

# SPDR<sup>®</sup> Gold Shares

Investing in gold

SPDR® Gold Shares offers investors a convenient, cost efficient and secure way to access the gold market without having to pay transportation, storage and insurance costs of owning physical gold. With the ease of buying and selling SPDR Gold Shares on the stock exchange, investors can take advantage of gold's historically low or negative correlation to other traditional asset classes such as stocks and bonds.

SPDR Gold Shares is available to trade in United States dollars (USD), O87 and Singapore dollars (SGD), GSD.

## Why gold?

Gold has a dual nature as it is both an investment and a consumer good. Gold's diverse sources of demand, both cyclical and counter cyclical, have been the source of its low historical correlation to financial assets and its unique ability to provide key strategic portfolio functions:

**Returns:** Gold has delivered a 8.7% compound annual growth rate in USD terms since 15 August 1971, the day US President Richard Nixon removed USD from the gold standard. Gold has historically provided positive risk adjusted-returns over time.<sup>1</sup>

**Diversification:** Gold has demonstrated a low and negative correlation to many financial asset indices over time and has a track record of providing a hedge during periods of large market drawdowns, systemic risk, and geopolitical volatility.<sup>2</sup>

**Liquidity:** The global gold market is deep and liquid, on par with that of many global currency, debt, and equity markets. In 2024, gold's average daily volume was over US\$233 billion—gold's liquidity is a key component in its role as a reserve asset among central banks as well as a source of liquidity for investors and households globally.<sup>3</sup>

**Portfolio impact:** Adding an allocation to gold may potentially provide increased diversification, reduce portfolio drawdowns, and increase portfolio efficiency through higher risk-adjusted returns.

## Why SPDR Gold Shares?

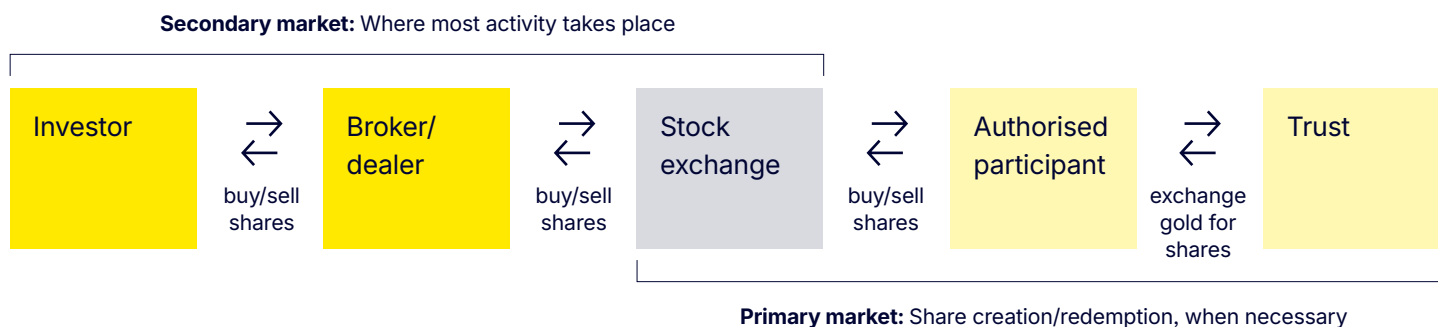
SPDR Gold Shares has lowered a number of barriers traditionally preventing investors from using gold as an asset allocation and trading tool. These barriers have included the logistics of buying, storing and insuring gold. It has given investors exposure to the price of physical gold, minus the fund's expenses, eliminating the need to use derivatives which may carry additional credit risks.

With SPDR Gold Shares, investors now have easy access to the gold market. They can readily integrate and measure gold as a strategic presence in a portfolio that can potentially diversify risk due to low or negative correlations with other asset classes.

## How does it work?

O87 and GSD provide investors an undivided beneficial ownership in the SPDR Gold Trust, which solely holds gold securely vaulted in London, New York and Zurich. The flexibility to access SPDR Gold Shares in both USD and SGD provides investors with an opportunity to seek further diversification benefits.

**Figure 1: SPDR Gold Shares' liquidity in the primary and secondary markets**



Information contained above is for illustrative purposes only.

## Key attributes

**Transparent:** SPDR Gold Shares seeks to track the price of gold minus the fund's expenses. The price, holdings and net asset value, as well as market data for the overall gold bullion market, can be tracked at [spdrgoldshares.com](https://spdrgoldshares.com).

**Secured:** HSBC Bank plc and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A are the custodians for the gold held by SPDR Gold Trust.<sup>4</sup> Gold is held in custody in an "allocated account,"<sup>5</sup> which means that the Trust has full ownership of the gold bars, and the custodians may not trade, lease or lend the bars.

**Liquid:** SPDR Gold Shares liquidity comes not only from secondary-market trading on exchange, but also from the primary market. Authorised participants in the primary market, responding to market demand, can create and redeem baskets of 100,000 shares. All this may help keep bid/ask spreads tight and allows investors to freely buy and sell shares in whatever amount they desire. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will be maintained for these shares.

**Easily accessible:** SPDR Gold Shares are cross-listed in Singapore and are available to trade in two currencies—USD and SGD. Investors can buy, sell and hold shares through standard brokerage accounts.<sup>6</sup> SPDR Gold Shares is also included under the CPF Investment Scheme (CPFIS)—Ordinary Account and Supplementary Retirement Scheme (SRS).

**Flexible:** Investors can buy shares on the stock exchange, providing them an undivided beneficial ownership in the SPDR Gold Trust which holds gold. SPDR Gold Shares trades in the same way stocks do.

**Cost-effective:** Gaining exposure to the gold market through SPDR Gold Shares may be relatively cheaper compared to buying and holding physical gold, as transaction costs are generally lower than costs associated with the purchase, storage and insurance of physical gold. The annual total expense ratio of SPDR Gold Shares is 0.40%.<sup>7</sup>

**Figure 2: The cost-effective attributes of SPDR Gold Shares**

Attribute	Allocated gold	Unallocated gold
Gold asset can be leased to third party without consent	×	✓
Part of bankruptcy estate in event of a bankruptcy of the custodians	×	✓
Individually - identified bars	✓	×
Trust has right and title to the gold assets	✓	×
Segregated from other gold	✓	×

## Endnotes

- 1 Bloomberg Finance, L.P., and State Street Investment Management, as of 30 September, 2025. Gold returns are measured by the LBMA Gold Price PM (US\$/oz).
- 2 Bloomberg Finance, L.P., State Street Investment Management, as of 30 September 2025.
- 3 Source: State Street Investment Management, Average daily volumes from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024. Gold liquidity includes estimates of OTC transactions and published statistics on futures exchanges, and gold-backed exchange-traded products.
- 4 Gold bars may be held by one or more subcustodians appointed by the custodians, or employed by the subcustodians appointed by the custodians, until it is transported to the Custodians' vaults in London, New York and Zurich. Source: State Street Investment Management, as of 30 September, 2025.
- 5 An allocated account is an account with a bullion dealer, which may also be a bank, to which individually-identified units of gold (such as bars) owned by the account holder are credited. The gold held in an allocated gold account is specific to that account and is identified by a list that shows, for each unit of gold, the refiner, assay or fineness, serial number and gross and fine weight.
- 6 Although shares of SPDR Gold Shares have historically been readily tradable on exchange, there can be no assurance that an active trading market will be maintained.
- 7 Effective 17 July 2015, the Trust's only recurring expense is the Sponsor's fee which accrues daily at an annual rate equal to 0.40% of the daily NAV, in exchange for the Sponsor assuming the responsibility to pay all ordinary fees and expenses of the Trust which include fees and expenses of the Trustee, the fees and expenses of the Custodian for the custody of the Trust's gold bars, the fees and expenses of the Sponsor, certain taxes, the fees of the Marketing Agent, printing and mailing costs, legal and audit fees, registration fees, NYSE Arca listing fees and other marketing costs and expenses. The Sponsor was paid US\$242,094,239 for its services for the year ended 30 September 2024.

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