

# SPDR MSCI Japan UCITS ETF

## *Supplement No. 44*

(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 22 December 2023 as amended from time to time (the “Prospectus”) in relation to the Company. This Supplement should be read together with the Prospectus and Packaged Retail and Insurance-based Investment Product document (“PRIIPs KID”) or Key Investor Information Document (“KIID”).** It contains information relating to the SPDR MSCI Japan UCITS ETF (the “Fund”), which is represented by the SPDR MSCI Japan 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, Prospectus and PRIIPs KID or 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	JPY
Investment Manager	State Street Global Advisors Europe Limited
Sub-Investment Manager(s)	State Street Global Advisors Limited.
Dividend Policy	All income and gains will be accumulated in the Net Asset Value per Share.
SFDR Fund Classification	For the purposes of SFDR Article 6, the integration of Sustainability Risk is not relevant for this Fund.

### Dealing Information

Dealing Deadline	For hedged and unhedged share classes, cash and 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 Management Company at its 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 Management Company. The Management Company/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 Business Day following the relevant Dealing Day.

### Index Information

Index (Ticker)	The MSCI Japan Index (“the Index”) (Ticker: M7JP).
Index Rebalance Frequency	Quarterly
Additional Index Information	Further details of the Index and its performance can be found at: <a href="https://www.msci.com/index-licensing">https://www.msci.com/index-licensing</a> <a href="https://www.msci.com/constituents">https://www.msci.com/constituents</a> <a href="https://www.msci.com/documents/10199/b3ee6464-f705-4d65-81a0-d8756607cf9f">https://www.msci.com/documents/10199/b3ee6464-f705-4d65-81a0-d8756607cf9f</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 prices.
Valuation Point	10.15 p.m. (Irish time) on each Business Day.

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Share Classes

Share Class Type	JPY unhedged	EUR unhedged	USD hedged	EUR hedged	GBP hedged	CHF hedged
Name	SPDR MSCI Japan UCITS ETF	SPDR MSCI Japan EUR UCITS ETF	SPDR MSCI Japan USD Hdg UCITS ETF	SPDR MSCI Japan EUR Hdg UCITS ETF	SPDR MSCI Japan GBP Hdg UCITS ETF	SPDR MSCI Japan CHF Hdg UCITS ETF
Dividend Policy*	Acc	Acc	Acc	Acc	Acc	Acc
Share Class Currency	JPY	EUR	USD	EUR	GBP	CHF
Currency Hedged Index	n/a	MSCI Japan EUR Index	MSCI Japan 100% Hedged to USD Index	MSCI Japan 100% Hedged to EUR Index	MSCI Japan 100% Hedged to GBP Index	MSCI Japan 100% Hedged to CHF Index
Index Ticker	M7JP	MSDEJNN	M1CXBMJH	MXJPHEUR	M0JPHGBP	M0JPHCHF
TER (further information in this respect is set out in the “Fees and Expenses” section of the Prospectus)	Up to 0.12%		Up to 0.17%			

\*Dividend Policy: ‘Acc’ = Accumulating shares

## Investment Objective and Policy

**Investment Objective:** The objective of the Fund is to track the performance of the Japanese equity 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 is a free-float market capitalisation weighted index and is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segment of the Japan market and covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalisation in Japan. 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 (JPY). 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 an optimisation 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.

**Currency Hedging:** The Fund will use financial derivative instruments ("FDIs"), including forward foreign exchange 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/or Sub-Investment Manager but will be monitored and adjusted on a regular basis.

### 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 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) 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

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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 One Congress Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02114-2016, U.S.A., 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 and Trust Company and the Depositary dated 27 October 2023 (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 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.

**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/or 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.

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

**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.

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### Investor Profile

The typical investors of the Fund are expected to be institutional, intermediary and retail investors who want to take a medium or long-term exposure to the performance of the Japanese equity market 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.

### Initial Offer Period

Shares in the following Share Classes of the Fund will be issued at the Dealing NAV:

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SPDR MSCI Japan EUR Hdg UCITS ETF (Acc)

Shares of the Fund which are not launched as at the date of this Supplement will be available from 9.00 a.m. (Irish time) on 27 December 2023 to 3.00 p.m. (Irish time) on 26 June 2024 or such earlier or later date as the Directors may determine and notify to the Central Bank (the “Initial Offer Period”). The initial offer price will be approximately 20 in the currency of the respective share class, plus an appropriate provision for Duties and Charges, or such other amount as determined by the Investment Manager and/or Sub-Investment Manager communicated to investors prior to investment. Following the closing date of the Initial Offer Period, the Shares will be issued at the Dealing NAV.

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

MSCI Japan Index.

As of the date of the Supplement, no MSCI Limited entity is and remains authorized as a UK benchmark administrator regulated by the UK Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") (and can be found on the FCA Financial Services Register), but will be considered a "third country" UK administrator vis-à-vis the EU and will not appear on the ESMA Register per Article 36 of the Benchmark Regulation unless and until the EU grants the UK "equivalence" or until MSCI is granted "endorsement" or recognition".

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