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The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate in value, so that when shares are sold or redeemed they may be worth more or less than when they were purchased.

Diversification does not protect against loss.

Bond funds contain interest rate risk (as interest rates rise bond prices usually fall); the risk of issuer default; issuer credit risk; liquidity risk; and inflation risk.

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Derivatives and commodity-linked derivatives may involve certain costs and risks such as liquidity, interest rate, market, credit, management and the risk that a position could not be closed when most advantageous.

Foreign investments involve greater risks than US investments, including political and economic risks and the risk of currency fluctuations, all of which may be magnified in emerging markets.

Frequent trading of ETFs could significantly increase commissions and other costs such that they may offset any savings from low fees or costs.

Important Information Relating to SPDR Gold Shares Trust:

The SPDR Gold Shares Trust (GLD) has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and other documents GLD has filed with the SEC for more complete information about GLD and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC website at www.sec.gov or by visiting www.spdrgoldshares.com. Alternatively, the Trust or any authorized participant will arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it by calling 866.320.4053.

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GLD shares trade like stocks, are subject to investment risk and will fluctuate in market value. The value of GLD shares relates directly to the value of the gold held by GLD (less its expenses), and fluctuations in the price of gold could materially and adversely affect an investment in the shares. The price received upon the sale of the shares, which trade at market price, may be more or less than the value of the gold represented by them. GLD does not generate any income, and as GLD regularly sells gold to pay for its ongoing expenses, the amount of gold represented by each Share will decline over time. Investing involves risk, and you could lose money on an investment in GLD.

Please see the GLD prospectus for a detailed discussion of the risks of investing in GLD shares.

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Precise in a world that isn't.

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You wouldn't buy a high-performance sports car that almost handled well. Or a Swiss watch that sort of kept time. After all, when you buy certain things you expect them to be precise. Shouldn't investments be one of them?

At State Street, we think they should be. That's why we created SPDR exchange traded funds (ETFs), a family of ETFs that let you precisely match your investments to your investment strategy.

Small Cap. Large Cap. Real Estate. Emerging Markets. Fixed Income. Gold. Whatever the market segment, you get exactly what's on the label. Nothing more. Nothing less.

The ETF Architect

At State Street, we approach investing like architects. We combine an engineer's ability to turn complex problems into simple solutions with the practical precision of a high-end builder.

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SPDR ETFs are designed to meet the high standards of professional investors, including the pensions and endowments of the world's largest corporations and foundations.

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Pioneer

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S&P 500 State Street launches the SPDR(Symbol: SPY), the world's first and still largest ETF.* State Street launches SPDR Dow Jones Industrial Average (Symbol:DIA) ETF, benchmarked against the Dow Jones Industrial Average, and Select Sector SPDRs,[®] which divide the S&P 500 into nine sectors. State Street launches Hong Kong Tracker ETF the largest IPO in Asian ex-Japan history at the time raising over \$4 billion. State Street launches its family of style and specialized ETFs. State Street extends its family of ETFs to Europe. State Street joins with local partners in Taiwan to launch the first local ETF, the Polaris Taiwan Top 50 Tracker Fund. State Street works with the World Gold Council to launch SPDR Gold Shares Trust (Symbol: GLD), the very first US commodity exchange traded trust, raising over \$2 billion in three months. State Street partners with China Asset Management to launch the first local Chinese ETF Shanghai SSE50 Index Fund. State Street launches the first international real estate (Symbol: RWX) and Japanese small cap (Symbol: JSC) ETFs. State Street launches the first regional emerging markets, global infrastructure (Symbol: GII) and international debt (Symbol: BWX) ETFs. State Street launches International Sectors and Emerging Markets Small Cap (Symbol: EWX) ETFs. State Street launches the first Convertible Securities ETF (Symbol: CWB). State Street partners with Nuveen Asset Management to provide municipal bond ETFs. State Street also launches the first International Corporate Bond ETF (Symbol: IBND). as of June 30, 2011

A SPDR to suit each investment objective

The ETF market has become flooded with hundreds of products all promising the same things: low cost, flexibility and selectivity. It's no wonder investors have difficulty distinguishing one ETF from another.

At State Street, we believe the best ETFs are not only about ease and simplicity, but about accuracy and what they allow you to do. This belief is reflected in every member of the State Street SPDR ETF family.

Core

SPDR ETFs are benchmarked to an array of respected market indices. While the SPDR S&P 500 (Symbol: SPY) is one of the largest and most actively traded securities in the world, we offer domestic equity ETFs of every size. From small cap to comprehensive total stock market coverage, SPDR ETFs make it possible for investors to easily attain the core portfolio exposure they seek.

Style

Growth and value equity styles move in and out of favor over time. So we offer a modular suite of SPDR ETFs that represents the full spectrum of domestic equity markets. And they're all classified by style. In other words, when you buy growth, that's exactly what you get.

Sector

With sector ETFs, you get targeted, diversified access to specific sectors, without the risk level of single stocks. Sector ETFs can also be valuable for tactical weightings, hedging portfolio risk and year-end tax loss planning. Our Select Sector SPDRs can help you control your exposure to the US market and gain more power over your portfolio. These unique ETFs unbundle the S&P 500, so you can invest in the sectors that make the most sense to you.

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Commodities

Commodities can be great diversifiers. Statistical analysis shows that they have a low to negative correlation with other asset classes.¹ But if you really want to capture the power of commodities, your exposure should be as pure as possible. Unfortunately, direct, liquid exposure to commodities can be difficult and expensive at best—impossible at worst. SPDR Gold Shares (Symbol: GLD) was State Street's first foray into the commodity category and is the first-ever gold-backed exchange traded trust in the US. It offers a simplified, liquid² and cost-efficient³ way to access gold bullion. Precisely.

Fixed Income

Fixed income investments offer three key benefits: diversification, income and tax advantages. With our fixed income ETFs, you get all of these benefits in one precise package. By investing in an ETF, you'll get the performance of an entire bond portfolio, without having to constantly rebalance your holdings as the bonds mature. And as one of the largest fixed income managers in the world, we're able to achieve economies of scale so our funds are available at a low cost. Whatever taxable or tax-free segment or maturity range you're interested in, these SPDR ETFs provide a smart, simple way to put your fixed income strategy to work.

¹ Based on the correlation of gold to the following asset classes as represented by indices from November 1990 to October 2010 (1.00 being perfect correlation): (1) S&P 500: -0.06; (2) Dow Jones U.S. Select REIT: 0.05; and (3) Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Bond: 0.14.

² Although shares of GLD have historically been readily tradeable on security exchanges, there can be no assurance that an active trading market will be maintained.

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