

SPDR Spotlight

## The Lowest-Cost Developed International Equity ETF – SPDW

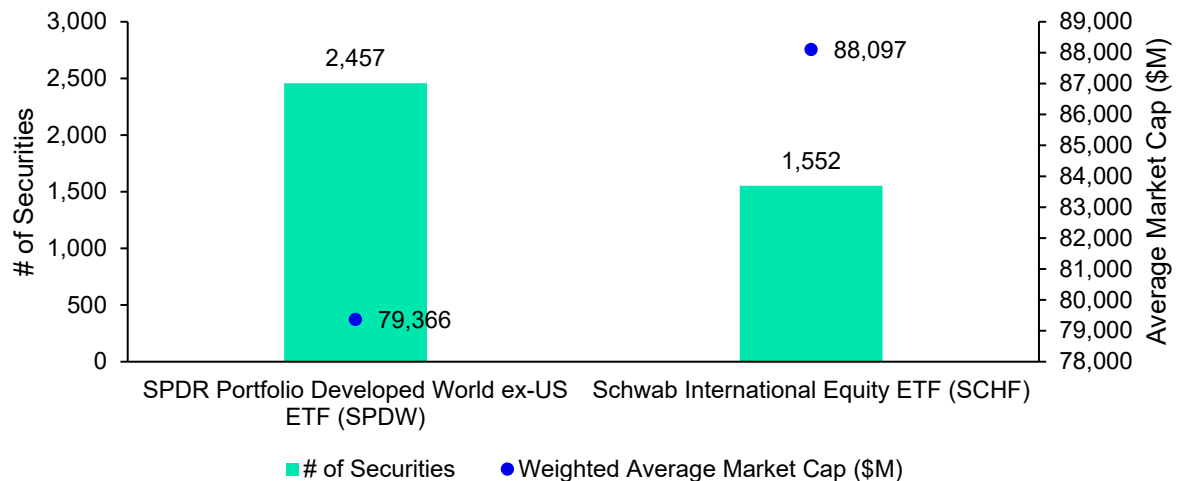
- For strategic long-term asset allocation, expense ratio differences can have a significant impact on total return
- At just 3 basis points, [SPDR<sup>®</sup> Portfolio Developed World ex-US ETF \(SPDW\)](#) is the lowest cost US-listed developed international equity ETF – 50% less expensive than Schwab International Equity ETF (SCHF)<sup>1</sup>
- By seeking to track a broader index (the S&P Developed ex-US BMI), SPDW offers investors access to more than 2,400 securities, which is approximately 900 more securities than SCHF<sup>2</sup>
- This breadth of coverage results in a more diverse market cap exposure to small- and mid-cap stocks, as SPDW has an average market cap of \$79 billion compared to \$88 billion for SCHF<sup>3</sup>

### The Takeaway

An effective core allocation should provide investors broad coverage of an asset class at low costs. At just 3 basis points, SPDW is not only the lowest cost developed international equity ETF, but also provides more comprehensive exposure than SCHF, both in terms of stocks held and market caps covered (see chart below). For both of these reasons, SPDW may potentially be a better fit for a strategic long-term allocation to developed ex-US equities.

### Chart of the Week

*SPDW provides broader coverage to Developed ex-US Stocks than SCHF*



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., as of 02/02/2024. Characteristics are as of the date indicated, are subject to change, and should not be relied upon as current thereafter.

<sup>1</sup> Morningstar, as of 01/31/2023. Peer group defined as US domiciled ETFs in the Morningstar category of US Fund Foreign Large Blend.

<sup>2</sup> Bloomberg Finance L.P., as of 02/02/2024

<sup>3</sup> Bloomberg Finance L.P., as of 02/02/2024

Standard Performance			Annualized					Gross Expense Ratio (%)	
			1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception		Inception Date
Ticker	Name	YTD							
SPDW (NAV)	SPDR® Portfolio Developed World ex-US ETF	17.88	17.88	3.26	8.22	4.48	3.01	04/20/2007	0.03
SPDW (MKT)	SPDR® Portfolio Developed World ex-US ETF	17.84	17.84	3.32	8.21	4.38	3.00		
SCHF (NAV)	Schwab International Equity ETF	18.28	18.28	3.90	8.52	4.51	5.65	11/03/2009	0.06
SCHF (MKT)	Schwab International Equity ETF	18.34	18.34	3.95	8.50	4.40	5.65		

Source: Morningstar, as of 12/31/2023. **Performance returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, so you may have a gain or loss when shares are sold. Current performance may be higher or lower than that quoted. All results are historical and assume the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. For SPDR ETFs, visit [ssga.com](http://ssga.com) for most recent month-end performance.** The market price used to calculate the Market Value return is the midpoint between the highest bid and the lowest offer on the exchange on which the shares of the Fund are listed for trading, as of the time that the Fund's NAV is calculated. If you trade your shares at another time, your return may differ. The gross expense ratio is the fund's total annual operating expenses ratio. It is gross of any fee waivers or expense reimbursements. It can be found in the fund's most recent prospectus.

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**Fund Objectives:**

**SPDW:** The investment seeks investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the

total return performance of the S&P Developed Ex-U.S. BMI Index.  
**SCHF:** The investment seeks to track as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the total return of the FTSE Developed ex US Index.

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