taxed as ordinary income when withdrawn from such arrangement.



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

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

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

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

**Additional Information Regarding the Fund's Investments.** The Fund may invest in non-investment grade (i.e., "high yield" or "junk bonds") Municipal Bonds, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds. Additionally, the 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 the Fund are set forth in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information (the "SAI") under "Investment Restrictions".

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

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

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

*High Yield Securities ("Junk Bond") Risk.* High yield securities and unrated securities of similar credit quality are considered to be speculative with respect to the issuer's continuing ability to make principal and interest payments and are generally subject to greater levels of credit quality risk than investment grade securities. High yield securities are usually issued by municipalities with questionable credit strength. These fixed income securities are considered below "investment-grade." The retail secondary market for these "junk bonds" may be less liquid than that of higher-rated fixed income securities, and adverse conditions could make it difficult at times to sell these securities or could result in lower prices than higher-rated fixed income securities. These risks can reduce the value of the Fund's shares and the income it earns.

*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.

**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.

## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

The Fund's 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. ("VPI"), 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 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 series of Virtus ETF Trust II, an open-end management investment company registered with the SEC.

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 at the annual rate of 0.245% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

**Expense Limitation Agreement.** The Adviser has entered into an Expense Limitation Agreement to limit the Fund's total operating expenses (excluding interest, taxes, brokerage commissions, expenses incurred in connection with any merger or reorganization, unusual or infrequently occurring expenses (such as litigation) or acquired fund fees, and expenses, if any, payable pursuant to a plan adopted in accordance with Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act) so that such expenses do not exceed 0.59% of the Fund's average daily net assets through February 28, 2019. While the Adviser or the Fund may discontinue the Expense Limitation Agreement after the contractual period, it may only be terminated during its term by either party upon written notice; provided that such termination shall require the approval of the Fund's Board. Pursuant to the Expense Limitation Agreement, the Adviser may recapture operating expenses waived or reimbursed under this arrangement for a period of three years following the date on which such waiver or reimbursement occurred; provided that such recapture may not cause the Fund's total operating expenses to exceed 0.59% of the average daily net assets of the Fund (or any lower expense limitation or limitations to which the Fund and the Adviser may otherwise agree).

### INVESTMENT SUB-ADVISER

The Sub-Adviser is Cumberland Advisors Inc., located at One Sarasota Tower, 2 N. Tamiami Trail, Suite 303, Sarasota, Florida 34236. The Sub-Adviser is a registered investment adviser that has been providing investment advisory services since 1973. In addition to the Fund, the Sub-Adviser provides investment advisory services to individuals, institutions, public and corporate retirement plans, corporations, foundations and state and municipal government entities. The Sub-Adviser is also registered with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board as a Municipal Advisor and assists state and local governments with interest-rate forecasting, financial market analysis, issuance of debt financing and other special services of this nature.

The Sub-Adviser serves in that capacity pursuant to a sub-advisory agreement (the "**Sub-Advisory Agreement**") with 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. As of December 31, 2017, the Sub-Adviser had approximately \$2.99 billion in assets under management.

**Sub-Adviser Compensation.** As full compensation for its services to the Fund, the Sub-Adviser receives monthly compensation from the Fund at the annual rate of 0.245% of the Fund's average daily net assets. The Sub-Adviser agrees to share in the fee waivers and/or expense assumptions for the Fund equally with the Adviser. Accordingly, in the event that the Adviser waives all or a portion of its fee and/or assumes all or a portion of the expenses of the Fund pursuant to an applicable expense limitation agreement, then the Sub-Adviser shall waive its fee and/or pay a portion of the assumed expenses, in either case in the same proportion as the Adviser, by promptly paying to the Adviser (or its designee) 50% of the amount waived and/or assumed by the Adviser. If, during the term of the Sub-Advisory Agreement, the Adviser later recaptures some or all of the fees so waived or expenses so assumed by the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser together, then the Adviser shall pay (or will direct the Fund to pay) to the Sub-Adviser 50% of the amount recaptured.

**Disclosure Regarding Advisory Agreement Approval.** A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's most recent approval of the investment advisory agreement and investment sub-advisory agreement for the Fund is available in the Fund's semi-annual report for the fiscal period ended April 30, 2017. You may obtain a copy of the Fund's annual and semi-annual reports, without charge, upon request to the Fund.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The following individuals serve as the Fund's portfolio managers, each of whom is jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund's portfolio:

**John R. Mousseau** – *Executive Vice President & Director of Fixed Income of the Sub-Adviser*

Mr. Mousseau joined the Sub-Adviser in 2000. Mr. Mousseau has over 30 years of investment management experience. Prior to joining the Sub-Adviser, he was the Director of Municipal Bond Investments for Lord Abbett & Company. He also worked previously for Shearson Lehman Brothers and its predecessor firm, E. F. Hutton. Mr. Mousseau holds an A.B. degree in economics from Georgetown University and a M.A. degree in economics from Brown University, and holds a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charter.

**Patricia Healy, CFA** – *Senior Vice President of Research and Portfolio Manager of the Sub-Adviser.*

Ms. Healey is a member of the team managing portfolio construction, management, analysis, trading, and research for both tax-free and taxable bond accounts. Prior to joining the Sub-Adviser, Ms. Healy was Senior Director for Bayern LB, where she oversaw the public finance portfolio as well as the firm's tender option bond liquidity program. Previously, Ms. Healy served as a credit analyst at TD Securities and at Offitbank. She has experience at various credit rating agencies including at Standard & Poor's and Fitch where she focused on infrastructure and financial guaranty analysis. Ms. Healey joined the Sub-Adviser the summer of 2016. Ms. Healey holds a B.S. in finance from the State University of New York at New Paltz. In addition, she is a holder of a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charter.

**Shaun Burgess** – *Portfolio Manager and Fixed Income Analyst of the Sub-Adviser*

Mr. Burgess is responsible for analyses of prospective tax-exempt and taxable portfolios and trading tax-exempt securities for the Sub-Adviser, including as lead trader for the Insured Puerto Rico portfolio style. Mr. Burgess assists in credit research relating to current and prospective tax-exempt bond holdings. Mr. Burgess joined the Sub-Adviser in 2013 after graduating with a B.A. in finance from the University of South Florida.

**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, New York 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, 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 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, New York 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, Pennsylvania 19103, serves as legal counsel to the Trust and the Independent Trustees.

## **EXPENSES OF THE FUND**

The Fund pays all of its expenses, subject to the Expense Limitation Agreement. General Trust expenses that are allocated among and charged to the assets of the Fund and other series of the Trust are done so on a basis that the Board deems fair and equitable, which may be on a basis of relative net assets of the Fund and other series of the Trust or the nature of the services performed and relative applicability to the Fund and other series of the Trust.

## **INVESTING IN THE FUND**

### **PAYMENTS TO FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

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

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

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

The IIV is calculated for the Fund 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 the Fund. "**Estimated Fund Value**" is the sum of the estimated amount of cash held in the Fund's portfolio, the estimated amount of accrued interest owed to the Fund and the estimated value of the securities held in the Fund's portfolio, minus the estimated amount of the Fund's liabilities. The IIV will be calculated based on the same portfolio holdings disclosed on the Fund's website at [www.virtusetfs.com](http://www.virtusetfs.com).

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

## **PREMIUM/DISCOUNT INFORMATION**

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

## **FREQUENT TRADING**

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

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

## **DISTRIBUTIONS**

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

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

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

## FEDERAL INCOME TAXES

### FUND DISTRIBUTIONS

The Fund intends to invest its assets in a manner such that a significant portion of its dividend distributions to shareholders will generally be exempt from U.S. federal income taxes, including the federal alternative minimum tax for non-corporate shareholders. Dividends paid by the Fund that are properly designated as exempt-interest dividends will not be subject to regular U.S. Federal income tax.

The Fund may invest a portion of its assets in certain “private activity bonds,” and as a result, a portion of the exempt-interest dividends paid by the Fund related to private activity bonds will be an item of tax preference to shareholders subject to the alternative minimum tax. Corporate shareholders should note that income that is generally exempt from the federal alternative minimum tax may in certain situations nonetheless be relevant in determining their federal alternative minimum tax liability, if any. (Under legislation commonly known as the “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act,” corporations are no longer subject to the alternative minimum tax for taxable years of the corporation beginning after December 31, 2017.) Income that is exempt from federal tax may be subject to state and local income tax. Depending on a shareholder’s state of residence, exempt-interest dividends from interest earned on municipal securities of a state or its political subdivisions may be exempt in the hands of such shareholder from income tax in that state. However, income from municipal securities of states other than the shareholder’s state of residence generally will not qualify for tax-free treatment for such shareholder.

While the Fund endeavors to purchase only bona fide tax-exempt securities, there are risks that: (a) a security issued as tax-exempt may be reclassified by the Internal Revenue Service or a state tax authority as taxable and/or (b) future legislative, administrative or court actions could adversely impact the qualification of income from a tax-exempt security as tax-free. Such reclassifications or actions could cause interest from a security to become taxable, possibly retroactively, subjecting you to increased tax liability. In addition, such reclassifications or actions could cause the value of a security, and therefore, the value of the Fund’s shares, to decline.

The Fund may invest a portion of its assets in securities that pay income that is not tax-exempt. The Fund also may distribute to you any market discount and net short-term capital gains from the sale of its portfolio securities. 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. Because the income of the Fund is primarily derived from investments earning interest rather than dividend income, generally none or only a small portion of the income dividends paid to you by the Fund is anticipated to be qualified dividend income eligible for taxation by individuals at long-term capital gain tax rates. Distributions of ordinary income are taxable whether you reinvest your distributions in additional Fund shares or receive them in cash.

### 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. Net investment income does not include exempt-interest dividends. 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, exempt-interest dividends, if any, 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. The Fund generally redeems Creation Units for cash, and therefore may recognize more capital gains than if it redeemed 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.

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

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

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

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

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

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

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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

	<b>For the Period January 17, 2017<sup>1</sup> Through October 31, 2017</b>
<b>Per Share Data for a Share Outstanding throughout the period presented:</b>	
Net asset value, beginning of period .....	\$ 25.00
Investment Operations:	
Net investment income <sup>2</sup> .....	0.41
Net realized and unrealized gain .....	0.56
Total from investment operations .....	<u>0.97</u>
<b>Less Distributions from:</b>	
Net Investment income .....	(0.34)
Total distributions .....	(0.34)
<b>Net Asset Value, End of Period</b> .....	<b><u>\$ 25.63</u></b>
Net Asset Value Total Return <sup>3</sup> .....	3.92%
<b>Net Assets, End of period (000s omitted)</b> .....	<b>\$16,662</b>
<b>RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:</b>	
<b>Ratios to Average Net Assets:</b>	
Expenses, net of expense waivers .....	0.59% <sup>4</sup>
Expenses, prior to expense waivers .....	1.07% <sup>4</sup>
Net investment income .....	2.05% <sup>4</sup>
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>5</sup> .....	60% <sup>6</sup>

1 Commencement of operations.

2 Based on average shares outstanding.

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

4 Annualized.

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

6 Not annualized.

# 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.	
Reasons we can share your personal information	Does ETFis Series Trust I share?	Can you limit this sharing?
<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>

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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

Additional information about the Fund's investments is available in the Fund's annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders. 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).

The Fund's annual and semi-annual reports and the SAI are available free upon request by calling the Adviser at (212) 593-4383. You can also access and download the annual and semi-annual reports and the SAI without charge at the Fund's website: [www.virtusetfs.com](http://www.virtusetfs.com).

*To obtain other information and for shareholder inquiries:*

By telephone: (212) 593-4383

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. 20549-0102 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) 942-8090. 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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