

# SPDR MSCI Europe Utilities UCITS ETF

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(A sub-fund of SSGA SPDR ETFs Europe II 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 5 March 2021 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 MSCI Europe Utilities UCITS ETF (the “Fund”), which is represented by the SPDR MSCI Europe Utilities 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	EUR
Investment Manager	State Street Global Advisors Limited.
Sub-Investment Manager	State Street Global Advisors GmbH (Poland Branch).
ISIN	IE00BKWQ0P07.
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	Up to 0.30%. Further information in this respect is set out in the “ <b>Fees and Expenses</b> ” section of the Prospectus.
Dividend Policy	All income and gains will be accumulated in the Net Asset Value per Share.
SFDR Fund Classification	Not relevant – the integration of Sustainability Risk is not relevant for this Fund.

### Dealing Information

Dealing Deadline	Cash subscriptions and redemptions: 3.00 p.m. (Irish time) on each Dealing Day. In-kind subscriptions and redemptions: 4.00 p.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)	MSCI Europe Utilities 35/20 Capped Index (NE731546).
Index Rebalance Frequency	Quarterly.
Additional Index Information	Further details of the Index and its performance can be found at: <a href="http://www.msci.com/products/indices/licensing/constituents.html">http://www.msci.com/products/indices/licensing/constituents.html</a> <a href="https://www.msci.com/documents/10199/c144dcad-e942-9c99-25ed-8e597bee8212">https://www.msci.com/documents/10199/c144dcad-e942-9c99-25ed-8e597bee8212</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	Last traded.
Valuation Point	6.45 p.m. (Irish time) on each Business Day.

## Investment Objective and Policy

**Investment Objective:** The investment objective of the Fund is to track the performance of European large and mid-sized companies in the Utilities sector.

**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 European equities that are classified as falling within the Utilities sector, as per the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS). GICS is a widely accepted industry analysis framework, jointly developed and maintained by MSCI and Standard & Poor's. Securities are weighted by market capitalisation. 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.

Although the Index is generally well diversified, because of the market it reflects it may, depending on market conditions, contain constituents issued by the same body that may represent more than 10% of the Index. In order for the Fund to track the Index accurately, the Fund will make use of the increased diversification limits available under Regulation 71 of the UCITS Regulations. These limits permit the Fund to hold positions in individual constituents of the Index issued by the same body of up to 20% of the Fund's Net Asset Value and a position of up to 35% of the Fund's Net Asset Value in constituents of the Index issued by the same body, due to exceptional market conditions (i.e. the issuer represents an unusually large portion of this market measured by the Index).

The Investment Manager and/or Sub-Investment Manager, on behalf of the Fund, will invest using the replication strategy as further described in the "**Investment Objectives and Policies – Index Tracking Funds**" section of the Prospectus, primarily in the 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 equity 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.

## Permitted Investments

**Equities:** The securities in which the Fund invests may include equities, or equity-related securities such as

American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) or Global Depositary Receipts (GDRs). ADRs and GDRs are typically used instead of local shares, where owning the local shares represented in the Index is not possible or prohibitively expensive.

**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, for efficient portfolio management purposes only, use financial derivative instruments ("**FDIs**"). Any use of FDIs by the Fund shall be limited to futures and forward foreign exchange contracts (including non-deliverable forwards) and warrants. 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

Investors should note that the Company may engage in securities lending on behalf of the Fund where the Investment Manager and/or Sub-Investment Manager believes it is appropriate to do so and in accordance with the "Investment Objectives and Policies– Use of Repurchase/Reverse Repurchase Agreements/Securities Lending Agreements" section of the Prospectus. Investors should read the risk warning headed "Securities Lending Risk" in the "Risk Information" section of the Prospectus in this regard. The Fund's maximum exposure to securities lending as a percentage of its Net Asset Value will not exceed 40%. Lending levels will be influenced by market factors and, subject to the maximum referenced above, cannot be predicted with any certainty. Past lending figures are not a reliable indicator of future levels. The Fund does not intend to engage in repurchase agreements or reverse repurchase agreements.

The Company has appointed State Street Bank and Trust Company, a bank incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts whose registered office is at 380 Russell Street, Hadley, Massachusetts, USA, and acting for the purposes of the securities lending agreement through its

London branch (Branch Registration No. in England BR002088) at 20 Churchill Place, London E14 5HJ, England as a securities lending agent to the Company pursuant to a securities lending agreement between the Company, State Street Bank International GmbH London Branch, State Street Bank and Trust Company and the Depositary dated 27 June 2019 as amended (a "Securities Lending Agreement"). This Securities Lending Agreement appoints State Street Bank and Trust Company acting through its London Branch to manage the Fund's securities lending activities and provides for State Street Bank and Trust Company acting through its London Branch to receive a fee at normal commercial rates to cover all fees and costs associated with the provision of this service. Any income earned from securities lending, net of direct and indirect operational costs (including the fee paid to State Street Bank and Trust Company acting through its London Branch), will be returned to the Fund. Full financial details of any revenue earned and the direct and indirect operational costs and fees incurred with respect to securities lending for the Fund, including fees paid or payable to State Street Bank and Trust Company acting through its London Branch, will be included in the annual financial statements.

**Please note that should the Directors elect to change the Company's securities lending 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.

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular sector and region, the financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that sector and region 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 sector and region in which the Fund focuses its investments.

**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.

**Integrating Sustainability Risk:** Sustainability Risk has not been integrated into the Fund's investment process. Any deterioration in the financial profile of an underlying investment affected by a Sustainability Risk may have a corresponding negative impact on the Net Asset Value and/or performance of the investing Fund. Where a Sustainability Risk event occurs, this Fund may be more impacted than an equivalent Fund that integrates Sustainability Risk. Shareholders should refer to the "**Index Strategies and Sustainability Integration**" section of the Prospectus for further information.

### 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 large and mid-sized companies in the Utilities sector from developed markets within Europe and are prepared to accept the risks associated with an investment of this type and the expected high 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 information on Share conversions.

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As of the date of the Supplement, the Sub-Fund uses (within the meaning of the Benchmark Regulation) the following MSCI Limited benchmark:

MSCI Europe Utilities 35/20 Capped Index.

As of the date of the Supplement, MSCI 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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