

# **SPDR Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate Bond UCITS ETF**

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## **The Fund is closed to further subscription.**

(A sub-fund of SSGA SPDR ETFs Europe I plc (the “Company”), an open-ended investment company constituted as an umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland pursuant to the UCITS Regulations).

**This Supplement (the “Supplement”) forms part of the Prospectus dated 31 December 2020 as amended from time to time (the “Prospectus”) in relation to the Company. This Supplement should be read together with the Prospectus and Key Investor Information Document (“KIID”).** It contains information relating to the SPDR Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate Bond UCITS ETF (the “Fund”), which is represented by the SPDR Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate Bond UCITS ETF series of shares in the Company (the “Shares”).

All Shares in this Fund have been designated as ETF Shares. Unless otherwise defined herein or unless the context otherwise requires, all defined terms used in this Supplement shall bear the same meaning as in the Prospectus.

Prospective investors should review the entire Supplement, the Prospectus and KIID carefully. If you have any questions, you should consult your stockbroker or financial adviser. Potential investors should consider the risk factors set out in the Prospectus and in this Supplement before investing in this Fund. The Company and the Directors listed in the “Management” section of the Prospectus, accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement.

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### Fund Characteristics

Base Currency	USD
Investment Manager	State Street Global Advisors Limited.
Sub-Investment Manager	State Street Global Advisors Trust Company.
Dividend Policy	For distributing share classes, semi-annual distribution of income (in or around January and July), except where the Directors in their sole discretion, determine not to pay a dividend on any given distribution date. For accumulating share classes, all income and gains will be accumulated in the Net Asset Value per Share. Distributing / accumulating status indicated in Share class information overleaf.

### Dealing Information

Dealing Deadline	For unhedged share classes cash subscriptions and redemptions: 3.00p.m. (Irish time) on each Dealing Day. For unhedged share classes in kind subscriptions and redemptions: 4.45 p.m. (Irish time) on each Dealing Day. For hedged share classes cash and in-kind subscriptions and redemptions: 2.00p.m. (Irish time) on each Dealing Day. For all subscriptions and redemptions on the last Dealing Day prior to 25 December and 1 January each year: 11.00 a.m. (Irish time). Earlier or later times may be determined by the Directors or the Investment Manager at their discretion with prior notice to the Authorised Participants.
Settlement Deadline	3.00 p.m. (Irish time) on the second Business Day after the Dealing Day, or such earlier or later date as may be determined by or agreed with the Investment Manager. The Investment Manager/Company will notify Shareholders if, (i) an earlier Settlement Deadline applies in respect of subscriptions, or (ii) a later Settlement Deadline applies in respect of redemptions. Settlement may be impacted by the settlement schedule of the underlying markets.
Dealing NAV	The Net Asset Value per Share calculated as at the Valuation Point on the relevant Dealing Day.
Minimum Subscription and Redemption Amount	Authorised Participants should refer to the Authorised Participant Operating Guidelines for details of the current minimum subscription and redemption amounts for the Fund.

### Index Information

Index (Ticker)	Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate Bond Index (LUACTRUU).
Index Rebalance Frequency	Monthly.
Additional Index Information	Further details of the Index and its performance can be found at <a href="https://www.bloombergindices.com/bloomberg-barclays-indices/">https://www.bloombergindices.com/bloomberg-barclays-indices/</a>

### Valuation Information

Valuation	The Net Asset Value per Share is calculated in accordance with the “ <b>Determination of Net Asset Value</b> ” section of the Prospectus.
Valuation Pricing Used	Closing bid prices.
Valuation Point	10.15 p.m. (Irish time) on each Business Day.

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**Share Classes**

Share Class Type	USD unhedged		EUR hedged		GBP hedged		CHF hedged	
<b>Name</b>	SPDR Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate Bond UCITS ETF		SPDR Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate Bond EUR Hdg UCITS ETF		SPDR Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate Bond GBP Hdg UCITS ETF		SPDR Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate Bond CHF Hdg UCITS ETF	
<b>Dividend Policy*</b>	Dist	Acc	Dist	Acc	Dist	Acc	Dist	Acc
<b>Share Class Currency</b>	USD		EUR		GBP		CHF	
<b>Currency Hedged Index</b>	n/a		Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate Bond Index (EUR Hedged)		Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate Bond Index (GBP Hedged)		Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate Bond Index (CHF Hedged)	
<b>Index Ticker</b>	LUACTRUU		H02765EU		H02765GB		H02765CH	
<b>TER</b> (further information in this respect is set out in the “Fees and Expenses” section of the Prospectus)	Up to 0.20%		Up to 0.25%		Up to 0.25%		Up to 0.25%	

\*Dividend Policy: ‘Dist’ = Distributing shares, ‘Acc’ = Accumulating shares

## Investment Objective and Policy

**Investment Objective:** The objective of the Fund is to track the performance of the U.S. Dollar-denominated investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable, corporate bond market.

**Investment Policy:** The investment policy of the Fund is to track the performance of the Index (or any other index determined by the Directors from time to time to track substantially the same market as the Index) as closely as possible, while seeking to minimise as far as possible the tracking difference between the Fund's performance and that of the Index.

The Index measures the performance of the investment grade U.S. corporate bond market. Securities must be fixed rate, U.S. dollar denominated, taxable and rated investment grade as defined by the Index methodology. Inclusion is based on the currency of the issue, not the domicile of the issuer. Index constituents may on occasion be rebalanced more often than the Index Rebalance Frequency, if required by the Index methodology, including for example where corporate actions such as mergers or acquisitions affect components of the Index.

Hedged Share Classes are made available to reduce the impact of exchange rate fluctuations between the currency of the Class and the currency in which the underlying assets are denominated. Investors should note that the hedged Share Classes (designated as such in this Supplement) will be hedged back to the currency of the relevant Class. Consequently the hedged Share Classes should more closely track the corresponding currency hedged versions of the Index ("Currency Hedged Index").

The Investment Manager and / or Sub-Investment Manager, on behalf of the Fund, will invest using the stratified sampling strategy as further described in the "Investment Objectives and Policies – Index Tracking Funds" section of the Prospectus, at least 90% of the Fund's assets in government and government-related bonds and corporate bonds which are securities of the Index, at all times in accordance with the Investment Restrictions set forth in the Prospectus. The Investment Manager and / or Sub-Investment Manager also may, in exceptional circumstances, invest in securities not included in the Index but that it believes closely reflect the risk and distribution characteristics of securities of the Index. The bond securities in which the Fund invests will be primarily listed or traded on Recognised Markets in accordance with the limits set out in the UCITS Regulations. Details of the Fund's portfolio and the indicative net asset value per share for the Fund are available on the Website daily.

**Currency Hedging:** The Fund will use financial derivative instruments ("FDIs"), including forward foreign exchange

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contracts, to hedge some or all of the foreign exchange risk for hedged Share Classes. Currency hedging transactions in respect of a hedged Share Class will be clearly attributable to that Class and any costs shall be for the account of that Class only. All such costs and related liabilities and/or benefits will be reflected in the net asset value per Share of the Class. Over-hedged or under-hedged positions may arise unintentionally due to factors outside the control of the Investment Manager and Sub-Investment Manager but will be monitored and adjusted on a regular basis.

## Permitted Investments

**Bonds:** The securities in which the Fund invests will only include government and government-related bonds, corporate bonds.

**Other Funds / Liquid Assets:** The Fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in other regulated open-ended funds (including Money Market Funds) where the objectives of such funds are consistent with the objective of the Fund and where such funds are authorised in member states of the EEA, United Kingdom, USA, Jersey, Guernsey or the Isle of Man and where such funds comply in all material respects with the provisions of the UCITS Regulations. The Fund may hold ancillary liquid assets such as deposits in accordance with the UCITS Regulations.

**Derivatives:** The Fund may use FDIs for currency hedging and efficient portfolio management purposes. Any use of FDIs by the Fund shall be limited to futures and forward foreign exchange contracts (including non-deliverable forwards). Efficient portfolio management means investment decisions involving transactions that are entered into for one or more of the following specific aims: the reduction of risk; the reduction of cost; the generation of additional capital or income for the Fund with an appropriate level of risk, taking into account the risk profile of the Fund; or the minimisation of tracking error, i.e. the risk that the Fund return varies from the Index return. FDIs are described in the "Investment Objectives and Policies – Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" section of the Prospectus.

## Securities Lending, Repurchase Agreements & Reverse Repurchase Agreements

The Fund does not currently participate in a securities lending programme, though it is entitled to do so. The Fund also does not intend to engage in repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements. Should the Directors elect to change this policy in the future, due notification will be given to Shareholders and this Supplement will be updated accordingly.

## Investment Risks

Investment in the Fund carries with it a degree of risk. Investors should read the “**Risk Information**” section of the Prospectus. In addition, the following risks are particularly relevant for the Fund.

**Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund’s return may not match the return of the Index. It is currently anticipated that the Fund will track the Index with a potential variation of up to 1% annually under normal market conditions. The Fund’s ability to track the Index will be affected by Fund expenses, the amount of cash and cash equivalents held in its portfolio, and the frequency and the timing of purchases and sales of interests in the Fund. The Investment Manager and / or Sub-Investment Manager may attempt to replicate the Index return by investing in a sub-set of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund’s return and that of the Index.

**Liquidity Risk & ETF Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Illiquidity of the Fund’s holdings may limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. Where the fund invests in illiquid securities or does not trade in large volumes, the bid offer spreads of the Fund may widen, the Fund may be exposed to increased valuation risk and reduced ability to trade. Shares in the Fund may also trade at prices that are materially different to the last available NAV.

**Duration / Interest Rate Risk:** Changes in interest rates are likely to affect the value of bonds and other debt instruments. Rising interest rates generally result in a decline in bond values, while falling interest rates generally result in bond values increasing. Investments with longer maturities and higher durations are more sensitive to interest rate changes, therefore a change in interest rates could have a substantial and immediate negative effect on the values of the Fund’s investments.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular currency, the financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that currency will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it was more diversified. This concentration may also limit the liquidity of the Fund. Investors may buy or sell substantial amounts of the Fund’s shares in response to factors affecting or expected to affect a currency in which the Fund focuses its investments.

**Debt Securities - Credit Risk:** A debt security’s value may be adversely affected by its issuer’s ability or perceived ability, to make timely payments. An issuer’s ability to meet its obligations in relation to securities held by the Fund may decline substantially. The rating assigned to any particular investment does not necessarily reflect the issuer’s current

financial condition and does not reflect an assessment of an investment’s volatility or liquidity. Investment grade securities may still be subject to credit difficulties leading to the loss of some or all of the sums invested. If a security held by a Fund loses its rating or its rating is downgraded, the Fund may nonetheless continue to hold the security in the discretion of the Investment Manager and / or Sub-Investment Manager.

**Derivatives Risk:** The Fund may use FDIs for efficient portfolio management purposes as described in the derivatives section under Permitted Investments above. The Fund’s use of FDIs involves risks different from, and possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities.

**Share Class Risk:** There is no segregation of liabilities between Classes of the Fund. While the Investment Manager and Sub-Investment Manager will seek to ensure that gains/losses on and the costs of the relevant FDI associated with any currency hedging strategy will accrue solely to the Class for which it is intended, the transactions could result in liabilities for other Classes.

**Currency Hedging Risk:** Hedges are sometimes subject to imperfect matching between the hedging transaction and the risk sought to be hedged. There can be no assurance that the Fund’s hedging transactions will be effective. As the purpose of currency hedging is to try to reduce or eliminate losses caused by exchange rate fluctuations, it can also reduce or eliminate gains where the currency in which the Fund’s assets are denominated appreciates.

## Investor Profile

The typical investors of the Fund are expected to be institutional, intermediary and retail investors who want to take short, medium or long term exposure to the performance of the investment grade U.S. Dollar-denominated corporate bond market and are prepared to accept the risks associated with an investment of this type and the expected low to medium volatility of the Fund.

## Subscriptions, Redemptions & Conversions

Investors may subscribe for or redeem Shares in the Fund on each Dealing Day at the Dealing NAV with an appropriate provision for Duties and Charges and in accordance with the provisions in the “**Purchase and Sale Information**” section of the Prospectus.

For subscriptions, consideration, in the form of cash or cleared in kind securities, must be received by the Settlement Deadline. For redemptions, a written redemption request signed by the Shareholder is required to be received by the Administrator by the Dealing Deadline on the relevant Dealing Day.

Shareholders should refer to the terms of the “**Purchase and Sale Information**” section of the Prospectus for

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information on Share conversions.

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Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate Bond Index

As of the date of this Supplement, Bloomberg Index Services Limited is listed on the ESMA Register referred to in Article 36 of the Benchmark Regulation as an administrator authorised pursuant to Article 34 of the Benchmark Regulation.

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