

**INFRACAP REIT PREFERRED ETF**  
(TICKER: PFFR)

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

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## RISK/RETURN SUMMARY INFORMATION

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

InfraCap REIT Preferred ETF (Ticker: PFFR) (the “**Fund**”) seeks investment results that correspond, before fees and expenses, to the price and yield performance of the Indxx REIT Preferred Stock Index (the “**Underlying Index**”).

### FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund (“**Shares**”). **You may incur customary brokerage commissions, and may pay other fees to financial intermediaries, 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> .....	0.45%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses .....	0.45%

- (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 following expenses, each of which is paid by the Fund: the management fee paid to the Fund’s adviser; payments under any 12b-1 plan adopted by the Fund; 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.

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

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then sell 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	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$46	\$144	\$252	\$567

### 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 Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual Fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the fiscal year ended October 31, 2023, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 14% of the average value of its portfolio.

### PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest not less than 90% of its assets in component securities of the Underlying Index. The Underlying Index is comprised of preferred securities listed on U.S. exchanges that are issued by real estate investment trusts (“**REITs**”).

**What are preferred securities?** Preferred securities 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 the payment of dividends and in the event of the bankruptcy or liquidation of a company’s assets. Although preferred securities represent an ownership interest in a company, preferred stockholders usually have no voting rights with respect to corporate matters of the issuer. Instead, preferred securities typically have rights and characteristics similar to debt instruments.

Preferred securities in the Underlying Index may include, without limitation, floating and fixed-rate preferred securities, callable preferred securities, cumulative and non-cumulative preferred securities, convertible preferred securities, trust preferred securities and depositary preferred securities.

**What is a REIT?** A REIT is a corporation, trust or association dedicated to owning, operating or financing income-producing real estate. To qualify as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “**Code**”), a REIT is required to distribute at least 90% of its taxable income to shareholders annually and receive at least 75% of that income from rents, mortgages and sales of property. A REIT that qualifies under the Code is generally not taxed on income that it distributes to its shareholders. The Underlying Index may include preferred securities issued by Equity REITs, Mortgage REITs or Hybrid REITs. Equity REITs, which invest the majority of their assets directly in real property, derive their income primarily from rental and lease income, but may also realize capital gains by selling properties that have appreciated in value. Mortgage REITs, which provide loans to owners and operators of real estate assets or hold or trade mortgages or mortgage-backed securities, derive their income primarily from interest payments made on the underlying mortgages. Hybrid REITs may invest in a combination of properties, mortgages and mortgage-backed securities.

**The Underlying Index.** The Underlying Index, which was launched in January 2015, is a modified market capitalization weighted index designed to provide diversified exposure to high yielding liquid preferred securities issued by REITs listed in the U.S. In a market capitalization weighted index, each component security is weighted by the issuer’s market capitalization relative to the overall capitalization of the index.

The Underlying Index was co-developed by Infrastructure Capital Advisors, LLC, the Fund’s sub-adviser (the “**Sub-Adviser**”), and Indxx, LLC (“**Indxx**”), the index provider of the Underlying Index. Indxx is not affiliated with the Fund, the Sub-Adviser, or the Fund’s adviser, Virtus ETF Advisers LLC (the “**Adviser**”). Indxx owns the Underlying Index and is solely responsible for calculating, maintaining and rebalancing the Underlying Index.

To be included in the Underlying Index, a security generally must meet the following minimum criteria as of each reconstitution date:

- Security Type: Preferred Securities
- Primary Exchange: United States
- Type of Issuer: REIT
- Market Capitalization: \$75 million or more
- 6 Month Average Monthly Trading Volume: 150,000 shares or more
- Yield to Worst (i.e., an estimate of the lowest potential yield that can be received on a preferred security without issuer default): greater than 3%
- Constituent Weightings: No single issuer will exceed 10% of its representation in the Underlying Index upon rebalance. No REIT sub-sector will exceed 30% of the Underlying Index upon rebalance, with the exception of the Diversified REIT sub-sector, which will not exceed 35%.
- Review: At the end of every calendar quarter, each Underlying Index constituent will be reviewed and distressed companies may be excluded.

Once the investment universe is appropriately narrowed based on the foregoing criteria, all remaining securities are chosen as index constituents, which are then weighted based on their modified market capitalization. Indxx reconstitutes and rebalances the Underlying Index semi-annually at the close of the last trading day of March and September of each year in accordance with the Underlying Index methodology. The Fund is generally reconstituted and rebalanced in accordance with the Underlying Index. As of December 31, 2023, the Underlying Index contained 91 constituents.

Indxx’s Index Committee is responsible for setting policy, determining index composition, and administering the Underlying Index in accordance with the Underlying Index methodology. The Index Committee reserves the right to use qualitative judgment to include, exclude, adjust, or postpone the inclusion of a constituent. Continued index

membership of a constituent is not necessarily subject to the Underlying Index methodology. A constituent may be considered for exclusion by the Index Committee on the basis of corporate governance, accounting policies, lack of transparency and lack of representation, despite meeting all the criteria provided in the Underlying Index methodology.

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

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 preferred securities of REITs. The Fund will concentrate its investments (i.e., invest more than 25% of its total assets) in a particular industry or group of industries approximately to the same extent that the Underlying Index is concentrated. As of October 31, 2023, the Underlying Index is concentrated in the Mortgage REITs and Equity REITs industries. The Fund is non-diversified, which means that it can invest a greater percentage of its assets in any one issuer than a diversified fund can. In addition, in attempting to meet its investment objective, the Fund may engage in active and frequent trading of portfolio securities.

## 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:

**Preferred Securities.** There are special risks associated with investing in preferred securities, including:

- **Deferral and Omission.** If the Fund owns preferred securities that include provisions that permit the issuer to defer or omit distributions for a stated period without any adverse consequences to the issuer, the Fund may be required to report income for tax purposes although it has not yet received such income.
- **Subordination.** Preferred securities 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 securities may be substantially less liquid than many other securities, such as common stocks or U.S. government securities.
- **Limited Voting Rights.** Preferred securities may have no or limited voting rights with respect to the issuing company.
- **Special Redemption Rights.** An issuer of preferred securities may redeem the securities prior to a specified date, which may negatively impact the return of the security held by the Fund.

**REIT Industries Risk.** The Fund is subject to the risk that the value of stocks of REITs will decline because of adverse developments affecting the Mortgage REITs and/or Equity REITs industries, including 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. REITs may also be adversely affected by poor management, failure to qualify as a REIT under the Code, environmental problems, property tax increases or changes in federal, state or local regulations.

**Interest Rate Risk.** The value of preferred securities will generally vary inversely with the direction of prevailing interest rates such that, generally, when interest rates rise, the value of REIT securities (including preferred securities) can be expected to decline.

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

**Small Capitalization Companies Risk.** Small-sized companies often have narrower markets, fewer products or services to offer, and more limited managerial and financial resources than larger, more established companies. As a result, the performance of small-sized companies may be more volatile, and they may face a greater risk of business failure, which could increase the volatility and risk of loss to the Fund.

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

**Non-Diversified Fund Risk.** The Fund is considered non-diversified and may be more susceptible to factors negatively impacting its holdings to the extent the Fund invests more of its assets in the securities of fewer issuers than would a diversified fund.

**Market Risk.** The value of the securities in the Fund may go up or down (sometimes significantly) in response to the prospects of individual companies and/or general economic conditions, including local, regional or global events.

**Passive Strategy/Index Risk.** The Fund may hold constituent securities of the Underlying Index regardless of the current or projected performance of a specific security or the relevant sector as a whole, which could cause the Fund's returns to be lower than if the Fund employed an active strategy. Unless the Underlying Index allocates significant portions of its assets to cash and cash equivalents during times of adverse market or economic conditions, the Fund may be subject to a higher level of market risk during such times than other funds.

**Index Tracking Risk.** The Fund's return may not match or achieve a high degree of correlation with the returns of the Underlying Index due to operating expenses, transaction costs, cash flows, regulatory requirements and operational inefficiencies.

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

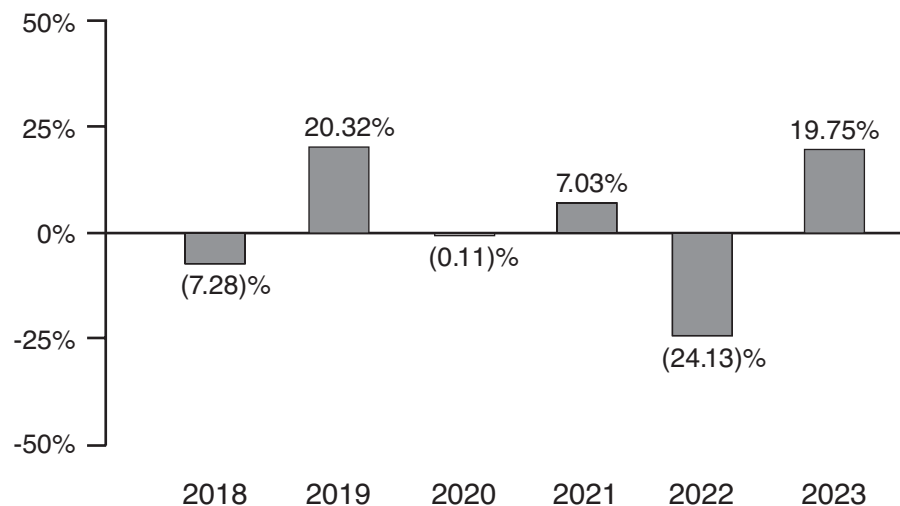
**ETF Risks.** The Fund is an ETF and, as a result of this structure, is exposed to the following risks, among others:

- **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 or unwilling to process creation and/or redemption orders (either because of valuation difficulties or for other reasons), and no other Authorized Participant is able or willing to step forward to process creation and/or redemption orders, in either of these cases, Shares of the Fund may trade at a discount to NAV and possibly face delisting.
- **Costs of Buying or Selling Shares.** Due to the costs of buying or selling Shares, including brokerage commissions and 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 Shares will generally fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's securities holdings, and the Fund cannot be predicted whether Shares will trade below, at or above their 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.

**Risks Related to Portfolio Turnover.** The Fund’s principal investment strategies may result in a consistently high portfolio turnover rate. See the “Portfolio Turnover” section above for more information about the impact that portfolio turnover can have on your investment.

## PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

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



- During the periods shown in the bar chart, the highest return for a calendar quarter was 19.87% (quarter ended 6/30/2020).
- During the periods shown in the bar chart, the lowest return for a calendar quarter was (29.45)% (quarter ended 3/31/2020).

### Average Annual Total Returns – (For the Period Ended December 31, 2023)

	1 Year	5 Years	Since Inception <sup>(1)</sup>
Before taxes	19.75%	3.17%	2.15%
After taxes on distributions <sup>(2)</sup>	16.76%	1.04%	0.01%
After taxes on distributions and sale of shares <sup>(2)</sup>	11.52%	1.54%	0.75%
Indxx REIT Preferred Stock Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	20.10%	4.05%	2.96%
FT Wilshire 5000 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	26.10%	15.40%	12.79%

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

(2) After-tax returns are calculated using the highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on your tax situation and may differ from those shown and are not relevant if you hold your shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. In some cases, the return after taxes may exceed the return before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit from any losses on a sale of Shares at the end of the measurement period.



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## 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 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**").

### Portfolio Managers

The following employees of the Sub-Adviser are the Fund's portfolio managers, each of whom is jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund's portfolio: Jay D. Hatfield and Edward F. Ryan (each since February 2017) and Andrew Meleney (since February 2024).

### PURCHASE AND SALE OF FUND SHARES

Unlike conventional investment companies, the Fund generally issues and redeems Shares on a continuous basis, at NAV, in aggregate blocks of Shares or multiples thereof ("**Creation Units**"). The Fund's Creation Units may be issued and redeemed 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). Investors may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase Shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for Shares (ask) when buying or selling Shares in the secondary market (the "**bid-ask spread**"). Information regarding the Fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads is available on the Fund's website at [www.virtusetfs.com](http://www.virtusetfs.com).

### 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, the Sub-Adviser or their respective affiliates may pay the intermediary for the sale of 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.

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

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 preferred securities of REITs. The Fund will concentrate its investments (i.e., invest more than 25% of its total assets) in a particular industry or group of industries approximately to the same extent that the Underlying Index is concentrated. As of October 31, 2023, the Underlying Index is concentrated in the Mortgage REITs and Equity REITs industries. The Fund is non-diversified, which means that it can invest a greater percentage of its assets in any one issuer than a diversified fund can. In addition, in attempting to meet its investment objective, the Fund may engage in active and frequent trading of portfolio securities.

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 Limitations."

To the extent that the Fund is not invested in securities of the Underlying Index as disclosed above, the Fund may invest in other investments that the Sub-Adviser believes will help the Fund track the Underlying Index, including shares of other registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds and ETFs), and cash and cash equivalents.

In addition, although the Fund generally intends to replicate the component securities of the Underlying Index as disclosed in the Fund's principal investment strategies, which are discussed in the "Risk/Return Summary Information" section above, the Fund may utilize a representative sampling strategy when a replication strategy might be detrimental to its shareholders, such as when there are practical difficulties or substantial costs involved in compiling a portfolio of securities to follow the Underlying Index. When utilizing a representative sampling strategy, the Fund will invest in what it believes to be a representative sample of the component securities in the Underlying Index. Under the representative sampling technique, each security is selected for inclusion in the Fund through the application of quantitative analytical procedures to give the Fund's portfolio an investment profile similar to that of

its Underlying Index. Securities are selected for inclusion if they have aggregate investment characteristics (such as market capitalization and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability, earnings valuation and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of the Underlying Index taken in its entirety. If the representative sampling technique is used, the Fund will not be expected to track the performance of its Underlying Index with the same degree of accuracy as would an investment vehicle that invested in every component security of the Underlying Index with the same weightings as the Underlying Index. The Fund may also use representative sampling to exclude less liquid component securities contained in the Underlying Index in order to create a more tradable portfolio and improve arbitrage opportunities.

There also may be instances in which the Sub-Adviser may choose to (i) overweight or underweight a security in the Underlying Index, (ii) purchase securities not contained in the Underlying Index that the Sub-Adviser believes are appropriate to substitute for certain securities in the Underlying Index, or (iii) utilize various combinations of other available investment techniques in seeking to track the Underlying Index.

The Fund may sell securities included in the Underlying Index in anticipation of their removal from the Underlying Index, or purchase securities not included in the Underlying Index in anticipation of their addition to the Underlying Index.

#### **Additional Information Regarding the Fund's Investment Risks.**

***Preferred Securities.*** There are special risks associated with investing in preferred securities, including:

- *Deferral and Omission.* Preferred securities 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 security 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 securities 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 securities may be substantially less liquid than many other securities, such as common stocks or U.S. government securities.
- *Limited Voting Rights.* Generally, traditional preferred securities 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 security holders may elect a number of directors to the issuer's board. Generally, once all the arrearages have been paid, the preferred security holders no longer have voting rights. In the case of hybrid-preferred securities, holders generally have no voting rights.
- *Special Redemption Rights.* In certain varying circumstances, an issuer of preferred securities may redeem the securities prior to a specified date. For instance, for certain types of preferred securities, 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.

***REIT Industries Risk.*** The Fund is subject to the risk that the value of stocks of REITs will decline because of adverse developments affecting the Mortgage REITs and/or Equity REITs industries, including 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 Code, environmental problems, property tax increases or changes in federal, state or local regulations. In addition to the above, Mortgage REITs are subject to the following risks: credit risk of the borrowers under the underlying mortgages, insufficient insurance, risks of investments in subprime mortgages, foreclosure risk, interest rate risk, risks of borrowing and leverage, and prepayment risk.

**Interest Rate Risk.** REITs may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing interest rates. The value of preferred securities will generally vary inversely with the direction of prevailing interest rates such that, generally, when interest rates rise, the value of REIT securities (including preferred securities) can be expected to decline.

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

**Small Capitalization Companies Risk.** Investing in the securities of small capitalization companies generally involves greater risk than investing in larger, more established companies. The securities of small 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 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 capitalization companies often have limited product lines, markets, or financial resources and lack management depth, making them more susceptible to market pressures. Small capitalization companies are typically subject to greater changes in earnings and business prospects than larger, more established companies. Small 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. 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.

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

**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.

**Market Risk.** 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 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. In addition, local, regional or global events such as war (e.g., Russia's invasion of Ukraine), acts of terrorism, natural or environmental disasters, the spread of infectious illnesses or other public health issues, recessions, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund, its investments and the trading of its Shares. For example, an outbreak of an infectious respiratory illness, COVID-19, has caused adverse effects on many companies, sectors, nations, regions, and the markets in general. The ongoing effects of COVID-19 are unpredictable and may adversely impact the value and performance of the Fund and its ability to buy and sell investments at appropriate valuations and/or achieve its investment objective.

**Passive Strategy/Index Risk.** The Fund is managed with a passive investment strategy that seeks to track the performance of the Underlying Index. This differs from an actively managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund may hold constituent securities of the Underlying Index regardless of the current or projected performance of a specific security or preferred REITs as a whole. Maintaining investments in securities regardless of market conditions or the performance of individual securities could cause the Fund's returns to be lower than if the Fund employed an active strategy. The Fund will seek to track the Underlying Index in all market conditions, including during adverse market conditions when other funds may seek to take temporary defensive

measures (such as investing significantly in cash or cash equivalents). Accordingly, unless the Underlying Index allocates significant portions of its assets to cash and cash equivalents during times of adverse market or economic conditions, the Fund may be subject to a higher level of market risk during such times than other funds.

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

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

**ETF Risks.** The Fund is an ETF and, as a result of this structure, is exposed to the following risks, among others:

- **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 or unwilling to process creation and/or redemption orders (either because of valuation difficulties or for other reasons), and no other Authorized Participant is able or willing to step forward to process creation and/or redemption orders, in either of these cases, Shares may trade at a discount to 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 Shares have more trading volume and market liquidity and higher if the 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 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. For example, during a "flash crash," the market prices of the 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 Shares for temporary or longer periods. Shareholders could suffer significant losses to the extent that they sell Shares at these temporarily low market prices.



- *Early Closing Risk.* An unanticipated early closing of the Exchange may result in a shareholder's inability to buy or sell Shares on that day.
- *Fund Shares Liquidity Risk.* Trading in Shares 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.
- *No Assurance of Active Trading Market Risk.* Although the Shares 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. Further, market makers (other than lead market makers) have no obligation to make markets in the Shares and may discontinue doing so at any time without notice.
- *Redeeming Risk.* Shares generally may be redeemed only in Creation Units and only by Authorized Participants. All other persons or entities transacting in Shares must generally do so in the secondary market.

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

In addition to the principal risks discussed above, an investment in the Fund is also subject to the following risks:

**ETF and Other Registered Investment Company Risk.** The Fund may invest in ETFs or other registered investment companies. Through its positions in ETFs and other registered investment companies, the Fund will be subject to the risks associated with such vehicles' investments, including the possibility that the value of the securities or instruments held by an ETF or other registered investment company could decrease (or increase). In addition to the risks associated with the underlying assets held by an ETF, investments in ETFs are subject to the following additional risks: (1) an ETF's shares may trade above or below its net asset value; (2) an active trading market for the ETF's shares may not develop or be maintained; and (3) trading an ETF's shares may be halted by the listing exchange. Further, a passively managed ETF or other registered investment company may not track the performance of the reference asset and may hold troubled securities or other investments. Investments in ETFs and other registered investment companies may involve duplication of management fees and certain other expenses, as the Fund indirectly bears its proportionate share of any expenses paid by the ETFs or other registered investment companies in which it invests.

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

**Disclosure of Portfolio Holdings.** The Fund's portfolio holdings are 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 31 West 52nd Street, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10019. The Adviser was organized as a Delaware limited liability company in August 2013 and is an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Virtus Investment Partners, Inc. (Ticker: VRTS) (together with its affiliates, "**Virtus**"). Virtus is a public company that operates a multi-manager asset management business and has substantial experience in the investment management and investment company industries. As of December 31, 2023, on a collective basis, Virtus-affiliated registered investment advisers managed approximately \$172.3 billion in assets. As of December 31, 2023, the Adviser managed approximately \$1.56 billion in assets. The Adviser also serves as investment adviser to each other series of the Trust and Virtus ETF Trust II, an open-end management investment company registered with the SEC.

The Adviser 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 SEC rule on which the Fund relies to operate as an ETF, as well as the Trust's related policies and procedures. 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 the Fund's prospectus and statement 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 the greater of 0.45% of the Fund's average daily net assets or \$25,000 per year (the "**Advisory Fee**"). 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 adopted by the Fund; 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, 2023, the Sub-Adviser had approximately \$1.55 billion 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 that is equal to the greater of (i) an annualized rate of 0.075% of the average daily net asset value of the Fund, during the prior calendar month, or (ii) a minimum annual fee of \$25,000 per calendar year. The remainder of the Advisory Fee is paid by the Adviser to the Sub-Adviser as full compensation for its services.



**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 most recent semi-annual report for the fiscal period ended April 30, 2023. You may obtain a copy of the Fund’s annual and semi-annual reports, without charge, upon request to the Fund.

## **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

The following employees of the Sub-Adviser are the Fund’s portfolio managers, each of whom is jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund’s portfolio:

- **Jay D. Hatfield, *Co-Founder and President of the Sub-Adviser***

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.

- **Edward F. Ryan, *Co-Founder and Chief Financial 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, real estate investment trusts (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).

- **Andrew Meleney**, *Portfolio Manager and Director of Research of the Adviser*

Mr. Meleney is a Portfolio Manager and Director of Research of the Adviser. Prior to joining the Adviser in 2016, Mr. Meleney was an equity analyst at Parker Global Strategies, focusing on midstream MLP, oil and gas equities and commodity fundamentals. Mr. Meleney is a CFA Charterholder and earned a bachelor of arts and science in economics at Tufts University.

**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 31 West 52nd Street, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10019, serves as the Fund's operational administrator. The Administrator supervises the overall administration of the Trust and the Fund including, among other responsibilities, the coordination and day-to-day oversight of the Fund's operations, the service providers' communications with the Fund and each other and assistance with Trust, Board and contractual matters related to the Fund and other series of the Trust. The Administrator also provides persons satisfactory to the Board to serve as officers of the Trust.

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

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

## **DISTRIBUTOR**

VP Distributors, LLC (the "**Distributor**"), located at One Financial Plaza, Hartford, CT 06103, 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 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, the Sub-Adviser or their respective 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 Fund'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, equity 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.

The Board has designated the Adviser to serve as its valuation designee, pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("**1940 Act**"), to perform the fair value determinations relating to any or all Fund investments. Accordingly, 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 Adviser 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. Fair value pricing is 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 Shares, respectively, than you would have otherwise received if the portfolio security were priced using the Fund's normal pricing procedures, 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 oversees the Adviser in its role as valuation designee in accordance with the requirements of Rule 2a-5 under the 1940 Act.

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, Juneteenth National Independence Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

### **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**

Unlike traditional mutual funds, Shares can only be purchased and redeemed directly from the Fund in Creation Units by Authorized Participants, and the vast majority of trading in the Shares occurs on the secondary market. Because secondary market trades do not involve the Fund directly, those trades are unlikely to cause many of the harmful effects of frequent purchases and redemptions of Shares, including dilution, disruption of portfolio management, increases in the Fund's trading costs and the realization of capital gains. In addition, direct trading on a short-term basis by Authorized Participants is critical to ensuring that the Shares trade at or close to NAV. The Fund also imposes transaction fees on purchases and redemptions of Creation Units by Authorized Participants, which are designed to offset the Fund's transaction costs associated with issuing and redeeming Creation Units. Given this structure, the Board determined that it is not necessary to adopt policies and procedures with respect to frequent purchases and redemptions of Shares by Fund shareholders. 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 Fund also reserves the right to reject any redemption order in accordance with applicable law.

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 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 October, November, or 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 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 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. Because the income of the Fund is primarily derived from investments in U.S. REITs, generally none or only a small portion of the income dividends reported by the Fund is anticipated to be qualified dividend income eligible for taxation by individual shareholders at long-term capital gain tax rates.

Because of “noncash” expenses such as property depreciation, the cash flow of a REIT that owns properties will exceed its taxable income. The REIT, and in turn the Fund, may distribute this excess cash to shareholders. Such a distribution is classified as a return of capital. Return of capital distributions generally are not taxable to you. Your cost basis in your Shares will be decreased by the amount of any return of capital. Any return of capital distributions in excess of your cost basis will be treated as capital gain.

Under 2017 legislation commonly known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act “qualified REIT dividends” (i.e., ordinary REIT dividends other than capital gain dividends and portions of REIT dividends designated as qualified dividend income) are treated as eligible for a 20% deduction by noncorporate taxpayers. The Fund may choose to pass through the special character of “qualified REIT dividends” to its shareholders, provided the shareholder meets certain holding period requirements with respect to their shares.

### **SALE OF FUND SHARES**

A sale of 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 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 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 Shares generally are subject to state and local taxes.

Non-U.S. investors may be subject to U.S. withholding tax at a 30% or lower treaty rate and U.S. estate tax and are subject to special U.S. tax certification requirements to avoid backup withholding and claim any treaty benefits. Exemptions from U.S. withholding tax are provided for certain capital gain dividends paid by the Fund from net long-



term capital gains, interest-related dividends and short-term capital gain dividends, if such amounts are reported by the Fund. However, notwithstanding such exemptions from U.S. withholding at the source, any such dividends and distributions of income and capital gains will be subject to backup withholding at a rate of 24% if you fail to properly certify that you are not a U.S. person.

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

## **WITHHOLDING**

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

## **CREATION UNITS**

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

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

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

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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 and market price; (ii) the 30-day median bid-ask spread; (iii) the reported midpoint of the bid-ask spread at the time of NAV calculation (the “**Bid-Ask Price**”); (iv) a calculation of the premium or discount of the Bid-Ask Price against such NAV; and (v) 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 discloses 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 SEC rule or 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 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). The information for each of the fiscal years 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.

	InfraCap REIT Preferred ETF				
	For the Year Ended October 31, 2023	For the Year Ended October 31, 2022	For the Year Ended October 31, 2021	For the Year Ended October 31, 2020	For the Year Ended October 31, 2019
<b>Per Share Data for a Share Outstanding throughout each year presented:</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$ 16.38	\$ 24.32	\$ 21.71	\$ 25.26	\$ 23.65
Investment operations:					
Net investment income <sup>1</sup>	1.13	0.68	0.63	1.05	1.32
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.33	(7.18)	3.42	(3.14)	1.83
Total from investment operations	<u>1.46</u>	<u>(6.50)</u>	<u>4.05</u>	<u>(2.09)</u>	<u>3.15</u>
<b>Less Distributions from:</b>					
Net investment income	(1.07)	(0.96)	(1.44)	(1.22)	(1.30)
Return of capital	(0.37)	(0.48)	—	(0.24)	(0.24)
Total distributions	<u>(1.44)</u>	<u>(1.44)</u>	<u>(1.44)</u>	<u>(1.46)</u>	<u>(1.54)</u>
<b>Net Asset Value, End of year</b>	<u>\$ 16.40</u>	<u>\$ 16.38</u>	<u>\$ 24.32</u>	<u>\$ 21.71</u>	<u>\$ 25.26</u>
Net Asset Value Total Return <sup>2</sup>	8.84%	(27.70)%	18.93%	(8.06)%	13.78%
Net assets, end of year (000's omitted)	\$56,564	\$54,064	\$87,539	\$52,104	\$37,885
<b>RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:</b>					
<b>Ratios to Average Net Assets:</b>					
Expenses	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%	0.45% <sup>3</sup>
Net investment income	6.51%	3.25%	2.61%	4.75%	5.42%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>4</sup>	14%	79%	144%	38%	66%

1 Based on average shares outstanding.

2 Net Asset Value Total Return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value on the first day of the year, reinvestment of dividends and distributions at net asset value during the year, and redemptions at net asset value on the last day of the year.

3 The ratios of expenses to average net assets includes tax expense fees of less than 0.01%.

4 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..

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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

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

### **Statement of Additional Information**

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

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

*To obtain other information and for shareholder inquiries:*

By telephone: (888) 383-0553

By mail: ETFis Series Trust I  
31 West 52nd Street, 16th Floor  
New York, NY 10019

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

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

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

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 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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