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**ADVISORSHARES DOUBLELINE VALUE EQUITY ETF**

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**FUND SUMMARY**

**INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

AdvisorShares DoubleLine Value Equity ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to generate long-term capital appreciation.

**FUND FEES AND EXPENSES**

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the Fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table below.

<b>SHAREHOLDER FEES</b> <i>(fees paid directly from your investment)</i>	None
<b>ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES</b> <i>(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)</i>	
MANAGEMENT FEES	0.70%
DISTRIBUTION (12b-1) FEES	0.00%
OTHER EXPENSES	0.37%
ACQUIRED FUND FEES AND EXPENSES <sup>(a)</sup>	0.01%
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>1.08%</b>
FEE WAIVER/EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT <sup>(b)</sup>	-0.17%
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES AFTER FEE WAIVER/EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT</b>	<b>0.91%</b>

(a) *Total Annual Operating Expenses and Total Annual Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver/Expense Reimbursement in this fee table may not correlate to the expense ratios in the Fund's financial highlights (and the Fund's financial statements) because the financial highlights include only the Fund's direct operating expenses and do not include Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses, which represent the Fund's pro rata share of the fees and expenses of money market funds in which it invested as a temporary defensive measure.*

(b) *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 0.90% 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. If it becomes unnecessary for the Advisor to waive fees or reimburse expenses, the Trust's Board of Trustees may permit the Advisor to retain the difference between the Fund's total annual operating expenses and the expense limitation currently in effect, or, if lower, the expense limitation that was in effect at the time of the waiver and/or reimbursement, to recapture all or a portion of its prior fee waivers or expense reimbursements within three years of the date they were waived or reimbursed.*

## 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 brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries that you may pay when purchasing or selling shares of the Fund. If these fees 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 DoubleLine Value Equity ETF	\$93	\$326	\$577	\$1,298

## 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 rate 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, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 93% of the average value of its portfolio.

## PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

The Fund is an actively-managed exchange-traded fund ("ETF") that seeks to achieve its investment objective by primarily investing in the broad U.S. equity market, including through American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs"). ADRs are securities traded on a local stock exchange that represent interests in securities issued by a foreign publicly listed company. The Fund pursues a value-based strategy. Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in equity securities.

Employing a diligent and repeatable fundamental, bottom-up research process to uncover temporary mispricing opportunities, DoubleLine Equity LP (the "Sub-Advisor") will construct and manage a concentrated portfolio of mainly, but not exclusively, large-capitalization equity securities trading on U.S. markets (including ADRs). The Sub-Advisor may sell stocks that no longer meet its investment criteria or that are no longer the best holdings in terms of providing attractive risk-adjusted returns or emphasizing wealth preservation. The Sub-Advisor targets, but does not mandate, a portfolio count ranging from 35-50 names, and it endeavors to maintain high active share and low turnover.

While investing in a particular market sector is not a strategy of the Fund, its portfolio may be significantly invested in one or more sectors as a result of the security selection decisions made pursuant to its strategy. The Fund also may invest in mid-capitalization equity securities.

## 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.

**American Depositary Receipt Risk.** ADRs have the same currency and economic risks as the underlying non-U.S. shares they represent. They are affected by the risks associated with non-U.S. securities, such as changes in political or economic conditions of other countries, changes in the exchange rates of, or exchange control regulations associated with, foreign currencies, and differing accounting, auditing, financial reporting, and legal standards and practices. In addition, investments in ADRs may be less liquid than the underlying securities in their primary trading market.

**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.

**ETF Market Risk.** In stressed market conditions, the market for ETF shares may become less liquid in response to deteriorating liquidity in the markets for the ETF's underlying portfolio holdings. This adverse effect on liquidity for the ETF's shares in turn can lead to differences between the market price of the ETF's shares and the underlying value of those shares.

**Large-Capitalization Risk.** Large-cap securities tend to go in and out of favor based on market and economic conditions. During a period when the demand for large-cap securities is less than for other types of investments — small-cap securities, for instance — the Fund's performance could be reduced.

**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, achievement of the stated investment objective cannot be guaranteed. The Sub-Advisor's judgment about the markets, the economy, or companies may not anticipate actual market movements, economic conditions or company performance, and these factors 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. Local, regional, or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, recessions, or other events could have a significant impact on the market generally and on specific securities. The market value of a security may also decline because of factors that affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry. 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.

**Mid-Capitalization Risk.** Mid-size companies may be more volatile and more likely than large-cap companies to have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, or depend on a few key employees. Returns on investments in stocks of mid-size companies could trail the returns on investments in stocks of larger or smaller companies.

**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 the view of the NYSE Arca, Inc. (the "Exchange"), make trading in shares inadvisable.

**Value Investing Risk.** Because it intends to invest in value stocks, the Fund could suffer losses or produce poor results relative to other funds, even in a rising market, if the Sub-Advisor's assessment of a company's value or prospects for exceeding earnings expectations or market conditions is incorrect.

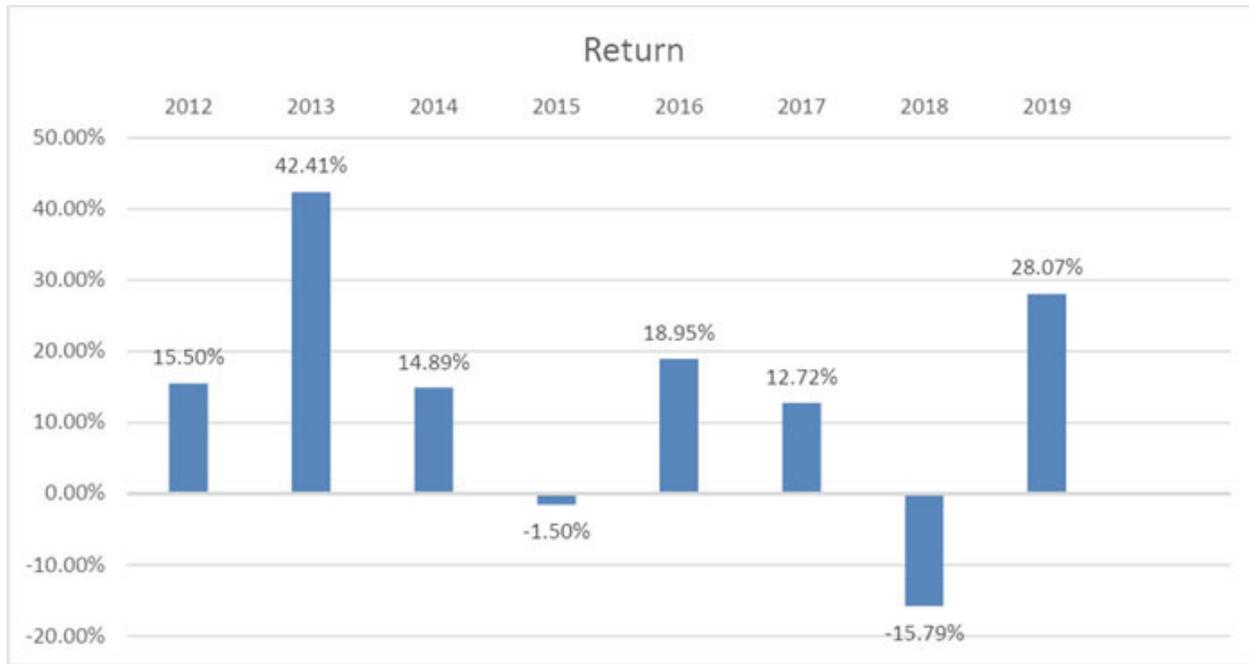
## **FUND PERFORMANCE**

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The bar chart and table that follow show how the Fund has performed on a calendar year basis and provides an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. The table also shows how the Fund's performance compares to the Russell 1000<sup>®</sup> Value Index Total Return, which measures the performance of large- and mid-capitalization value sectors of the U.S. equity market as defined by FTSE Russell. Both the bar chart and the table assume the reinvestment of all dividends and distributions. 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](http://www.advisorshares.com).

**Calendar Year Total Returns**



The Fund's year-to-date total return as of September 30, 2020 was -7.54%.

**Best and Worst Quarter Returns (for the period reflected in the bar chart above)**

	Return	Quarter/Year
Highest Return	14.68%	1Q/2013
Lowest Return	-14.42%	4Q/2018

**AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS FOR THE PERIODS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

ADVISORSHARES DOUBLELINE VALUE EQUITY ETF	1 Year	5 Year	Since Inception (10/04/2011)
Return Before Taxes Based on NAV	28.07%	7.33%	14.57%
Return After Taxes on Distributions	27.51%	7.04%	14.32%
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	16.62%	5.69%	12.09%
Russell 1000 <sup>®</sup> Value Index Total Return* (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	26.54%	8.29%	14.27%

After-tax returns are calculated using the highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on your tax situation and may differ from those shown and are not relevant if you hold your shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. In some cases, the return after taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares may exceed other average annual total returns due to an assumed tax benefit from any losses on a sale of shares at the end of the measurement period.

## MANAGEMENT

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Name	Title
AdvisorShares Investments, LLC	Advisor
DoubleLine Equity LP	Sub-Advisor

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

Name and Title	Length of Service with Sub-Advisor
<b>Emidio Checcone</b> , <i>Portfolio Manager</i>	since November 2014
<b>Brian Ear</b> , <i>Portfolio Manager</i>	since April 2016

## PURCHASE AND SALE OF FUND SHARES

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The Fund issues and redeems shares on a continuous basis at 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 Creation Units. A “creator” enters into an authorized participant agreement (“Participant Agreement”) with the Fund’s distributor or uses a Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) participant who has executed a Participant Agreement (an “Authorized Participant”), and deposits into the Fund a portfolio of securities closely approximating the holdings of the Fund along with a specified amount of cash.

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 price rather than at NAV, shares may trade at a value greater than (premium) or less than (discount) NAV. When buying or selling shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase shares of the Fund (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for shares of the Fund (ask) (the “bid-ask spread”). When available, recent information regarding the Fund’s NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads will be available on the Fund’s website at [www.advisorshares.com](http://www.advisorshares.com).

## TAX INFORMATION

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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

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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 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.

## **MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRUST AND THE FUND**

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AdvisorShares Trust (the “Trust”) is a Delaware statutory trust offering a number of professionally managed investment portfolios or funds.

Creation Units of the Fund are issued and redeemed principally in-kind for portfolio securities along with a specified cash payment.

**EXCEPT WHEN AGGREGATED IN CREATION UNITS, SHARES OF THE FUND ARE NOT REDEEMABLE SECURITIES.**

## **MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND’S INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

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The investment objective of the Fund is non-fundamental and may be changed by the Trust’s Board of Trustees (the “Board”) without a shareholder vote.

## **MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND’S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES**

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The Fund is an actively managed ETF and, thus, does not seek to replicate the performance of a specified passive index of securities. Instead, it uses an active investment strategy in seeking to meet its investment objective. Accordingly, the Sub-Advisor, subject to the oversight of the Advisor and the Board, has discretion on a daily basis to manage the Fund’s portfolio in accordance with the Fund’s investment objective and investment policies. The Fund will not change the 80% investment policy included in its principal investment strategy without providing 60 days notice to shareholders.

The Fund seeks to deliver a differentiated value-based approach driven by data and informed by a long-term perspective. Employing a rigorous, thoughtful and repeatable fundamental research process to uncover mispricing opportunities, the Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation and attractive risk-adjusted returns, while also emphasizing wealth preservation. The Fund features a concentrated portfolio of best ideas, according to the Sub-Advisor, mostly comprised of large-capitalization securities.

### **Investment Philosophy**

The Sub-Advisor views value investing as a timeless discipline rather than a timely fad. The value strategy has historically yielded superior returns, risk-adjusted and net of fees, when consistently and intelligently applied over long periods. The Sub-Advisor’s value-based strategy capitalizes on temporary disconnects between price and value, and between perception of risk and actual risk, reliably caused by behavioral heuristics; moreover, the Sub-Advisor’s strategy is differentiated in that it applies the concept to disruptive, innovative companies with higher growth prospects, as well as to more traditional value situations. The Sub-Advisor seeks to use its differentiated value-based investment strategy to enhance investment performance over long periods.

The Sub-Advisor seeks to identify value-based investment opportunities by employing a consistent, repeatable and in-depth research process. The Sub-Advisor’s investment research process endeavors to incorporate sound judgment, a long-term time horizon, and an adequate margin of safety, thereby generating satisfactory risk-adjusted returns. This process is comprised of the following steps:

- **Idea generation**: The Sub-Advisor relies upon qualitative and quantitative screens that consider business and management quality, valuation characteristics, operating and stock price performance data, balance sheet and earnings quality information and technical factors, along with other statistical metrics. Investment candidates also surface through research on other companies, and through the Sub-Advisor’s interactions with other investment professionals within its network.
- **Initial review**: The Sub-Advisor further winnows the list of potential investments through thoughtful analysis of companies using qualitative indicators of business quality, financial statements and other fundamental data, valuation statistics and risk metrics. A preliminary valuation assessment is made, and if there is a sufficient price discount reflected in the current market price, and a reasonable belief that current market misperceptions will resolve over time, the investment idea will be put through more thorough analysis.

- **In-depth fundamental analysis:** The most intensive and time-consuming part of the Sub-Advisor's research process, in-depth fundamental analysis seeks to obtain a deeper understanding of the company and the industry in which it operates, and to evaluate whether its current valuation represents a sufficiently meaningful discount to its intrinsic value, thereby conferring a margin of safety on the investment. The Sub-Advisor's in-depth fundamental analysis focuses on a company's competitive positioning, growth potential, future profitability, capital intensity, free cash flow and financial leverage. In performing this analysis, an analyst endeavors to deconstruct the company into its smallest operating components (e.g., business segments) to achieve a more detailed understanding of the key value drivers of the underlying businesses within the company's operations. The analyst also assesses competitive dynamics, barriers and risks within the industry. Insights achieved from this analysis inform the analyst's assessment of the direction and sustainability of the company's return on capital, growth and reinvestment opportunities. Throughout the process, the analyst evaluates business and financial risks, taking into account uncertainties arising from the lack of certain information. The culmination of the in-depth fundamental analysis is a research report, which reflects the analyst's learnings, makes the investment case for a particular stock, and summarizes the key assumptions informing the Sub-Advisor's independent assessment of the intrinsic value of that particular stock.
- **Valuation methodology:** The Sub-Advisor primarily relies on an internally-developed three-stage valuation model that discounts projected cash flows using a market-derived discount rate. A company's financials are estimated over a forward five-year period, reaching normalized earnings power, growth rates and capital structure at the end of this initial stage. The model then assumes for the next 15 years a process of mean reversion for growth and payout ratios, determined by GDP growth and prevailing returns on capital. For companies whose competitive advantage is sustainable, assumed growth rates and returns on capital may not revert to historical averages. The final stage determines the remaining terminal value based upon a low level of residual growth. The Sub-Advisor's model is supplemented with various valuation multiples, based on the company's own historical comps and those of industry peers, which are employed as a check.
- **Team review:** Upon completion of research, if the analyst views a company as a compelling investment, a research report and valuation model is shared with the entire team and the idea is presented at a meeting, during which the investment thesis is reviewed, critical assumptions are scrutinized, a consistent level of skepticism is applied and consensus support for an investment recommendation may be generated. A position within the portfolio is initiated only if the idea remains compelling after a thorough team review of the research.

**Sell discipline:** Sell decisions are based on valuation, risks, alternative opportunities, diversification needs and portfolio guidelines. Target prices are set for each holding based on the Sub-Advisor's independent estimate of intrinsic value. A stock that approaches its target price is a candidate for sale. Alternatively, a stock may be sold if the original investment thesis is proven wrong. Other sell decisions may occur if there is an alternative investment candidate that offers a better expected risk-adjusted return. Because the Sub-Advisor takes into consideration macroeconomic factors and business cycles in portfolio construction, the Sub-Advisor may sell a position to reflect changes in its view of the macroeconomic environment or to facilitate portfolio diversification. Portfolio guidelines limit individual position sizes and industry and sector exposures, and positions are accordingly trimmed or sold when they approach these limits.

#### **MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

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The Fund is subject to a number of risks that may affect the value of its shares. This section provides additional information about the Fund's principal risks. The degree to which a risk applies to the Fund varies according to its investment allocation. Each investor should review the complete description of the principal risks before investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund may not be appropriate for certain investors. As with investing in other securities whose prices increase and decrease in market value, you may lose money by investing in the Fund.

**American Depositary Receipt Risk.** Depositary receipts have the same currency and economic risks as the underlying shares they represent. They are affected by the risks associated with the underlying non-U.S. securities, such as changes in political or economic conditions of other countries, changes in the exchange rates of, or exchange control regulations associated with, foreign currencies, and differing accounting, auditing, financial reporting, and legal standards and practices. The value of depositary receipts will rise and fall in response to the activities of the non-U.S. entity that issued the securities represented by the depositary receipts, regulatory actions undertaken by a foreign government, and general market and/or economic conditions. Also, if there is a rise in demand for the underlying security and it becomes less available to the market, the price of the depositary receipt may rise, causing the Fund to pay a premium in order to obtain the desired depositary receipt. Conversely, changes in foreign market conditions or access to the underlying securities could result in a decline in the value of the depositary receipt.

**Equity Risk.** The prices of equity securities in which the Fund invests rise and fall daily. These price movements may result from factors affecting individual companies, industries or the securities market as a whole. Individual companies may report poor results or be negatively affected by industry and/or economic trends and developments. The prices of securities issued by such companies may decline in response. In addition, the equity market tends to move in cycles which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**ETF Market Risk.** In stressed market conditions, the market for ETF shares may become less liquid in response to deteriorating liquidity in the markets for the ETF's underlying portfolio holdings. This adverse effect on liquidity for the ETF's shares in turn can lead to a difference between the market price of the ETF's shares and the underlying value of those shares. With respect to the Fund, this difference can be reflected as a spread between the bid and ask prices quoted during the day or a premium or discount in the closing price from the Fund's NAV.

In addition, direct trading by Authorized Participants is critical to ensuring that the Fund's shares trade at or close to NAV. However, market makers are not obligated to make a market in the Fund's shares nor are Authorized Participants obligated to execute purchase or redemption orders for Creation Units and, in times of market stress, circumstances could develop that could cause them to refrain from these activities or reduce their role. Any absence of an active market could lead to a heightened risk of differences between the market price of the Fund's shares and the underlying value of those shares.

**Large-Capitalization Risk.** The large-cap segment of the market may underperform other segments of the equity market or the equity market as a whole. The underperformance of large-cap securities may cause the Fund's performance to be less than expected.

**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, achievement of the stated investment objective cannot be guaranteed. The Sub-Advisor's judgment about the markets, the economy, or companies may not anticipate actual market movements, economic conditions or company performance, and these factors may affect the return on your investment. In fact, no matter how good a job the Sub-Advisor does, you could lose money on your investment in the Fund, just as you could with other investments. If the Sub-Advisor is incorrect in its assessment of the income, growth or price realization potential of the Fund's holdings or incorrect in its assessment of general market or economic conditions, then the value of the Fund's shares may decline.

**Market Risk.** Investments in securities, in general, are subject to market risks that may cause their prices to fluctuate over time. The Fund's investments may decline in value due to factors affecting securities markets generally, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions or changes in interest or currency rates, or particular countries, segments, economic sectors, industries or companies within those markets. Local, regional, or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, recessions, or other events could have a significant impact on the market generally and on specific securities. For example, since December 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus has spread globally, which has resulted in the temporary closure of many corporate offices, retail stores, manufacturing facilities and factories, and other businesses across the world. As the extent of the impact on global markets from the coronavirus is difficult to predict, the extent to which the coronavirus may negatively affect the Fund's performance or the duration of any potential business disruption is uncertain. Any potential impact on performance will depend to a large extent on future developments and new information that may emerge regarding the duration and severity of the coronavirus and the actions taken by authorities and other entities to contain the coronavirus or treat its impact.

Changes in market conditions and interest rates generally do not have the same impact on all types of securities and instruments. Fluctuations in the value of securities and financial instruments in which the Fund invests will cause the NAV of the Fund to fluctuate. Historically, the markets have moved in cycles, and the value of the Fund's securities may fluctuate drastically from day to day. 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.

**Mid-Capitalization Risk.** Security prices of mid-cap companies may be based in substantial part on future expectations rather than current achievements and may move sharply, especially during market upturns and downturns. Mid-cap companies themselves may be more vulnerable to adverse business or economic events than larger, more established companies. During a period when the performance of mid-cap securities falls behind that of other types of investments, such as large-cap securities, or the equity market as a whole, the Fund's performance could be reduced.

**Trading Risk.** Shares of the Fund may trade above or below their NAV. The NAV of shares will fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's holdings. The trading prices of shares will fluctuate in accordance with changes in NAV, as well as market supply and demand. When the market price of the Fund's shares deviates significantly from NAV, you may pay significantly more or receive significantly less than the underlying value of the Fund's shares. However, given that shares can be created and redeemed only in Creation Units at NAV, the Advisor does not believe that large discounts or premiums to NAV will exist for extended periods of time. Although the Fund's shares are currently listed on the Exchange, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for 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 the view of the Exchange, make trading in shares inadvisable.

**Value Investing Risk.** The Fund intends to employ a value style of investing that emphasizes undervalued companies with characteristics for improved valuations. This style of investing is subject to the risk that the valuations never improve or that the returns on "value" equity securities are less than returns on other styles of investing or the overall stock market. Due to investments in value stocks, the Fund could suffer losses or produce poor results relative to other funds, even in a rising market, if the Sub-Advisor's assessment of a company's value or prospects for exceeding earnings expectations or market conditions is incorrect.

## **OTHER INVESTMENT PRACTICES AND STRATEGIES**

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**Temporary Defensive Positions.** To respond to adverse market, economic, political or other conditions, the Fund may invest up to 100% of its total assets, without limitation, in high-quality, short-term debt securities and money market instruments. The Fund may be invested in this manner for extended periods, depending on the Sub-Advisor's assessment of market conditions. Debt securities and money market instruments include shares of other mutual funds, commercial paper, certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances, U.S. government securities, repurchase agreements, and bonds that are rated BBB or higher. While the Fund is in a defensive position, the Fund may not achieve its investment objective. Furthermore, to the extent that the Fund invests in money market funds, the Fund would bear its pro rata portion of each such money market fund's advisory fees and operational expenses.

**Lending of Portfolio Securities.** The Fund may lend portfolio securities to brokers, dealers and other financial organizations that meet capital and other credit requirements or other criteria established by the Fund's Board. These loans, if and when made, may not exceed 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of the total asset value of the Fund (including the loan collateral). Such loans may be terminated at any time. Any such loans must be continuously secured by collateral maintained on a current basis in an amount at least equal to the market value of the securities loaned by the Fund. In a loan transaction, as compensation for lending its securities, the Fund will receive a portion of the dividends or interest accrued on the securities held as collateral or, in the case of cash collateral, a portion of the income from the investment of such cash. In addition, the Fund will receive the amount of all dividends, interest and other distributions on the loaned securities. However, the borrower has the right to vote the loaned securities. The Fund will call loans to vote proxies if a material issue affecting the investment is to be voted upon. Loans are made only to borrowers that are deemed by the securities lending agent to be of good financial standing. Should the borrower of the securities fail financially, the Fund may experience delays in recovering the securities or exercising its rights in the collateral. In a loan transaction, the Fund will also bear the risk of any decline in value of securities acquired with cash collateral. The Fund will attempt to minimize this risk by limiting the investment of cash collateral to high quality instruments of short maturity.

Please see the Fund's Statement of Additional Information ("SAI") for a more complete list of portfolio investment strategies, permitted investments and related risks.

## **PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS**

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A description of the Fund's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of Fund portfolio securities is available (i) in the SAI and (ii) on the Trust's website at [www.advisorshares.com](http://www.advisorshares.com). The Fund's daily portfolio holdings information also is available on the Trust's website.

## **MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND**

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### **INVESTMENT ADVISOR**

AdvisorShares Investments, LLC, located at 4800 Montgomery Lane, Suite 150, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, serves as investment advisor of the Fund. As of September 30, 2020, the Advisor had approximately \$868 million in assets under management.

The Advisor continuously reviews, supervises, and administers the Fund's investment program. In particular, the Advisor provides investment and operational oversight of the Sub-Advisor. The Board supervises the Advisor and establishes policies that the Advisor must follow in its day-to-day management activities. Pursuant to an investment advisory agreement between the Trust and the Advisor, effective October 11, 2018, the Advisor is entitled to receive an annual advisory fee of 0.70% based on the average daily net assets of the Fund. Previously, the Advisor was entitled to receive an annual advisory fee of 0.90% based on the average daily net assets of the Fund. The Advisor pays the Sub-Advisor out of the advisory fee it receives from the Fund. For the most recent fiscal year, the Fund paid the Advisor 0.53% after waivers based on its average daily net assets.

The Advisor bears all of its own costs associated with providing these advisory services and the expenses of the members of the Board who are affiliated with the Advisor. The Advisor may make payments from its own resources to broker-dealers and other financial institutions in connection with the sale of Fund shares.

The Advisor has contractually agreed to waive its fees and/or reimburse expenses in order 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 0.90% 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. If at any point it becomes unnecessary for the Advisor to waive fees or reimburse expenses, the Board may permit the Advisor to retain the difference between the Fund's total annual operating expenses and the expense limitation currently in effect, or, if lower, the expense limitation that was in effect at the time of the waiver and/or reimbursement, to recapture all or a portion of its prior fee waivers or expense reimbursements within three years of the date they were waived or reimbursed.

Pursuant to an exemptive order from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), the Advisor, subject to certain conditions, has the right, without shareholder approval, to hire a new unaffiliated sub-advisor or materially amend the terms of a sub-advisory agreement with an unaffiliated sub-advisor when the Board and the Advisor believe that a change would benefit the Fund. The Prospectus will be supplemented when there is a significant change in the Fund's sub-advisory arrangement.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's approval of the Fund's investment advisory agreement is available in the Trust's Annual Report to Shareholders dated June 30, 2020.

#### **INVESTMENT SUB-ADVISOR**

DoubleLine Equity LP, located at 505 North Brand Boulevard, Suite 860, Glendale, California 91203, serves as sub-advisor to the Fund. The Sub-Advisor is an independent, employee-owned money management firm, founded in 2013, and provides investment management and sub-advisory services to sub-advised accounts. As of September 30, 2020, the Sub-Advisor had approximately \$79.17 million in assets under management.

The Sub-Advisor is responsible for selecting the Fund's investments in accordance with the Fund's investment objective, policies and restrictions. A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's initial approval of the Fund's investment sub-advisory agreement is available in the Trust's Semi-Annual Report to Shareholders dated December 31, 2018.

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

The following portfolio managers are primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund.

##### **Emidio Checcone, *Portfolio Manager***

Mr. Checcone joined the Sub-Advisor in 2014. He previously spent six years at Huber Capital Management, where he was a Principal and Portfolio Manager. Mr. Checcone also worked for six years at PRIMECAP Management Company, where he was a Principal and Financial Analyst. He received his BA in Social Studies from Harvard College, as well as a JD-MBA from Harvard Law School and the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. He is a CFA charterholder.

##### **Brian Ear, *Portfolio Manager***

Mr. Ear joined the Sub-Advisor's Cross Asset team in 2016 as an analyst specializing in equities. He previously spent six years at Palmyra Capital Advisors LLC, where he was a Principal and Portfolio Manager. Mr. Ear also worked for five years at Hotchkis and Wiley Capital Management, where he was a Financial Analyst. He received his BS in Economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He is a CFA charterholder and a CPA.

Additional information about the portfolio managers' compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio managers, and the portfolio manager's ownership of securities in the Fund is available in the SAI.

#### **OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS**

Foreside Fund Services, LLC (the "Distributor") is the principal underwriter and distributor of the Fund's shares. The Distributor's principal address is Three Canal Plaza, Suite 100, Portland, Maine 04101. The Distributor will not distribute shares in less than whole Creation Units, and it does not maintain a secondary market in the shares. The Distributor is a broker-dealer registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"). The Distributor is not affiliated with the Advisor, Sub-Advisor, The Bank of New York Mellon or any of their respective affiliates.

The Bank of New York Mellon, located at 240 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10286, serves as the administrator, custodian, transfer agent and fund accounting agent for the Fund.

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, located at 1111 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004, serves as legal counsel to the Trust.

Tait, Weller & Baker LLP, located at Two Liberty Place, 50 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2900, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102, serves as the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm. The independent registered public accounting firm is responsible for auditing the annual financial statements of the Fund.

## SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

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### CALCULATING NET ASSET VALUE

The Fund calculates NAV by (i) taking the current market value of its total assets, (ii) subtracting any liabilities, and (iii) dividing that amount by the total number of shares owned by shareholders.

The Fund calculates NAV once each business day as of the regularly scheduled close of normal trading on the New York Stock Exchange, LLC (the “NYSE”) (normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time). The NYSE is typically closed on weekends and most national holidays.

In calculating NAV, the Fund generally values its portfolio investments at market prices. If market prices are unavailable or the Fund thinks that they are unreliable, or when the value of a security has been materially affected by events occurring after the relevant market closes, the Fund will price those securities at fair value as determined in good faith using methods approved by the Board. With respect to investments in U.S.-traded securities with readily available pricing, it is expected that there would be limited circumstances in which the Fund would use fair value pricing – for example, if the exchange on which a portfolio security is principally traded closed early or if trading in a particular security was halted during the day and did not resume prior to the time the Fund calculated its NAV.

The use of fair valuation in pricing a security involves the consideration of a number of subjective factors and, therefore, is susceptible to the unavoidable risk that the valuation may be higher or lower than the price at which the security might actually trade if a reliable market price were readily available.

More information about the valuation of the Fund’s holdings can be found in the SAI.

### PREMIUM/DISCOUNT INFORMATION

The price of the Fund’s shares is based on market price, which may differ from the Fund’s daily NAV per share and can be affected by market forces of supply and demand, economic conditions and other factors. Information showing the number of days that the market price of the Fund’s shares was greater than the Fund’s NAV per share (*i.e.*, at a premium) and the number of days it was less than the Fund’s NAV per share (*i.e.*, at a discount) for various time periods is available by visiting the Fund’s website at [www.advisorshares.com](http://www.advisorshares.com).

### DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

The Fund pays out dividends and distributes its net capital gains, if any, to shareholders at least annually.

### ACTIVE INVESTORS AND MARKET TIMING

Shares of the Fund are listed for trading on the Exchange, which allows retail investors to purchase and sell individual shares at market prices throughout the trading day similar to other publicly traded securities. Because these secondary market trades do not involve the Fund directly, it is unlikely that secondary market trading would cause any harmful effects of market timing, such as dilution, disruption of portfolio management, increases in the Fund’s trading costs or realization of capital gains. The Board has determined not to adopt policies and procedures designed to prevent or monitor for frequent purchases and redemptions of the Fund’s shares because the Fund sells and redeems its shares at NAV only in Creation Units pursuant to the terms of a Participant Agreement between the Distributor and an Authorized Participant, principally in exchange for a basket of securities that mirrors the composition of the Fund’s portfolio and a specified amount of cash. The Fund also imposes transaction fees on such Creation Unit transactions that are designed to offset the Fund’s transfer and other transaction costs associated with the issuance and redemption of the Creation Unit shares.

### BOOK-ENTRY

Shares of the Fund are held in book-entry form, which means that no stock certificates are issued. DTC, or its nominee, is the record owner of all outstanding shares of the Fund and is recognized as the owner of all shares.

Investors owning shares of the Fund are beneficial owners as shown on the records of DTC or its participants. DTC serves as the securities depository for all shares. Participants in DTC include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and other institutions that directly or indirectly maintain a custodial relationship with DTC. As a beneficial owner of shares, you are not entitled to receive physical delivery of stock certificates or to have shares registered in your name, and you are not considered a registered owner of shares. Therefore, to exercise any right as an owner of shares, you must rely upon the procedures of DTC and its participants (*e.g.*, broker-dealers, banks, trust companies, or clearing companies). These procedures are the same as those that apply to any stocks that you hold in book entry or “street name” through your brokerage account.

## **INVESTING IN THE FUND**

For more information on how to buy and sell shares of the Fund, call the Trust at 877.843.3831 or visit the Fund's website at [www.advisorshares.com](http://www.advisorshares.com).

## **DISTRIBUTION PLAN**

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The Fund has adopted a Distribution Plan pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 that allows the Fund to pay distribution fees to the Distributor and other firms that provide distribution services. The Fund will pay distribution fees to the Distributor at an annual rate not to exceed 0.25% of its average daily net assets. If a service provider provides distribution services, the Distributor will pay the service provider out of its distribution fees.

No distribution fees are currently charged to the Fund; there are no plans to impose distribution fees, and no distribution fees will be charged for at least one year from the date of this Prospectus. However, to the extent distribution fees are charged in the future, because the Fund would pay these fees out of assets on an ongoing basis, over time these fees may cost you more than other types of sales charges and would increase the cost of your investment. At such time as distribution fees are charged, the Fund will notify investors by adding disclosure to the Fund's website and in the Fund's Prospectus. Any distribution fees will be approved by the Board.

## **ADDITIONAL TAX INFORMATION**

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The following is a summary of some important tax issues that affect the Fund and its shareholders. The summary is based on current tax law, which may be changed by legislative, judicial or administrative action. The summary is very general, and does not address investors subject to special rules, such as investors who hold shares through an IRA, 401(k) or other tax-advantaged account. More information about taxes is located in the SAI.

*You are urged to consult your tax advisor regarding specific questions as to U.S. federal, state and local income taxes.*

### **Tax Status of the Fund**

The Fund is treated as a separate entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes and intends to qualify for the special tax treatment afforded to a regulated investment company ("RIC") under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code"). As long as the Fund qualifies for treatment as a RIC, it pays no federal income tax on the earnings it timely distributes to shareholders. However, the Fund's failure to qualify as a RIC or to meet minimum distribution requirements would result (if certain relief provisions were not available) in fund-level taxation and, consequently, a reduction in income available for distribution to shareholders.

Unless you are a tax-exempt entity or your investment in Fund shares is made through a tax-deferred retirement account, such as an individual retirement account, you need to be aware of the possible tax consequences when:

- the Fund makes distributions;
- you sell Fund shares; and
- you purchase or redeem Creation Units (institutional investors only).

### **Tax Status of Distributions**

- The Fund intends to distribute, at least annually, substantially all of its net investment income and net capital gains income.

- The Fund's distributions from income and net short-term capital gains will generally be taxed to you as ordinary income. For non-corporate shareholders, dividends reported by the Fund as qualified dividend income are generally eligible for reduced tax rates applicable to long-term capital gains, provided holding period and other requirements are met. Qualified dividend income generally is income derived from dividends paid by U.S. corporations or certain foreign corporations.
- Corporate shareholders may be entitled to a dividends-received deduction for the portion of dividends they receive that are attributable to dividends received by the Fund from U.S. corporations, subject to certain limitations.
- Any distributions of net capital gain (the excess of the Fund's net long-term capital gains over its net short-term capital losses) that you receive from the Fund generally are taxable as long-term capital gains regardless of how long you have owned your shares. Long-term capital gains are taxed to non-corporate shareholders at reduced tax rates.
- Dividends and distributions are generally taxable to you whether you receive them in cash or reinvest them in additional shares.
- Distributions paid in January but declared by the Fund in October, November or December of the previous year may be taxable to you in the previous year.
- Shortly after the close of each calendar year, the Fund (or your broker) will inform you of the amount of your ordinary income dividends, qualified dividend income, and net capital gain distributions received from the Fund.
- You may wish to avoid investing in the Fund shortly before a dividend or other distribution, because such a distribution will generally be taxable even though it may economically represent a return of a portion of your investment.

#### **Taxes on Exchange-Listed Share Sales**

Any capital gain or loss realized upon a sale of shares is generally treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the shares have been held for more than one year and as short-term capital gain or loss if the shares have been held for one year or less, except that any capital loss on the sale of shares held for six months or less is treated as long-term capital loss to the extent of amounts treated as distributions of long-term capital gains to the shareholder with respect to such shares.

#### **Medicare Tax**

U.S. individuals with income exceeding certain thresholds are subject to a 3.8% Medicare contribution tax on all or a portion of their "net investment income," including interest, dividends, and certain capital gains (generally including capital gain distributions and capital gains realized on the sale or exchange of shares). This 3.8% tax also applies to all or a portion of the undistributed net investment income of certain shareholders that are estates and trusts.

#### **Non-U.S. Investors**

If you are not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States, the Fund's ordinary income dividends will generally be subject to a 30% U.S. withholding tax, unless a lower treaty rate applies or unless such income is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business. The 30% withholding tax generally will not apply to distributions of net capital gain. The Fund may, under certain circumstances, report all or a portion of a dividend as an "interest-related dividend" or a "short-term capital gain dividend," which would generally be exempt from this 30% U.S. withholding tax, provided certain other requirements are met. Short-term capital gain dividends received by a nonresident alien individual who is present in the U.S. for a period or periods aggregating 183 days or more during the taxable year are not exempt from this 30% withholding tax.

**Backup Withholding**

The Fund will be required in certain cases to withhold (as “backup withholding”) on amounts payable to any shareholder who (1) has provided the Fund either an incorrect tax identification number or no number at all, (2) is subject to backup withholding by the Internal Revenue Service for failure to properly report payments of interest or dividends, (3) has failed to certify to the Fund that such shareholder is not subject to backup withholding, or (4) has not certified that such shareholder is a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien). The backup withholding rate is 24%. Backup withholding will not, however, be applied to payments that have been subject to the 30% withholding tax applicable to shareholders who are neither citizens nor residents of the United States.

**Taxes on Creation and Redemption of Creation Units**

An Authorized Participant who purchases a Creation Unit by exchanging securities in-kind generally will recognize a gain or loss equal to the difference between (a) the sum of the market value of the Creation Units at the time and any net cash received, and (b) the sum of the purchaser’s aggregate basis in the securities surrendered and any net cash paid for the Creation Units. An Authorized Participant who redeems Creation Units will generally recognize a gain or loss equal to the difference between (x) the sum of the redeemer’s basis in the Creation Units and any net cash paid, and (y) the sum of the aggregate market value of the securities received and any net cash received. The Internal Revenue Service, however, may assert that a loss that is realized upon an exchange of securities for Creation Units may not be currently deducted under the rules governing “wash sales” by an Authorized Participant that does not mark-to-market its holdings, or on the basis that there has been no significant change in economic position.

The Fund has the right to reject an order for Creation Units if the purchaser (or a group of purchasers) would, upon obtaining the shares so ordered, own 80% or more of the outstanding shares of the Fund and if, pursuant to section 351 of the Internal Revenue Code, the Fund would have a basis in the deposit securities different from the market value of such securities on the date of deposit. The Fund also has the right to require information necessary to determine beneficial share ownership for purposes of the 80% determination. If the Fund does issue Creation Units to a purchaser (or a group of purchasers) that would, upon obtaining the Creation Units so ordered, own 80% or more of the outstanding shares of the Fund, the purchaser (or a group of purchasers) will not recognize gain or loss upon the exchange of securities for Creation Units.

The Fund may include cash when paying the redemption price for Creation Units in addition to, or in place of, the delivery of a basket of securities. The Fund may be required to sell portfolio securities in order to obtain the cash needed to distribute redemption proceeds. This may cause the Fund to recognize investment income and/or capital gains or losses that it might not have recognized if it had completely satisfied the redemption in-kind. As a result, the Fund may be less tax efficient if it includes such a cash payment than if the in-kind redemption process was used.

Persons exchanging securities or non-U.S. currency for Creation Units should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the tax treatment of any creation or redemption transaction. If you purchase or redeem Creation Units, you will be sent a confirmation statement showing how many Fund shares you purchased or redeemed and at what price.

The foregoing discussion summarizes some of the consequences under current federal tax law of an investment in the Fund. It is not a substitute for personal tax advice. Consult your personal tax advisor about the potential tax consequences to you of an investment in the Fund under all tax laws applicable to you.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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The financial highlights table is intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the past five years. The financial highlights for the periods from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018 represent the periods during which the Fund was named AdvisorShares Wilshire Buyback ETF and sub-advised by Wilshire Associates Incorporated. The financial highlights for the periods prior to July 1, 2016 represent the periods during which the Fund was named AdvisorShares TrimTabs Float Shrink ETF and sub-advised by TrimTabs Asset Management, LLC. Certain information reflects financial results for a single Fund share. The total returns in the table represent the rate that an investor would have earned or lost on an investment in the Fund (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions). This information has been derived from the financial statements audited by Tait, Weller & Baker LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the Fund's financial statements, are included in the Fund's Annual Report, which is available upon request.

**Financial Highlights**

	Year ended June 30, 2020	Year ended June 30, 2019	Year ended June 30, 2018	Year ended June 30, 2017	Year ended June 30, 2016
Selected Data for a Share of Capital Stock Outstanding					
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Year/Period	\$ 68.21	\$ 67.88	\$ 66.23	\$ 55.56	\$ 57.05
<b>Investment Operations</b>					
Net Investment Income (Loss) <sup>(1)</sup>	0.82	0.62	0.53	0.47	0.47
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)	(1.84)	0.45	1.59	10.93	(1.54)
Distributions of Net Realized Gains by other investment companies	—	—	—	—	—
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Investment Operations <sup>(2)</sup>	(1.02)	1.07	2.12	11.40	(1.07)
Distributions from Net Investment Income	(0.82)	(0.74)	(0.47)	(0.73)	(0.42)
Distributions from Realized Capital Gains	—	—	—	—	—
Total Distributions	(0.82)	(0.74)	(0.47)	(0.73)	(0.42)
Net Asset Value, End of Year/Period	\$ 66.37	\$ 68.21	\$ 67.88	\$ 66.23	\$ 55.56
Market Value, End of Year/Period	\$ 66.28	\$ 68.13	\$ 67.88	\$ 66.17	\$ 55.53
<b>Total Return</b>					
Total Investment Return Based on Net Asset Value <sup>(3)</sup>	(1.63)%	1.74%	3.15%	20.55%	(1.87)%
Total Investment Return Based on Market Value <sup>(3)</sup>	(1.65)%	1.63%	3.26%	20.52%	(1.91)%
<b>Ratios/ Supplemental Data</b>					
Net Assets, End of Year/Period (000's omitted)	\$ 41,483	\$ 61,386	\$ 95,034	\$ 142,400	\$ 155,570
Ratio to Average Net Assets of:					
Expenses, net of expense waivers and reimbursements <sup>(4)</sup>	0.90%	0.90%	0.87%	0.90%	0.99%
Expenses, prior to expense waivers and reimbursements <sup>(4)</sup>	1.07%	1.17%	1.07%	1.07%	1.21%
Net Investment Income (Loss) <sup>(4)</sup>	1.18%	0.93%	0.77%	0.76%	0.86%
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>(5)</sup>	93%	218%	171%	180%	196%

(1) Based on average shares outstanding.

(2) The amount shown for a share distribution throughout the period may not correlate with the Statement of Operations for the period due to the timing of sales and repurchases of Fund Shares in relation to income earned and/or fluctuating fair value of the investments of the Fund.

(3) Net asset value total investment return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all dividends and distributions on ex-date, if any, at net asset value during the period, and redemption on the last day of the period. Market value total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the market value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at market value during the period on pay date, and sale at the market value on the last day of the period.

(4) Excludes expenses incurred by the underlying investments in other funds.

(5) Portfolio turnover rate excludes the value of portfolio securities received or delivered as in-kind creations or redemptions of the Fund's capital shares.

## ADVISORSHARES DOUBLELINE VALUE EQUITY ETF

Advisor	<b>AdvisorShares Investments, LLC</b> 4800 Montgomery Lane, Suite 150 Bethesda, Maryland 20814
Sub-Advisor	<b>DoubleLine Equity LP</b> 505 North Brand Boulevard Glendale, California 91203
Distributor	<b>Foreside Fund Services, LLC</b> Three Canal Plaza, Suite 100 Portland, Maine 04101
Legal Counsel	<b>Morgan, Lewis &amp; Bockius LLP</b> 1111 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004
Administrator, Custodian & Transfer Agent	<b>The Bank of New York Mellon</b> 240 Greenwich Street New York, New York 10286

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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*Additional and more detailed information about the Fund is included in the Fund's SAI. The SAI has been filed with the SEC and is incorporated by reference into this Prospectus and, therefore, legally forms a part of this Prospectus. The SEC maintains the EDGAR database on its website (<http://www.sec.gov>), which contains the SAI, material incorporated by reference, and other information about the Fund. You may request documents from the SEC, upon payment of a duplication fee, by emailing the SEC at [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov).*

*You may obtain a copy of the SAI and the Annual and Semi-Annual Reports without charge by calling 877.843.3831, visiting the website at [www.advisorshares.com](http://www.advisorshares.com), or writing to the Trust at 4800 Montgomery Lane, Suite 150, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Additional information about the Fund's investments is available in the Fund's Annual and Semi-Annual Reports. Also in the Fund's Annual Report is a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Fund's performance during the last fiscal year.*

*No one has been authorized to give any information or to make any representations not contained in this Prospectus or in the SAI in connection with the offering of Fund shares. Do not rely on any such information or representations as having been authorized by the Fund. This Prospectus does not constitute an offering by the Fund in any jurisdiction where such an offering is not lawful.*

The Trust's SEC Investment Company Act File Number is 811-22110.