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### **A Precise Way to Invest in Gold**

SPDR® Gold Shares ( Gold Shares ) offer investors an innovative, relatively cost-efficient and secure way to access the gold market. Gold Shares are intended to offer investors a means of participating in the gold bullion market without the necessity of taking physical delivery of gold, and to buy and sell that participation through the trading of a security on a regulated stock exchange. Gold Shares are intended to lower many of the barriers, such as access, custody and transaction costs, that have prevented some investors from investing in gold.

### **WHAT ARE SPDR GOLD SHARES?**

SPDR Gold Shares represent a fractional, undivided beneficial ownership interest in the SPDR Gold Trust (the Trust ), an investment trust. The trust is sponsored by World Gold Trust Services, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the World Gold Council and Gold Shares are marketed by State Street Global Markets, LLC, an affiliate of State Street Global Advisors.

The World Gold Council is the market development organization for the gold industry. Working within the investment, jewellery and technology sectors, as well as engaging in government affairs, its purpose is to provide industry leadership, whilst stimulating and sustaining demand for gold. State Street Global Advisors is one of the largest institutional investment managers in the world.<sup>1</sup>

Gold Shares are intended to lower a large number of the barriers preventing investors from using gold as an asset allocation and trading tool. These barriers have included the logistics of buying, storing and insuring gold. In addition, certain pension funds and mutual funds do not or cannot hold physical commodities, such as gold, or their derivatives.

### **HOW DO THEY WORK?**

Gold Shares are exchange traded securities (NYSE Ticker: GLD) that give the holder an undivided beneficial ownership interest in a trust, the primary asset of which is allocated gold. Shares are designed to track the price of gold (net of Trust expenses) and trade like a continuously offered security, allowing authorized participants such as broker-dealers, banks and other financial institutions to create and redeem shares (in baskets of 100,000 shares) according to market demand.

Shares cannot be created without the appropriate amount of gold first being delivered to the trustee to effect the creation. The initial amount of gold required by the Trust to create a basket of 100,000 shares is 10,000 ounces (1/10 of an ounce of gold per Gold Share). The gold that underlies Gold Shares is held in the form of allocated 400 oz. London Good Delivery bars in the London vault of HSBC Bank USA, or in the vaults of sub-custodians. HSBC Holdings plc, the global parent of HSBC Bank USA, is one of the largest banking and financial service organizations in the world.

The standards required for gold bars are set out in The Good Delivery Rules for Gold and Silver Bars published by the LBMA and available at [www.lbma.org.uk](http://www.lbma.org.uk).

Gold Shares provide investors with a simple, secure and relatively cost-efficient means of participating in the gold bullion market. Please see Important Risk Disclosure regarding the risk of investing in Gold Shares.

<sup>1</sup> *Pensions & Investments*, 5/31/2010.

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**CHARACTERISTICS OF SPDR GOLD SHARES**

Easily Accessible

Secure

Cost-Effective

Liquid

Transparent

Flexible

**EASILY ACCESSIBLE**

Gold Shares are listed on the new NYSE Arca (NYSE Ticker: GLD). Investors can buy, sell and hold Gold Shares through standard brokerage accounts.

**SECURE**

Gold deposited with the Trust is held in an allocated account. An allocated account is an account with a bullion dealer, which may also be a bank, to which individually identified gold bars owned by the account holder are credited.<sup>2</sup> The account holder has full ownership of the gold bars and, except as instructed by the account holder, the bullion dealer may not trade, lease or lend the bars. Key distinctions are as follows:

	<b>ALLOCATED GOLD</b>	<b>UNALLOCATED GOLD</b>
INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIED BARS	YES	NO
THE ACCOUNT HOLDER HAS FULL OWNERSHIP OF THE GOLD BARS AND, EXCEPT AS INSTRUCTED BY THE ACCOUNT HOLDER, THE BULLION DEALER MAY NOT TRADE, LEASE OR LEND THE BARS	YES	NO
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**COST-EFFECTIVE**

For many investors, the transaction costs related to the Gold Shares are lower than the costs associated with the purchase, storage and insurance of physical gold. Frequent trading of ETFs could significantly increase commissions and other costs such that they may offset any savings from low fees or costs.

**LIQUID**

The liquidity of Gold Shares comes not only from the secondary trading on the NYSE, but also from the creation and redemption feature. Gold Shares can be created and redeemed by authorized participants in baskets of 100,000 Gold Shares according to market demand, creating liquidity.<sup>3</sup>

**TRANSPARENT**

There exists a 24-hour global over-the-counter market for gold bullion, which provides readily available market data, however gold only trades during market hours. The price, holdings and net asset value of Gold Shares, as well as market data for the overall gold bullion market, can be tracked daily at: [www.spdrgoldshares.com](http://www.spdrgoldshares.com).

**FLEXIBLE**

Gold Shares (NYSE Ticker: GLD) are listed on the NYSE Arca and trade the same way ordinary stocks do.

It is possible to buy or sell Gold Shares continuously throughout the trading day on the NYSE at prices established by the market.

Additionally, it is possible to place market, limit and stop-loss orders for Gold Shares.

**HOW TO BUY SPDR GOLD SHARES**

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Gold Shares are listed on the NYSE Arca (NYSE Ticker: GLD). Typically, investors will be able to buy and sell Gold Shares through a standard brokerage account.

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- <sup>2</sup> The gold bars in an allocated gold account are specific to that account and are identified by a list which shows, for each gold bar, the refiner, assay or fineness, serial number and gross and fine weight.
  - <sup>3</sup> Although shares of GLD have historically been readily tradable on securities exchanges, there can be no assurance that an active trading market will be maintained.
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**IMPORTANT RISK INFORMATION**

ETFs trade like stocks, fluctuate in market value and may trade at prices above or below the ETFs net asset value.

Brokerage commissions on the purchase and sale of shares and ETF expenses will reduce returns.

Frequent trading of ETFs could significantly increase commissions and other costs such that they may offset any savings from low fees or costs.

There can be no assurance that the active trading market for GLD shares will be maintained.

GLD shares trade like stocks, are subject to investment risk and will fluctuate in market value. The value of GLD shares relates directly to the value of the gold held by GLD (less its expenses), and fluctuations in the price of gold could materially and adversely affect an investment in the shares. The price received upon the sale of the shares, which trade at market price, may be more or less than the value of the gold represented by them. GLD does not generate any income, and as GLD regularly sells gold to pay for its ongoing expenses, the amount of gold represented by each Share will decline over time. Investing involves risk, and you could lose money on an investment in GLD. Please see the GLD prospectus for a detailed discussion of the risks of investing in GLD shares.

The SPDR Gold Shares Trust ( GLD ) has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and other documents GLD has filed with the SEC for more complete information about GLD and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or by visiting [www.spdrgoldshares.com](http://www.spdrgoldshares.com). Alternatively, the Trust or any authorized participant will arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it by calling 1-866-320-4053.

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The Trust is sponsored by World Gold Trust Services, LLC (the Sponsor ), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the World Gold Council. State Street Global Markets, LLC (the Marketing Agent ) is the marketing agent of the Trust and an affiliate of State Street Global Advisors.

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[www.spdrgoldshares.com](http://www.spdrgoldshares.com).

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