## SPDR® Galaxy Hedged Digital Asset Ecosystem ETF

**HECO** 

Key Information **Digital Assets** 

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- The SPDR® Galaxy Hedged Digital Asset Ecosystem ETF
   (HECO) seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation
   through the selection of companies that stand to
   benefit from the growing adoption of the blockchain and
   cryptocurrency industries, as well as cryptocurrency
   exposures through ETFs and futures, while seeking to
   manage overall volatility through the incorporation of an
   option overlay hedge strategy.
- Galaxy Asset Management (Galaxy) will use its deep understanding of the digital asset ecosystem and expertise in blockchain technology to actively manage the portfolio.
- HECO is an actively managed solution from a leader in the digital asset economy that enables investors to pursue potential growth from further adoption of digital assets and that incorporates a hedging strategy to help manage downside risks.

## **Fund Information**

Fund Name	SPDR® Galaxy Hedged Digital Asset Ecosystem ETF
Ticker	HECO
Inception Date	09/09/2024
Primary Benchmark	MSCI ACWI Index
Gross/Net Expense Ratio	0.90%/0.90%
Strategy Type	Active

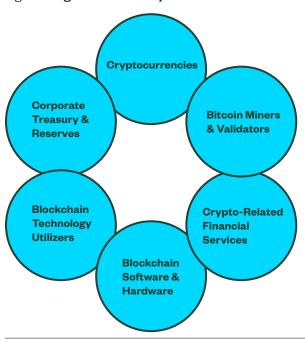
Source: State Street Global Advisors, as of 09/10/2024.

The emergence of blockchain technology represents a fundamental shift like the internet in the 1990s and mobile phones in the mid-2000s. And now, this new digital infrastructure powering the creation of cryptocurrencies, like bitcoin and Ethereum, may be poised to revolutionize the financial industry (e.g., decentralized finance and tokenized assets) and change how businesses operate, interact and provide services. More novel use cases, technological advances, greater institutional adoption, and continued government acceptance may fuel growth tailwinds and broaden the digital asset ecosystem (Figure 1).

Digital assets are complex and evolving quickly, so they tend to exhibit higher volatility than traditional assets — presenting mispricing opportunities. Serving the digital asset ecosystem end-to-end, Galaxy may be well positioned to capitalize on those opportunities and manage downside risks. With a deep bench of digital asset experts Galaxy can evolve the portfolio alongside emerging digital asset trends, to pursue the growth potential of the digital asset ecosystem amid blockchain technology's rapid adoption.

Galaxy combines top-down and bottom-up approaches to navigate cryptocurrency market dynamics, discern blockchain industry trends, and identify relative value opportunities globally. Galaxy seeks to optimize returns while managing risks by dynamically allocating between cryptocurrency exposures and blockchain-related companies in response to changing market conditions. Additionally, Galaxy seeks to protect the portfolio against potential losses by opportunistically purchasing protective put options on portfolio securities that are funded by the premium income generated from writing call options on some of the portfolio securities. The end result is HECO, a high conviction portfolio seeking to benefit from the potential exponential growth and adoption of digital assets while managing downside risks.

Figure 1: Digital Asset Ecosystem



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The Fund may invest in companies within the cryptocurrency, digital asset and blockchain industries that use digital asset technologies or provide products or services involved in the operation of the technology. The technology relating to digital assets, including blockchains and cryptocurrency, is new and developing and the risks associated with digital assets may not fully emerge until the technology is widely used. The effectiveness of the Fund's strategy may be

limited given that the operations of companies in the cryptocurrency, digital asset and blockchain industries are expected to be significantly affected by the overall sentiment related to the technology and digital assets, and that the companies' stock prices and the prices of digital assets could be highly correlated. Certain features of digital asset technologies, such as decentralization, open source protocol, and reliance on peer-to-peer connectivity, may increase the risk of fraud or cyber-attack. Restrictions imposed by governments on digital asset related activities may adversely impact blockchain companies and, in turn, the Fund. Companies within the cryptocurrency, digital asset and blockchain industries may also be impacted by the risks associated with digital asset markets generally.

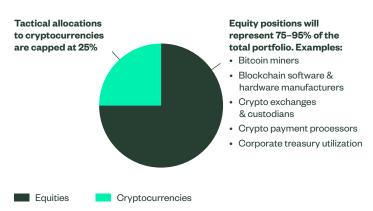
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Concentrated investments in a particular industry tend to be more volatile than the overall market and increases risk that events negatively affecting such industries could reduce returns, potentially causing the value of the Fund's shares to decrease.

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Figure 2: Range of Potential Exposure Across Asset Type

- ~25–35 securities including cryptocurrency ETFs, ETPs and/or futures, and companies in the blockchain and cryptocurrency industries
- Up to 25% in cryptocurrency ETFs, ETPs and/or futures
- Protective puts will be purchased for 25–75% of the portfolio
- Covered calls will be written against 25-75% of the portfolio



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techniques and decisions will produce the desired results.

The value of certain of the Fund's investments in cryptocurrency ETFs and ETPs that invest in crypto assets and in publicly traded securities of companies engaged in digital asset-related businesses and activities are subject to fluctuations in the value of the crypto asset, which may be highly volatile. The market for crypto asset futures contracts may be less developed, and potentially less liquid and more volatile, than more established futures markets. The Fund's use of options involves speculation and can lead to losses because of adverse movements in the price or value of the underlying stock, index, ETF, ETP or other asset, which may be magnified by certain features of the options. The Fund's successful use of options depends on the ability of the Adviser to forecast market movements correctly.

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