# **ETFS Physical Swiss Gold Shares - SGOL**

## September 2009

## **Investment objective**

ETFS Physical Swiss Gold Shares ("the Shares") are issued by ETFS Gold Trust ("the Trust"). The investment objective of the Trust, Symbol: SGOL is for the Shares to reflect the performance of the price of gold bullion, less the expenses of the Trust's operations. The Shares are designed for investors who want a cost-effective and convenient way to invest in gold.

## **Key features**

**Gold held in Zurich, Switzerland** - The Shares represent beneficial interest in the Trust, which in turn holds allocated physical gold bullion bars stored in secure vaults in Zurich Switzerland on behalf of the Custodian, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.,. Each physical bar is properly segregated, individually identified and allocated towards the property of the Trust. All physical gold conforms to the London Bullion Market Association's (LBMA) rules for Good Delivery.

**Cost effective** - The Shares are designed for investors who want a cost-effective and convenient way to invest in gold. For many investors, it is expected that the transaction costs for buying and selling the Shares will be lower than purchasing, storing and insuring physical gold.

**Liquid** – The Shares trade on an exchange like any other exchange-listed security. The Trust structure allows for shares to be created and redeemed according to supply and demand in the market.

**Transparent** – The gold bullion held by the trust is inspected biannually by the independent metal assayer, Inspectorate International. The pricing information, net asset value of the Trust, and gold bar numbers held by the Trust are published daily on our website <a href="https://www.etfsecurities.com">www.etfsecurities.com</a>.

**Flexible -** The Shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE Arca code: SGOL). The shares are available to be bought or sold, like ordinary listed securities, throughout the trading day. The shares are eligible for margin accounts.

## About the pricing

The price of SGOL is based on the spot price of gold less the Trusts expenses. Daily price of SGOL:

= 0.1 oz of Gold spot price less Trusts expenses

All gold is priced off the LBMA's specifications for Good Delivery, which is an internationally recognised and transparent benchmark for pricing physical gold. Details regarding the pricing calculations are available on www.etfsecurities.com/msl.

## **Risks & Important considerations:**

The ETFS Gold Trust is not an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 or a commodity pool for purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act. Shares of the Gold Trust are not subject to the same regulatory requirements as mutual funds. These investments are not suitable for all investors. Trusts focusing on a single commodity generally experience greater volatility.

## Trading data and listing

Primary listing New York Stock Exchange - Arca

Ticker SGOL
IOPV\* SGOL.IV

**Trading** Normal Exchange hours

NAV Daily NAV at www.etfsecurities.com

Base currency USD
Margin Eligible Yes
Short Sale Eligible Yes

Security & trading codes

 Inception Date
 09/09/2009

 Listing
 NYSE Arca

 Ticker
 SGOL

 CUSIP
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 Bloomberg
 SGOL US

 Reuters
 SGOL.P

\*Indicative Optimized Portfolio Value

#### Trust features

**Sponsor** ETF Securities USA LLC

**Underlying metal** Physical, allocated gold, to LBMA specifications

Vault Inspector Inspectorate International

**Gold Bar Count** List of allocated metal bars and copies of the bar

counts available daily at www.etfsecuritites.com

**Custodian** JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

Zurich Sub-Custodian UBS A.G.

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Vault Location Zurich, Switzerland

**Trustee** The Bank of New York Mellon

**Expense ratio** 0.39% per annum Ordinary brokerage

commissions do apply

## Gold spot historical performance (USD)



The performance quoted represents past performance of the Gold spot price (as measured by the London PM Fix) and is not indicative of future performance. The Gold spot prices are for illustrative purposes only and do not represent actual Trust performance. Gold spot returns rebased to 100 on 31 December 2003 to show gold returns since that date (e.g. 150=50% return from 31 December 2003, 50=50% decline from that date, etc).



## **Additional information**

To access the list of allocated metal bars held by the Custodian and a copy of the bar counts conducted by Inspectorate International Limited go to: <a href="https://www.etfsecurities.com">www.etfsecurities.com</a>

#### For more information

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## **About ETFS Services USA LLC**

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Risks and Important Considerations: The value of the Shares relates directly to the value of the gold held by the Trust and fluctuations in the price of gold could materially adversely affect an investment in the Shares. Several factors may affect the price of gold, including: A change in economic conditions, such as a recession, can adversely affect the price of gold. Gold is used in a wide range of industrial applications, and an economic downturn could have a negative impact on its demand and, consequently, its price and the price of the Shares; Investors' expectations with respect to the rate of inflation; Currency exchange rates; Interest rates; Investment and trading activities of hedge funds and commodity funds; and Global or regional political, economic or financial events and situations. Should there be an increase in the level of hedge activity of gold producing companies, it could cause a decline in world prices, adversely affecting the price of the Shares. Also, should the speculative community take a negative view towards gold, it could cause a decline in world gold prices, negatively impacting the price of the Shares. There is a risk that part or all of the Trust's gold could be lost, damaged or stolen. Failure by the Custodian or Sub-Custodian to exercise due care in the safekeeping of the precious metal held by the Trusts could result in a loss to the Trusts. The Trust will not insure its gold and shareholders cannot be assured that the custodian will maintain adequate insurance or any insurance with respect to the gold held by the custodian on behalf of the Trust. Consequently, a loss may be suffered with respect to the Trust's gold that is not covered by insurance.

Investors buy and sell shares on a secondary market (i.e., not directly from trust). Only market makers or "authorized participants" may trade directly with the fund, typically in blocks of 50k to 100k shares.

The Trust is new and has limited operating history. **Commodities and futures generally are volatile and are not be suitable for all investors.** Trusts focusing on a single commodity generally experience greater volatility. Please refer to the prospectus for complete information regarding all risks associated with the Trust before making an investment decision about investment in the Shares.

This document contains "forward-looking statement" with respect to the Trust's financial conditions, results of operations, plans, objectives, future performance and business. Statements preceded by, followed by or that include words such as "may", "will", "should", "expect", "plan", "anticipate", "believe", "estimate", "predict", "potential", or similar expressions are intended to identify some of the forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and are included, along with the statement, for purposes of complying with the safe harbour provisions of that Act. All statements (other than statements of historical fact) included in this document that address activities, events or developments that will or may occurring the future, including such matters as changes in commodity prices and market conditions (for gold and the Shares), the Trusts operations, the Sponsors plans and references to the Trusts future success and other similar matters are forward looking statements. These statements are only predictions. Actual events or results may differ materially. These statements are based upon certain assumptions and analyses the Sponsor made based on its perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments, as well as other factors appropriate in the circumstances. Neither the Trust not the Sponsor is under a duty to update any of the forward looking statements to confirm such statements to actual results or to reflect a change in the Sponsor's expectations or predictions.

Shares in the Trust are not FDIC insured, may lose value and have no bank guarantee.

This material must be accompanied or preceded by a prospectus. The prospectus contains material information about the Trust and its Shares which is material which may be important to you. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.

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