

ADVISORSHARES TRUST

ADVISORSHARES KIM KOREA EQUITY ETF NYSE Arca Ticker: KOR

Supplement dated April 26, 2018 to the Summary Prospectus, Prospectus, and Statement of Additional Information dated November 1, 2017

This supplement provides new and additional information beyond that contained in the Summary Prospectus, Prospectus, and Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) for the AdvisorShares KIM Korea Equity ETF (the “Fund”) and should be read in conjunction with those documents.

Effective immediately, the following changes will be made with respect to two of the Fund’s fundamental investment policies:

1. Eliminate the Fund’s diversification policy, thereby changing the Fund’s classification from a diversified investment company to a non-diversified investment company; and
2. Change the Fund’s concentration policy to state that it will concentrate in the Semiconductors and Semiconductor Equipment Industry.

These changes are being made to provide the Fund’s portfolio managers the flexibility to invest a greater portion of the Fund’s portfolio in specific securities in the Korean information technology sector. On February 13, 2018, the Trust’s Board of Trustees approved the changes to the two fundamental investment policies and shareholders of record approved the changes at a special meeting held today. The information in the Fund’s summary prospectus, prospectus, and SAI is hereby supplemented and revised in accordance with the information provided below.

Elimination of Diversification Policy

Previously, the Fund had been classified as a diversified investment company and, therefore, pursuant to the diversification requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “1940 Act”), the Fund has had a fundamental investment policy stating that, with respect to 75% of its total assets, it may not (i) purchase securities of any issuer (except securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities or shares of investment companies) if, as a result, more than 5% of its total assets would be invested in the securities of such issuer, or (ii) acquire more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of any one issuer.

The change in classification is intended to provide the Fund’s portfolio managers the flexibility to invest a greater portion of the Fund’s portfolio in specific securities in the information technology sector as reflected on the Korea Exchange. As a diversified investment company, the Fund could not limit the number of securities holdings sufficiently to fully implement the Sub-Adviser’s desired portfolio management investment decisions. As a non-diversified investment company, the Fund will be able to invest a greater percentage of its assets in a particular issuer and hold a smaller number of portfolio securities. To the extent the Fund invests in a relatively small number of issuers, a decline in the market value of a particular security held by the Fund may affect its value more than if it invested in a larger number of issuers. The value of the Fund’s shares may be more volatile than the values of shares of more diversified funds.

Change to Concentration Policy

Previously, the Fund's concentration policy stated that the Fund may not:

Invest 25% or more of its total assets in the securities of one or more issuers conducting their principal business activities in the same industry or group of industries. This limitation does not apply to investments in securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities, or shares of investment companies. A Fund will not invest 25% or more of its total assets in any investment company that so concentrates.

The new concentration policy states that the Fund may not:

Invest more than 25% of its total assets in the securities of one or more issuers conducting their principal business activities in the same industry or group of industries except that the Fund will concentrate (i.e., invest more than 25% of its total assets) in the securities of issuers in the Semiconductors and Semiconductor Equipment Industry. (The limitation against industry concentration does not apply to investments in securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities or shares of investment companies; however, the Fund will not invest more than 25% of its total assets in any investment company that so concentrates.)

For purposes of both the previous and new policies, the issuer of the underlying security will be deemed to be the issuer of any respective depositary receipt.

The change to the concentration policy is intended to provide the Fund's portfolio managers the flexibility to invest a greater portion of the Fund's portfolio in specific securities in the information technology sector as reflected on the Korea Exchange. Previously, the Fund could not invest 25% or more of its total assets in the securities of one or more issuers conducting their principal business activities in the same industry or group of industries. Because the Korea Exchange has a high number of companies in the information technology sector, particularly in the Semiconductors and Semiconductor Equipment Industry, the Sub-Adviser was limited by the Fund's previous concentration policy and could not fully implement its desired portfolio management investment decisions for the Fund.

To the extent the Fund concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries, financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that industry or group of industries will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it did not concentrate. Companies in the Semiconductors and Semiconductor Equipment Industry rely heavily on technology. The prices of the securities of companies in that industry may fluctuate widely due to competitive pressures, increased sensitivity to short product cycles and aggressive pricing, heavy expenses incurred for research and development of products or services that prove unsuccessful, problems related to bringing products to market, and rapid obsolescence of products. Legislative or regulatory changes and increased government supervision may also affect companies in the industry.

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SUMMARY PROSPECTUS – November 1, 2017

Before you invest in the AdvisorShares Fund, you may want to review the Fund’s prospectus and statement of additional information, which contain more information about the Fund and the risks of investing in the Fund. The Fund’s current prospectus and statement of additional information, each dated November 1, 2017, as supplemented from time to time, are incorporated by reference into this summary prospectus. You can find the Fund’s prospectus and statement of additional information, as well as other information about the Fund, online at <http://advisorshares.com/fund/kor>. You may also obtain this information at no charge by calling 877.843.3831 or by sending an email request to info@advisorshares.com.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The AdvisorShares KIM Korea Equity ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation above the capital appreciation of its primary benchmark, the MSCI Korea Index, and other Korea-focused indexes.

FUND FEES AND EXPENSES

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Most investors will incur customary brokerage commissions when buying or selling shares of the Fund, which are not reflected in the table below.

SHAREHOLDER FEES (<i>fees paid directly from your investment</i>)	None
ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES (<i>expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment</i>)	
MANAGEMENT FEES	0.84%
DISTRIBUTION (12b-1) FEES	0.00%
OTHER EXPENSES	1.53%
TOTAL ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES	2.37%
FEE WAIVER/EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT*	-1.38%
TOTAL ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES AFTER FEE WAIVER/EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT	0.99%

* AdvisorShares Investments, LLC (the “Advisor”) has contractually agreed to waive its fees and/or reimburse expenses to keep net expenses (excluding amounts payable pursuant to any plan adopted in accordance with Rule 12b-1, interest expense, taxes, brokerage commissions, acquired fund fees and expenses, other expenditures which are capitalized in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and extraordinary expenses) from exceeding 0.99% of the Fund’s average daily net assets for at least one year from the date of this Prospectus. The expense limitation agreement may be terminated, without payment of any penalty, (i) by the Trust for any reason and at any time and (ii) by the Advisor, for any reason, upon ninety (90) days’ prior written notice to the Trust, such termination to be effective as of the close of business on the last day of the then-current one-year period.

EXAMPLE

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the shares of the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. This Example does not take into account creation or redemption transaction fees, or the brokerage commissions that you pay when purchasing or selling shares of the Fund. If these fees and commissions were included, your costs would be higher.

The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then sell all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	10 YEARS
AdvisorShares KIM Korea Equity ETF	\$101	\$607	\$1,140	\$2,600

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Total Annual Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. This rate excludes the value of portfolio securities received or delivered as a result of in-kind creations or redemptions of the Fund's shares. During the most recent fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 69% of the average value of its portfolio.

PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing primarily in growth-oriented stocks of any capitalization range listed on the Korea Exchange. Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in equity securities listed on the Korea Exchange. Companies in the information technology sector have significant representation on the Korea Exchange.

The Fund's sub-advisor, Korea Investment Management Co., Ltd. (the "Sub-Advisor"), manages the Fund's portfolio by buying and holding stocks of companies at attractive valuation that it believes have growth potential. When selecting stocks of companies that it believes have growth potential, the Sub-Advisor considers a number of factors including a company's annual sales growth with sustained profit margins; annual earnings per share growth; and anticipated sales or earnings per share growth. The Sub-Advisor focuses on corporate fundamental research in its stock selection, often called "bottom up" analysis. The Sub-Advisor will invest the Fund's assets with a mid- to long-term view, typically seeking to avoid short-term trading. In selecting investments for the Fund's portfolio, the Sub-Advisor places emphasis on fundamentals rather than on short-term momentum and continuously monitors market risks. In deciding whether to sell investments in the Fund's portfolio, the Sub-Advisor considers the following factors: a company's stock price reaches its target price; a company in the portfolio experiences negative fundamental changes; errors are found in the previous assumptions or forecasts of a company; and more profitable alternatives are found.

In addition to individual stock selection, the Sub-Advisor engages in sector allocation based on analysis of the macro economy and its effect on corporate competitiveness and industry cycles. This is often called "top down" analysis. The Sub-Advisor strives to invest with large economic cycles as compared to short-term market trends and short-term supply and demand.

PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

The Fund is subject to a number of risks, as described below, that may affect the value of its shares, including the possible loss of money. As with any fund, there is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

Currency Risk. As a result of the Fund's investments in securities receiving revenues in foreign currencies, the Fund will be subject to currency risk. This is the risk that currencies to which the Fund is exposed will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar, which may cause the dollar value of an investment in the Fund to be adversely affected.

Emerging Markets Risk. The Fund's investments will expose the Fund's portfolio to the risks of investing in emerging markets. Emerging markets, which consist of countries or markets with low to middle income economies as classified by the World Bank and other countries or markets with similar characteristics as determined by the Sub-Advisor, can be subject to greater social, economic, regulatory, and political uncertainties and can be extremely volatile.

Equity Risk. The prices of equity securities rise and fall daily. These price movements may result from factors affecting individual issuers, industries or the stock market as a whole. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

Foreign Investment Risk. The Fund's investments in securities of foreign issuers may involve certain risks that are greater than those associated with investments in securities of U.S. issuers. These include risks of adverse changes in foreign economic, political, regulatory and other conditions; changes in currency exchange rates or exchange control regulations (including limitations on currency movements and exchanges); differing accounting, auditing, financial reporting and legal standards and practices; differing securities market structures; and higher transaction costs.

Geographic Investment Risk. To the extent that the Fund has significant investments in a particular country or region, the Fund will be susceptible to loss due to adverse market, political, regulatory, and geographic events affecting that country or region. The Fund has significant investment exposure to the countries and regions listed below.

Asia. While certain Asian economies are exemplars of growth and development others have been and continue to be subject, to some extent, to over-extension of credit, currency devaluations and restrictions, high unemployment, high inflation, decreased exports and economic recessions.

South Korea. Economic and political developments of South Korean neighbors may have an adverse effect on the South Korean economy. Substantial political tensions exist between North Korea and South Korea and, recently, these political tensions have escalated. In addition, South Korea's economic growth potential has recently been on a decline. South Korea's economic growth potential is susceptible to problems from large scale emigration, rigid labor regulations and ongoing labor relations issues.

Growth Investing Risk. The Fund pursues a growth style of investing. Growth stocks can be volatile for several reasons. Since those companies usually invest a high portion of earnings in their businesses, they may lack the dividends of value stocks that can cushion stock prices in a falling market. The prices of growth stocks are based largely on projections of the issuer's future earnings and revenues. If a company's earnings or revenues fall short of expectations, its stock price may fall dramatically.

Management Risk. The Sub-Advisor continuously evaluates the Fund's holdings, purchases and sales with a view to achieving the Fund's investment objective. However, the achievement of the stated investment objective cannot be guaranteed. The Sub-Advisor's judgments about the markets, the economy, or companies may not anticipate actual market movements, economic conditions or company performance, and these judgments may affect the return on your investment.

Market Risk. Due to market conditions, the value of the Fund's investments may fluctuate significantly from day to day. Price fluctuations may be temporary or may last for extended periods. This volatility may cause the value of your investment in the Fund to decrease. Because of its link to the markets, an investment in the Fund may be more suitable for long-term investors who can bear the risk of short-term principal fluctuations, which at times may be significant.

Information Technology Sector Risk. Market or economic factors impacting technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances could have a major effect on the value of the Fund's investments. Stocks of technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technology, especially those of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market. Additionally, companies in the technology sector may face dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel.

Trading Risk. Shares of the Fund may trade above or below their net asset value (“NAV”). The trading price of the Fund’s shares may deviate significantly from their NAV during periods of market volatility and, in such instances, you may pay significantly more or receive significantly less than the underlying value of the Fund’s shares. There can be no assurance that an active trading market for the Fund’s shares will develop or be maintained. In addition, trading in shares of the Fund may be halted because of market conditions or for reasons that, in view of the NYSE Arca, Inc. (the “Exchange”), make trading in shares inadvisable.

FUND PERFORMANCE

A comparison of the Fund’s performance with that of a broad measure of market performance may give some indication of the risks of an investment in the Fund; however, the Fund is new and, therefore, does not have a performance history for a full calendar year. Of course, once the Fund has performance, this past performance (before and after taxes) does not necessarily indicate how the Fund will perform in the future.

Updated performance information is available on the Fund’s website at www.advisorshares.com.

MANAGEMENT

Name	Title
AdvisorShares Investments, LLC	Advisor
Korea Investment Management Co., Ltd.	Sub-Advisor

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

Name and Title	Length of Service with Sub-Advisor
Mr. Young-seok Lee , <i>Division Head and Portfolio Manager</i>	since 1996
Mr. Sang-min Lee , <i>Team Head and Portfolio Manager</i>	since 2007
Mr. Jun-il Han , <i>Member and Portfolio Manager</i>	since 2012
Mr. Hyo-chan Kim , <i>Member and Portfolio Manager</i>	since 2013
Ms. Hyun-mi Kim , <i>Member and Portfolio Manager</i>	since 2007

PURCHASE AND SALE OF FUND SHARES

The Fund issues and redeems shares on a continuous basis at their NAV only in a large specified number of shares called a “Creation Unit.” The shares of the Fund that trade on the Exchange are “created” at their NAV by market makers, large investors and institutions only in block-size Creation Units of at least 25,000 shares. A “creator” enters into an authorized participant agreement (“Participant Agreement”) with the Distributor or uses a Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) participant who has executed a Participant Agreement (an “Authorized Participant”), and deposits into the Fund a specified amount of cash totaling the NAV of the Creation Unit(s), in exchange for at least 25,000 shares of the Fund (or multiples thereof).

Individual Fund shares may only be purchased and sold in secondary market transactions through brokers. The shares of the Fund are listed on the Exchange, and because shares trade at market prices rather than at NAV, shares may trade at a value greater than or less than their NAV.

TAX INFORMATION

The Fund intends to make distributions that may be taxed as ordinary income, qualified dividend income or capital gains (or a combination thereof), unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement such as a 401(k) plan or an individual retirement account (“IRA”), which may be taxed upon withdrawal.

PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Investors purchasing shares in the secondary market through a brokerage account or with the assistance of a broker may be subject to brokerage commissions and charges. If you purchase Fund shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Fund, the Advisor or the Sub-Advisor may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing broker-dealers or other intermediaries and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.